

# Thank you for taking part in this survey

- Please use a BLACK OR BLUE PEN or dark pencil and press firmly.
  - FILL IN or CROSS the box next to the category that best describes your response (  or  ). PLEASE DO NOT USE TICKS.
  - Choose ONE ONLY for each question unless it states otherwise
- Example:** Do you eat fruit?  Yes  No

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Congregation Code

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# National Church Life Survey 2011

## You and this Congregation

### 1. How often do you go to church services (worship services) at this congregation?

- This is my first time
- Hardly ever / never / special occasions only
- Less than once a month
- Once a month
- Two or three times a month
- Usually every week
- More than once a week

### 2. How long have you been going to church services or activities at this congregation?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-2 years
- 3-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years
- I am visiting from another congregation
- I am visiting and do not regularly go anywhere else

### 3. Are you regularly involved in any group activities here? (Mark ALL that apply)

- Yes, in small prayer, discussion or Bible study groups
- Yes, in fellowships, clubs, social or other groups
- No, we have no such groups
- No, I am not regularly involved

### 4. Do you regularly take part in any activities of this congregation that reach out to the wider community? (Mark ALL that apply)

- Yes, in evangelistic or outreach activities
- Yes, in community service, social justice or welfare activities of this congregation
- No, we don't have such activities
- No, I am not regularly involved

### 5. Do you have a strong sense of belonging to this congregation?

- Yes, a strong sense of belonging, which is growing
- Yes, a strong sense - about the same as last year
- Yes, although perhaps not as strongly as in the past
- No, but I am new here
- No, and I wish I did by now
- No, but I am happy as I am
- Don't know / not applicable

### 6. What is the STARTING TIME of the church service(s) that you regularly attend here? (Mark up to TWO)

**This service** (Leave blank if you are a visitor)

(Write time, eg 09:45 and mark am or pm, and day of week)

↳  :   am  pm    Sunday  Saturday  weekday

**Another church service you regularly attend here**

(Only fill this in if it applies to you)

↳  :   am  pm    Sunday  Saturday  weekday

### 7. Before you started coming here, were you participating in another congregation?

- No, I've come here for most / all of my life
- No, before coming here I had not been attending church for several years
- No, before coming here I had never regularly attended a church
- Yes, immediately prior to coming here, I was participating in another congregation

### 8. Before you started coming here, what was the denomination of your previous church? (Mark ONE only)

- I did not attend another congregation before coming here
- Anglican
- Apostolic
- Assemblies of God
- Baptist
- Brethren
- Catholic
- Christian City Church
- Christian Outreach Centres
- Christian Reformed
- Christian Revival Crusade
- Churches of Christ
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Missionary Alliance
- Orthodox
- Presbyterian
- Salvation Army
- Seventh-day Adventist
- Uniting
- Vineyard Fellowship
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### 9. In what year were you born?

Please complete the year:

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### 10. Are you:

- Female  Male

### 11. What is the highest educational qualification you have completed?

- Primary school
- Some secondary school
- Completed secondary school
- Trade certificate
- Diploma or associate diploma
- Bachelor degree from a university or equivalent institution
- Post graduate degree or diploma

### 12. Which term best describes your present marital status?

- Never married
- In first marriage
- Remarried after divorce
- Remarried after death of spouse
- In a defacto relationship
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

### 13. Do you have a spouse or partner who is also completing a survey form here?

- Yes  No

### 14. What is the postcode of the place where you usually live?

Please complete in the squares provided:

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**15. What is your employment status? (Mark ALL that apply)**

- Employed full time (30 hrs or more)
- Employed part-time
- Unemployed
- Student
- Full-time home duties / family responsibilities
- Self-employed
- Retired
- Other

**16. Where were you born?**

- Australia
- New Zealand
- Pacific Islands
- United Kingdom / Ireland
- Northern or Western Europe
- Southern Europe
- Eastern Europe / former USSR
- Middle East / North Africa
- Republic of South Africa
- Other Africa
- North America
- Central or South America
- Korea
- China / Hong Kong
- Vietnam
- Philippines
- India / Sri Lanka
- Other Asia

**17. Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?**

- Yes
- No

**18. Where were your father and mother born?**

- |                          |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Father                   | Mother                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Australia  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Another country where English is the main language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Another country (English not the main language)    |

**About Your Faith**

**19. Over the last year, do you believe you have grown in your Christian faith?**

- No real growth
- Some growth
- Much growth, mainly through this congregation
- Much growth, mainly through other groups or churches
- Much growth, mainly through my own private activity

**20. How often do you spend time in private devotional activities (eg. prayer, meditation, Bible reading alone)?**

- Every day / most days
- A few times a week
- Once a week
- Occasionally
- Hardly ever
- Never

**21. Do you identify with any of the following approaches to matters of faith? (Mark up to TWO options)**

- Catholic or Anglo-Catholic
- Evangelical
- Reformed
- Charismatic
- Pentecostal
- Traditionalist
- Moderate
- Liberal
- Progressive
- I do not identify with such descriptions

**22. How important is God in your life?**

- God does not matter to me at all
- Fairly important, but many other things are more important
- God is more important to me than almost anything else
- God is the most important reality in my life

**About You and This Congregation**

**How often do you experience the following during church services at this congregation? (Mark one box on EACH line)**

- |  |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>23. Preaching very helpful to my life</b> | Always                   | Usually                  | Sometimes                | Rarely /never            |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>24. Inspiration</b>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>25. Joy</b>                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>26. Boredom</b>                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**How often do you experience the following during church services at this congregation? (Mark one box on EACH line)**

- |  |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>27. A sense of God's presence</b>       | Always                   | Usually                  | Sometimes                | Rarely /never            |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>28. Growth in understanding of God</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>29. Being challenged to take action</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**30. If others who worship here wanted a different style of worship, what do you think the church should do?**

- Change this service to include other styles as well
- Offer another service with a different worship style
- Offer the one service with the style that the majority want
- Continue with the way we currently worship
- Not sure

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Mark one box on EACH line)**

- |  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>31. Music and singing is an important part of church worship for me</b> | Strongly agree           | Agree                    | Neutral /Unsure          | Disagree                 | Strongly disagree        |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>32. I have found it easy to make friends within this congregation</b>   | Strongly agree           | Agree                    | Neutral /Unsure          | Disagree                 | Strongly disagree        |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**33. If you know someone who is a new arrival here do you personally seek to make them welcome?**

- Yes, always
- Yes, mostly
- Yes, sometimes
- Rarely or never
- Not applicable (I don't meet new arrivals here)

**34. Are you involved in any community service, social action or other groups not connected to this congregation? (Mark ALL that apply)**

- Yes, community service, care or welfare groups
- Yes, social action, justice or lobby groups (eg environmental, human rights, local issues)
- Yes, sports, recreation or hobby groups
- Yes, school or youth groups (eg P & C, Scouts)
- Yes, another kind of group (eg arts, cultural, political)
- No, I'm not involved with such groups

**35. In the past 12 months, have you done any of the following? (Mark ALL that apply)**

- Lent money to someone outside your family
- Cared for someone who was very sick
- Helped someone through a personal crisis (not sickness)
- Visited someone in hospital
- Given some of your possessions to someone in need
- Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs
- Donated money to a charitable organisation
- Contacted a parliamentarian / councillor on a public issue

**36. Which of the following best describes your readiness to talk to others about your faith?**

- I do not have faith, so the question is not applicable
- I do not like to talk about my faith; my life and actions are sufficient
- I find it hard to talk about my faith in ordinary language
- I mostly feel at ease talking about my faith and do so if it comes up
- I feel at ease talking about my faith and look for opportunities to do so

**37. Would you be prepared to invite to a church service here any of your friends and relatives who do not currently attend a church?**

- Yes, and I have done so in the past 12 months
- Yes, but I have not done so in the past 12 months
- Don't know
- No, probably not
- No, definitely not

**38. If you knew someone was drifting away from church involvement, how likely is it that you would take the time to talk with them about it?**

- Certain
- Very likely
- Likely
- Hard to say
- Unlikely

**How satisfied are you with what is offered here for children and young adults?**

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral /unsure	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
<b>39. For children aged under 12 years</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>40. For youth aged 12-18 years</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>41. For young adults aged 19-25 years</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**42. About how much do you give financially to this congregation?**

- I give 10% or more of net income regularly
- I give about 5% to 9% of net income regularly
- I give less than 5% of net income regularly
- I give a small amount whenever I am here
- I do not contribute financially here

## Leadership and Direction

**43. Do you currently perform any of these leadership or ministry roles here? (Mark all that apply)**

- Teaching/preaching
- Music ministry
- Children's ministry role
- Youth ministry role
- Small group leadership
- Social group leadership
- Lead/assist in church services
- Management/admin. role
- Committee/task force member
- Pastoral care/visitation role
- Some other role
- No such role

**44. Have this congregation's leaders encouraged you to find and use your gifts and skills here?**

- Yes, to a great extent
- Yes, to some extent
- Yes, to a small extent
- Not at all
- Don't know

**45. Does this congregation have a clear vision, goals or direction for its ministry and mission?**

- I am not aware of such a vision, goals or direction
- There are ideas but no clear vision, goals or direction
- Yes, and I am strongly committed to them
- Yes, and I am partly committed to them
- Yes, but I am not committed to them

**46. To what extent does the minister, pastor or priest take into account the ideas of the people here?**

- A great extent
- Some extent
- A small extent
- Not at all
- Don't know
- There is currently no leader here

**47. How confident are you that your congregation can achieve the vision, goals or directions it has set for itself?**

- I am fully confident we can achieve them
- I am partly confident we can achieve them
- I am not confident we can achieve them
- They are not clear enough to me to be able to evaluate this
- Don't know

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Mark one box on EACH line)**

**48. This congregation is always ready to try something new**

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral /Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>				

**49. Leaders here inspire me to action**

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral /Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>				

**50. Leaders here always communicate clearly and openly**

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral /Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>				

**51. Leaders here encourage innovation and creative thinking**

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral /Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>				

**52. Leaders here keep us strongly focused on connecting with people in the wider community**

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral /Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>				

**53. Leaders here are strongly focused on directions for the future**

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral /Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>				

**54. Leaders here help our congregation identify and build on its strengths**

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral /Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>				

**55. I have a strong sense of belonging to the denomination of this church**

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral /Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>				

**56. We all have different strengths to contribute at work or in daily life. Which of the following do you do well? (Mark up to THREE options)**

- Listen: Listen deeply to others
- Connect: Build good relationships with others
- Envision: Help people discover direction
- Explore: Help people creatively explore fresh ideas
- Inspire: Inspire commitment from others to new possibilities
- Empower: Help others to make their contributions
- Structure: Create clear, positive systems
- Communicate: Generate clear reliable communication
- Optimism: Build optimism and hope, even in challenging times
- Act: know the right time to move to action, to give something a go
- Resolve: Have the resolve to stay on course when things get difficult
- Learn: The ability to help people learn and grow from experiences

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**57. Which of the following aspects of this congregation do you personally most value?**

*(Mark up to THREE options)*

- Wider community care or social justice emphasis
- Reaching those who do not attend church
- Traditional style of worship or music
- Contemporary style of worship or music
- Sharing in Holy Communion / the Eucharist / Lord's Supper
- Social activities or meeting new people
- Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching
- Bible study or prayer groups, other discussion groups
- Ministry to children or youth
- Prayer ministry for one another
- Practical care for one another in times of need
- Openness to social diversity
- Presence of a church school or pre-school

**58. In your opinion, which of the following should be given greater attention by this congregation in the next 12 months?**

*(Mark up to THREE options)*

- Small groups focused on Christian growth
- Worship services that are nurturing to people's faith
- Building a strong sense of community within the congregation
- Creating a clear vision for the congregation's future
- Encouraging members to discover / use their gifts here
- Encouraging new approaches to ministry and mission
- Supporting social action and aid to people in need
- Encouraging members to share their faith or invite others
- Ensuring new people are included well in church life
- Ministry to children and youth
- Growing into a larger congregation
- Starting a new church or mission venture

**C. Please answer the questions below for each of your children who are still alive, starting with the eldest.**

*If you have more than five children, just answer for the first five.*

	Eldest Child	Child No 2	Child No 3	Child No 4	Child No 5
<b>What is his/her age in years?</b>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>				
<b>Does he / she live at home?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Does he / she attend church regularly? (Mark all that apply)</b>					
	Eldest Child	Child No 2	Child No 3	Child No 4	Child No 5
Yes, here	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Yes elsewhere, same denomination	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Yes, at another denomination	<input type="checkbox"/>				
No	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>				

**Thank you for your help today**