

2011 NCLS Youth Survey

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To NCLS Regional Co-ordinators.

This document is a collection of potential topic areas with sample questions for the online optional Youth survey

Please provide your feedback to NCLS Research by the end of April 2011

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Sample Questions – DRAFT ONLY

Demographics

Are you:

Female

Male

Where do you live?

In a city setting

In an urban setting

In a rural setting

What type of school do you now (or did you) mainly attend? (Mark ONE in each column)

Primary School

Government

Catholic

Private Christian

Other

Secondary School

Government

Catholic

Private Christian

Other

Who do you live with? Mark ALL that apply.

Biological mum

Biological dad

Step-dad

Step-mum

Siblings (biological, step or half)

Grandmother

Grandfather

Other (text)

Do your parents regularly attend church?

Yes, both my parents

Yes, just my mother

Yes, just my father

No, my parents don't attend church

What is the main language spoken at home?

English

Arabic (including Lebanese)

Cantonese

German

Greek

Italian

Mandarin

Serbian/Croatian

Spanish

Vietnamese

Other Asian language

Other Asian language

Other European language

Other: Please write in

Do you have any of the disabilities listed below (Mark ALL that apply).

Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD)

Dyslexia

Hearing impairment

Mental illness

Learning disability

Asperger's syndrome

Spirituality

Values Strengths, and Time

Rank the top 3 items on the list that you value the most.

Family relation	Feeling needed and valued
Friendships (other than family)	Getting a job
Physical and mental health	Spirituality/faith
School or study satisfaction	Financial security
Being independent	Making a difference in the community

Rank the top 3 issues of personal concern from the list below

Body image	Suicide
Family conflict	Depression
Coping with stress	The environment
School or study problems	Physical/sexual abuse
Personal safety	Self harm
Bullying/emotional abuse	Sexuality (relationships, health, identity)
Alcohol	Discrimination
Drugs	

What structured activities are you involved in during the week (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

Sports – competition	Community Volunteer
Sports - practice	Student Representative Council
Sports – participant	Bible Study/Small group linked with church
Music tuition	Church activities linked to other churches
Study groups eg Kumon	Other (text)
Drama/Dance class	

Relationship with God

Conversion

Have you ever made a personal faith commitment to God?

Yes	No
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If Yes

How old were you when you first made a personal faith commitment to God?

Under 5 years of age	15-19 years old
5-9 years old	20 or over
10-14 years old	

Which of the following people were most significant in helping you come to the Christian faith?(Mark up to THREE responses)

Mother	Youth group leaders
Father	School teacher
Spouse	Christian camp leader
Grandparents	A conference speaker
Other family members	An evangelistic speaker
Peers or friends	TV/radio evangelist
Minister/pastor/priest of a local church	A Christian author
Religious education teacher/school chaplain	Another person
Sunday school teachers	No one in particular/don't know

Which of the following activities, if any, would you say were most significant in helping you come to faith? (Mark up to TWO responses)

Church services/ Mass	A voluntary Christian group at school
Sunday school/ Sabbath school or kids club	Church camp, conference or spiritual retreat
Religious education (Scripture) at school above	Another activity not mentioned
Confirmation classes/Confirmation ceremony	None of the above
A church youth group	

Faith Belief (Orthodoxy)

Please indicate which statement below comes closest to expressing what you believe about God

- I don't believe in God
- I don't know whether there is a God and I don't believe there is any way to find out
- I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a Higher Power of some kind
- I find myself believing in God some of the time, but not at others
- While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God
- I know God really exists and I have no doubts about it.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements

- a) **There is something beyond this life that makes sense of it all**
- b) **I think we should just believe and not question our beliefs**
- c) **Jesus' resurrection from the dead was an actual historical event**
- d) **Believing in Jesus Christ is the only way to get to heaven**

Strongly agree; Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Faith Practice

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

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

How often (if at all) do you: pray with other people

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

Relationship with Self

Do you agree with the following statements:

In most ways, my life is close to my ideal.

The conditions of my life are excellent.

I am completely satisfied with my life.

So far I have gotten the most important things I want in life.

If I could live my life over, I would change nothing.

I am hurting deep inside and nothing seems to help

I feel I don't really belong anywhere

Loneliness has been a serious problem for me at times

Strongly agree; Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Do you know a young person who has attempted or committed suicide?

Yes, a close friend

Yes, not a close friend

Yes, a family member

No

Relationship with Others

Rank the top 3 people/sources you turn to for advice and support when you have a personal problem

Friends

Teacher

Parents

School counselor

Relative/family friend

Doctor

Internet

Youth leader/minister

Community agencies (eg youth worker)

Telephone helpline

Magazines

Are your parents enthusiastic about their faith

Yes, both my parents

Yes, just my father

Yes, just my mother

No, neither are enthusiastic about their religion

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Do you talk about matters of faith with the other members of your household?

No, I live alone

No, we do not talk about matters of faith

Yes, occasionally

Yes, frequently in informal ways

Yes, frequently in informal ways, as well as part of family or household devotions.

Relationship with Society

How many hours during the last month have you given voluntary time with programs or services in or outside the church to help people in need or to make your own community a better place to live?

0 hours

6 – 10 hours

1 – 2 hours

11 – 20 hours

3 – 5 hours

More than 20 hours

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 or councillor on a public issue

Cultural Issues

Technology

How often would you access the following media? (Please mark a box on EVERY line)

Internet websites
Christian websites
News websites
Educational/ research websites
Podcasting services
Blogs/forums/other chat services
Web-based games/entertainment

i) All/most days ii) Once or twice a week iii) Occasionally iv) Never

What do you use the internet for? (Mark up to three)

Social Hobby related information
Fun/Humour Email
General Information Schoolwork
Timetables/Schedules – Public transport/movies Pornography

What social media website do you spend the most time on

Twitter MSN
Facebook Youtube
My Space LinkedIn
Buzz Flickr
Bebo

Sex

Do you agree or disagree: 'Sex between two adults outside of marriage is always wrong' ?

Strongly agree; Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Do you know friends your age who are currently sexually active?

Yes, many Yes, one or two
Yes, a few No, I don't

Alcohol and Drugs

In the last 12 months, have you been offered or had the opportunity to use any of the following?

Mark ALL that apply.

Alcohol
Tobacco
Marijuana/Cannabis
Other illicit drugs eg Ecstasy, painkillers used for non-medical purposes, meth-amphetamines.
None of the above

Which of the following have you personally ever tried. Mark ALL that apply.

Alcohol
Tobacco
Marijuana/Cannabis
Other illicit drugs eg Ecstasy, painkillers used for non-medical purposes, meth-amphetamines.
None of the above

If yes to a) then

In the last 12 months, how often did you have an alcoholic drink of any kind?

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| At least once a week | Less often |
| Once a fortnight | No longer drink |
| Once a month | |

Body Issues

How physically attractive do you believe you are?

- | | |
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| Very attractive | Unattractive |
| Attractive | Very unattractive |
| Average | |

How satisfied are you with your body shape now?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Very satisfied | Dissatisfied |
| Satisfied | Very dissatisfied |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | |

How likely would you be to have your body altered by cosmetic ('plastic') surgery if you could afford to do so

- Very likely
- Quite likely
- Not sure
- Not very likely
- Not likely at all

Gap Year

Do you intend on taking a gap year after year 12 in high school?

- Yes, to travel
- Yes, to go to Bible College
- Yes, some other 1 year training course
- Yes, other
- No, I don't intend to take a gap year

Youth Group Evaluation

How often do you attend youth group activities linked to this church?

- 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

What are the two main reasons you attend youth group activities? (Mark up to TWO)

- My parents want/force me to
- Out of habit
- To worship or experience God
- To learn more about God/the faith
- To hang out with friends
- For encouragement and inspiration

To play games/sport
Other (text)

How satisfied are you with the youth group activities offered here?

Very satisfied
Satisfied
Mixed feelings
Dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied
Unsure/Not applicable

What stops you from attending youth group

Friend's parties
Homework
Sport
Friends aren't going that night
Family commitment
Other (text)
Nothing, I always attend

How many of your close friends attend youth group on a regular basis

All	None
Most	Don't know
Some	

To what extent does each of the following make youth group meaningful for you?

- a) Congregational singing
 - b) Other music
 - c) Teaching/Youth talk
 - d) Prayer
 - e) Hang out time
 - f) Activity time
 - g) Sharing the experience with others
- i)Very Much ii)Somewhat iii)Not at all

How did you first find out about this youth group activity prior to coming here for the first time? (Mark ONE only)

Noticed it as I passed by
Someone I already knew (relative/friend/acquaintance) mentioned it or asked me to visit
Had contact with youth leaders through school - Religious education/chapel/chaplain
Received a letter or pamphlet
I was looking for the local youth group of my denomination
Through my participation in another church in the community
Parents go to this church/I've grown up in this church
Other (text)
Don't remember or doesn't apply to me

Do you agree with the following statements:

- a) **When new people attend youth group activities, people relate openly and warmly to them**
- b) **The leaders here encourage innovation and creative thinking**

- c) I feel comfortable in confiding personal issues with the youth leaders here
- d) Loneliness has been a serious problem for me at times
- e) The leaders here really try to take into account the ideas of youth here
- f) The leaders here set an inspiring example of how to live the Christian life
- g) This youth group is always ready to try something new

Strongly agree; Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

Would you be prepared to invite to this youth group any of your friends and relatives who do not currently attend?

- 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

What most discourages you from inviting people to this youth group? (Mark up to TWO)

- I do not see the need to do so
- I do not know many people from outside church
- My friends and contacts live too far away
- Lack of confidence in talking about my faith
- Fear of rejection or of damaging relationships with others
- Those I could invite may not like the style of worship here
- Those I could invite may not be made to feel welcome here
- Those I could invite may not be interested
- Other
- Don't know
- Nothing: I am generally happy to invite people

In the last 12 months, have you been directly involved in helping any non-churchgoers explore questions about faith?

- Yes, several people
- Yes, a few people
- Yes, one person
- None that I am aware of
- Not applicable

Do you attend a church service attached to this youth group?

- Yes, regularly
- Yes, occasionally
- Yes, sometimes
- No

What could be done to make this Church service more appealing to youth

- More youth involved in the service (eg leading, music, prayers, etc)
- More interactive
- The use of visuals/video/drama
- More contemporary music
- Different type of structure
- Other (text)