

## EPIC-FACT Topical Survey 2 Questionnaire Program Creativity & Innovation

Which of the following best describes your congregation's faith group?

- 4.7 % Catholic & Orthodox Christian
- 59.1 % Evangelical Protestant Christian
- 36.2 % Mainline Protestant Christian

### *Demographics*

1.) In what year was this congregation officially founded? Median 1959

2.) In what ZIP code is this congregation's primary place of worship physically located?

- Northeast 11%
- South 47%
- Northcentral 21%
- West 20%

3.) Please estimate the *total average in-person attendance now* at all of your regular weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) worship service(s), including children. attendance: 100 mean 45 median

4.) Please estimate the *total average virtual/remote attendance now* at all of your regular weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) worship service(s), including children. attendance: 47 mean 20 median

**\* Total average attendance combined in person and virtual/remote currently: Median 65**

Combined Current Attendance Size Groups

- 1-50 43%
- 51-100 26%
- 101-250 19%
- 251 or more 12%

Percent of worship attendance change (Growth or Decline) in **TWO** years – **median 9% Decline**

- 30% Decline -25% or more
- 23% Decline btw. -5.0% & -24.9%
- 10% Stable btw. -4.9% & +4.9%
- 15% Growth btw. +5.0% & +24.9%
- 22% Growth +25% or more

5.) Please estimate the *total average in-person attendance in 2019* at all of your regular weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) worship service(s), including children. attendance: 146 mean 65 median

6.) Please estimate the *total average virtual/remote attendance in 2019* at all of your regular weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) worship service(s), including children. attendance: 16 mean 0 median

**\* Total average attendance combined in person and virtual/remote 2019: Median 80**

7.) **Prior to the pandemic In 2019, how many** persons (including children) **regularly participated** (once a month or more) in worship or other religious activities in your congregation? 166 mean 90 median

8.) **Currently, how many** people (including children) **regularly participate** (once a month or more) in worship or other religious activities in your congregation? 124 mean 60 median

9.) Of the current regular participants, **what percent** are in each of the following age groups?

Children (ages 0-12):.....	12%
Youth (ages 13-17):.....	8%
Young adults (ages 18-34).....	12%
Middle adults (ages 35-64) .....	30%
Senior adults (ages 65 and older): .....	40%

10.) Of the current regular participants, **what percent** are in each of the following categories?

American Indian/Alaska Native (non-Hispanic) .....	1%
Asian (non-Hispanic) .....	2%
Black or African American (non-Hispanic) .....	11%
Hispanic or Latino(a) .....	6%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic) .....	.4%
White (non-Hispanic) .....	79%
Multiracial.....	4%

### *Worship and Programs*

11.) Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements. *(Check one on each line.)*

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Our congregation:					
Has a clear mission and purpose	2%	5%	5%	41%	47%
Is striving to be diverse (e.g. racially, ethnically, socioeconomically)	3%	5%	31%	23%	38%
Is good at incorporating new people into the congregation	1%	4%	11%	46%	39%
Is spiritually vital and alive	.4%	5%	7%	50%	38%
Is willing to change to meet new challenges	2%	3%	9%	49%	37%
Is actively involved in our local community	1%	6%	12%	41%	41%

12.) Did your congregation stop worshipping in-person within a building due to COVID-19?

Yes	No
93%	7%

If yes, what month did you stop meeting in-person indoors?

- February 2020 – 7%
- March 2020 - 78%
- April 2020 – 11%
- May 2020 – 0.2%
- June 2020 – 3.5%

- July 2020 – 0.4%
- August 2020 – 0.2%
- September 2020 or later – 0%

Did your church stop meeting in-person indoors and resume meeting in person indoors more than once due to COVID-19? (i.e. Did you close and reopen multiple times?)

Yes	No
43%	57%

13.) Did your church meet for worship outside due to COVID-19?

Yes	No
45%	55%

14.) How have the following changed since the pandemic?

	Increased since the pandemic	Stayed the same	Decreased since the pandemic
The number of people coming for food assistance	25%	43%	32%
The number of people coming for financial assistance	27%	53%	20%
The number of people coming seeking counseling	37%	48%	16%
The number of people coming seeking spiritual guidance	39%	48%	14%
The amount of donations coming from congregants	33%	39%	29%
The number of children participating in religious education	16%	27%	57%
The number of adults participating in religious education	17%	33%	51%

15.)

	Yes	No	If yes, <u>approximately</u> how many do you know of?						
			0	1-2	3-5	6-10	11-24	25-49	50 or more
Have one or more members of your congregation	87%	13%	0.2%	13%	23%	27%	17%	12%	8%

tested positive for COVID-19?									
Have one or more members of your congregation died of COVID-19?	28%	72%	1%	71%	26%	3%	0%	0%	0.1%
Have one or more of your congregation's ministry staff tested positive for COVID-19?	40%	60%	0%	58%	30%	9%	2%	0%	0.2%
Have one or more of your congregation's ministry staff died of COVID-19?	1%	99%	0%	99%	0.6%	0%	0%	0%	0%

16.) Does your congregation have any of the following selected programs or activities? If Yes, how much emphasis is given to the activity?

	No	Yes

		Yes, some emphasis	A lot of emphasis
Prayer or meditation groups	25%	43%	32%
Small groups (for fellowship and spiritual nourishment)	22%	40%	38%
Religious education for children (e.g., Sunday school)	23%	34%	43%
Religious education for adults (e.g., scripture studies)	11%	42%	46%
Fellowship events (church suppers, picnics, etc.)	25%	49%	26%
Music program (choir, worship team, orchestra, band, etc.)	22%	38%	40%
Community service activities (e.g., food pantry, housing assistance)	26%	41%	34%
Preschool and/or daycare center	89%	2%	9%
Children (under 13) activities or programs	37%	38%	25%
Youth (13-17) activities or programs	41%	32%	27%
Young adults (18-34) activities or programs	63%	27%	10%
Senior (65+) activities or programs	47%	35%	18%
Global ministry activities (service/mission trip)	48%	35%	17%
Social justice/advocacy groups	73%	23%	4%

17.) Which of the following statements best describes your congregation? (Check one for each line)

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
This church has struggled to adapt to the pandemic's restrictions.	16%	19%	14%	9%	24%	13%	6%
As a result of the pandemic, this church has made permanent changes to its community outreach.	7%	14%	9%	26%	16%	20%	9%
This church is emerging from the pandemic stronger than before.	4%	8%	14%	29%	18%	18%	9%

As a result of the pandemic, we are thinking in new ways about our future mission and direction.	4%	7%	3%	23%	28%	17%	17%
The ministries of this church have continued without major disruption.	9%	16%	12%	5%	29%	19%	10%
We have struggled to maintain contact and community between congregational members.	15%	12%	13%	18%	21%	15%	6%
Because of the pandemic, this church's continued existence is threatened.	43%	18%	9%	7%	17%	2%	4%
This church has identified and embraced new opportunities for ministry since the pandemic.	6%	4%	7%	23%	23%	22%	16%
This church has the resources to pursue new opportunities as a result of the pandemic.	5%	8%	11%	31%	21%	18%	7%

18.) Has your congregation created **additional** community outreach programs (or **significantly increased** your existing programs since 2019)? Please check all that apply.

- Food bank -12%
- Food assistance (grocery shopping, etc.) -13%
- Financial assistance (i.e., rent assistance) -14%
- Anti-racism/racial reconciliation programs -4%
- Mental health counseling -12%
- Job training -0.1%
- Financial counseling -4%
- Child care -3%
- Relief funds (i.e. in response to natural disasters) -10%
- Social advocacy or outreach (i.e., participation in protests, marches) -3%
- Jail bond funds -0.1%
- Young adult mentoring -5%
- Elder or shut-in care or correspondence -23%
- Personal protection equipment creation or distribution (e.g., mask making) -15%
- Shuttle service (to and from hospital, for instance) -4%
- Tutoring for children (in response to virtual schooling) -4%
- Phone trees for vulnerable individuals -14%
- Health hosted events – vaccines, testing, etc. -3%
- Homeless housing -1%
- Opened building to other groups -23%
- Created Community gardens -2%
- Medical workers support ministry -7%
- Lending library -4%
- Voter registration drive -2%

- Other (please specify)- 9%

### Leadership

19.) Which statement best describes the (religious) leadership of this congregation?

- 2% There is no clergy at present (we are between clergy leaders).
  - 56% There is one clergy leader (no assistant or associate clergy).
  - 4% There are co-leaders (two or more clergy sharing leadership equally).
  - 28% There is a senior clergy leader with one or more assistant or associate clergy.
  - 5% We are lay led and do not have formal clergy.
  - 5% None of the above descriptions apply to our situation. Please specify:
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20.) Please describe the **senior** or **sole clergy leader** of this congregation (if co-leaders, answer only about the oldest co-leader).

Age: 58 (median) years old

Gender: 18% female, 80% male, 2% other

Leader's race/ethnicity (check all that apply):

American Indian/Alaska Native (non-Hispanic) .....	0.3%	_____
Asian (non-Hispanic) .....	1%	_____
Black or African American (non-Hispanic) .....	4%	_____
Hispanic or Latino(a) .....	2%	_____
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic) .....	0%	_____
White (non-Hispanic) .....	57%	_____
Multiracial .....	2%	_____
Other (please specify).....	0.2%	_____

21.) In what year did the senior leader start serving this congregation? 2016 (median); 2012 (mean) (e.g., 2009)

22.) Which best describes the clergy leader's employment status?

Full-time  
76%

Part-time  
24%

23.) How would you describe the level of dissent and/or conflict within the congregation regarding the COVID response (e.g. mask-wearing, vaccine distribution, closing/opening of congregational facility)?

No conflict	Very mild conflict	Mild conflict	Moderate conflict	Somewhat severe conflict	Severe conflict	Very severe conflict
27%	31%	21%	15%	4%	2%	1%

### Finances

24.) What is your congregation's annual budget? \$200,000 (median); \$356,440.61 (mean)

25.) How would you describe your congregation's financial health today and two years ago? (Check one in each column.)

**Today**

**Two years ago**

11% In serious difficulty  
 7% In some difficulty  
 28% Tight, but we manage  
 27% Good  
 28% Excellent

1% In serious difficulty  
 11% In some difficulty  
 25% Tight, but we manage  
 36% Good  
 28% Excellent  
 0 Not Applicable

26.) If you increased program outreach or began new social service programs since the pandemic, which of these is your church most proud of? Please tell us a bit about these efforts.

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27.) What has been the most successful adaptation in your community outreach that you made in response to the pandemic?

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28.) Reflecting on the past nearly two years, what would you say the congregation is most proud of as you have responded to the pandemic?

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Optional:

29.) Would you like a copy of the report generated from this research? Y N

30.) Would you be willing to be contacted for follow-up questions? Y N

Please provide an email address if you said yes to either of the above questions (We will not use your information or any other purpose.): \_\_\_\_\_