

Congregational Identity Survey

This survey will be used by your Call Committee to help describe our congregation to candidates. All members and non-members are encouraged to fill it out if you are of confirmation age (12 years or older). Thank you again for your assistance with the Congregational Profile. We couldn't do our job without your help and continued prayers. You are all greatly appreciated. ~~~ Your Call Committee

Please mark all that apply:

- I am a: Member Non-member Snow-bird
 I attend: Contemporary Service Traditional Service

Listed below are several alternatives highlighting important dimensions of a church's identity. Using the seven point scale between each set of alternatives, please check the number which best describes where you feel our congregation falls. "1" meaning most like the characteristic on the left, "7" meaning most like the characteristic on the right and "4" meaning an equal mix of both.

- Our church is influenced by:

1 History and Tradition	<input type="radio"/>	2	<input type="radio"/>	3	<input type="radio"/>	4	<input type="radio"/>	5	<input type="radio"/>	6	<input type="radio"/>	7 Contemporary Ideas
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- Our members are similar to the people who live immediately around the church.

1 Similar To	<input type="radio"/>	2	<input type="radio"/>	3	<input type="radio"/>	4	<input type="radio"/>	5	<input type="radio"/>	6	<input type="radio"/>	7 Different From Very
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- Our church is involved the with community around the church.

1 Not at all Involved	<input type="radio"/>	2	<input type="radio"/>	3	<input type="radio"/>	4	<input type="radio"/>	5	<input type="radio"/>	6	<input type="radio"/>	7 Very Involved
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- Our church is oriented to serving our members.

1 Not at All	<input type="radio"/>	2	<input type="radio"/>	3	<input type="radio"/>	4	<input type="radio"/>	5	<input type="radio"/>	6	<input type="radio"/>	7 Very Much So
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- Our congregation feels like:

1 One Large Family	<input type="radio"/>	2	<input type="radio"/>	3	<input type="radio"/>	4	<input type="radio"/>	5	<input type="radio"/>	6	<input type="radio"/>	7 Loose Knit Association
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- Our church is known as a prestigious one in the area.

1 Known as Prestigious	<input type="radio"/>	2	<input type="radio"/>	3	<input type="radio"/>	4	<input type="radio"/>	5	<input type="radio"/>	6	<input type="radio"/>	7 Not Known as Prestigious
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- Our church's approach to social issues is educational, leaving any action to individual conscience OR "activist", OR some where in between.

1 Activist	<input type="radio"/>	2	<input type="radio"/>	3	<input type="radio"/>	4	<input type="radio"/>	5	<input type="radio"/>	6	<input type="radio"/>	7 Educational
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8. Our congregation's approach to individual salvation is education, nurture and gradual growth in faith OR conversion and a born-again experience OR some where in between.

9. Our congregation gives expression to our denominational identity and heritage.

10. Our congregation creates working partnerships with other local churches.

All congregations have an identity, or a sense of who they are, that all members share in, while at the same time, individual members stand somewhat apart from. Please rate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements from your perspective as an individual looking at your congregation's overall identity and vision.

- 1. I feel comfortable with our church's identity, as it is at this time.
- 2. It is easy for me to tell my friends what is unique about our church.
- 3. I have a clear understanding of what our church stands for.
- 4. An effective effort was made to instruct me in our church's mission.
- 5. I have a strong sense of belonging to this congregation.
- 6. A difference has been made in my spiritual life by being a part of this church.

* I would like you to ask the following questions on a future Survey:
