

**Hope of Little Rock Church
Example Report
2020 Little Rock Congregations Study**



Background and Methodology

The Little Rock Congregations Study is a community-based research project of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Began in 2012, the research seeks to better understand faith-based community engagement, involve students in the local community, and give back through meaningful research findings.

In October 2020, electronic survey links were distributed by you and your leadership team to your members. This report represents the responses of your congregation members.



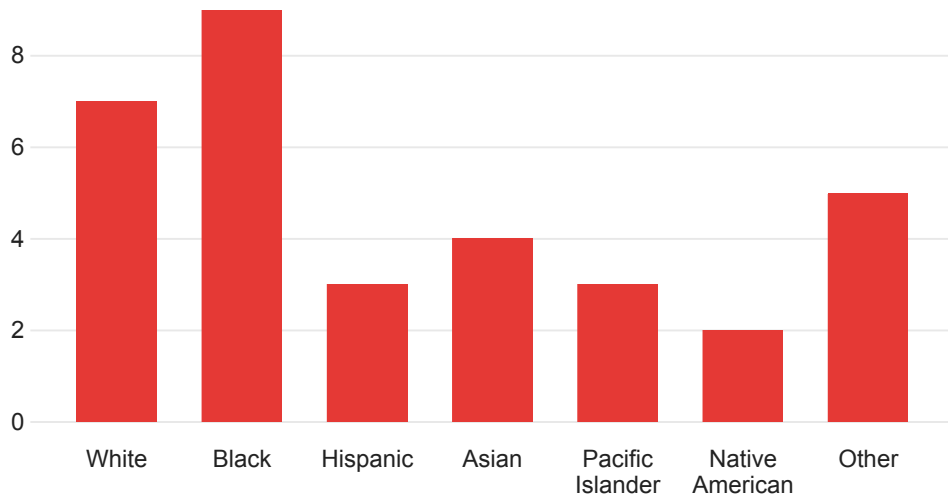
The Little Rock Congregations Study Research Team, October, 2019.

A report on the data from the full sample of responding Little Rock congregations will be available from the Little Rock Congregations Study research team in spring, 2021. Check out our website or follow us on Facebook for updates and community spotlights.

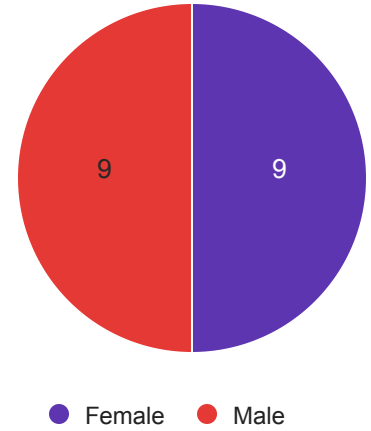
If you have questions about the research, please contact the Project Director, Dr. Rebecca A. Glazier, raglazier@ualr.edu, 501-813-2079. Thank you for your participation!

Demographics

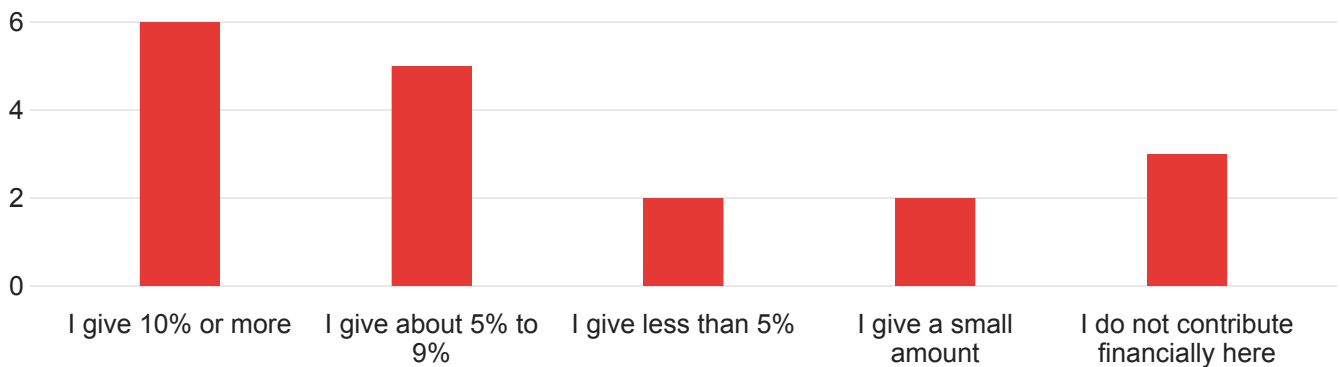
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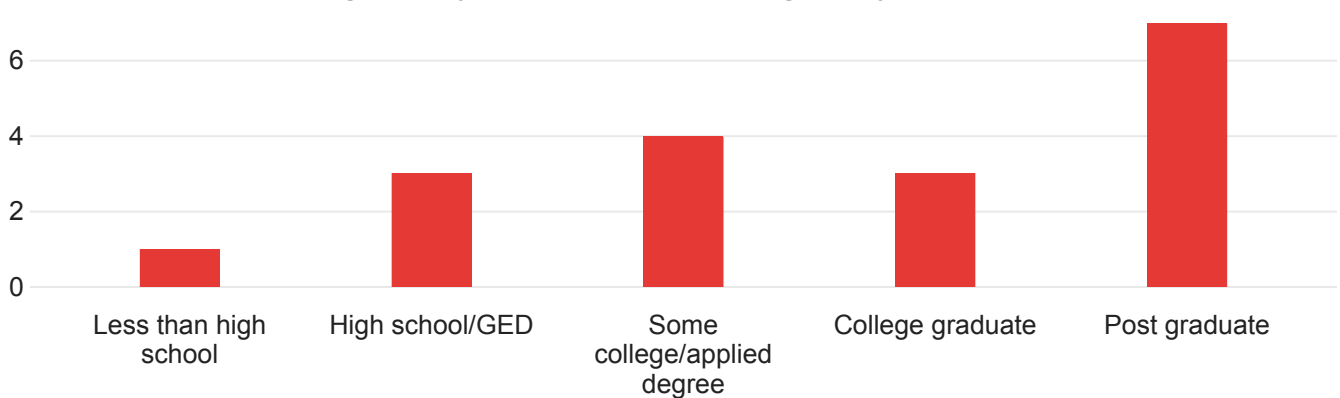
Gender



About how much do you give financially to this congregation?

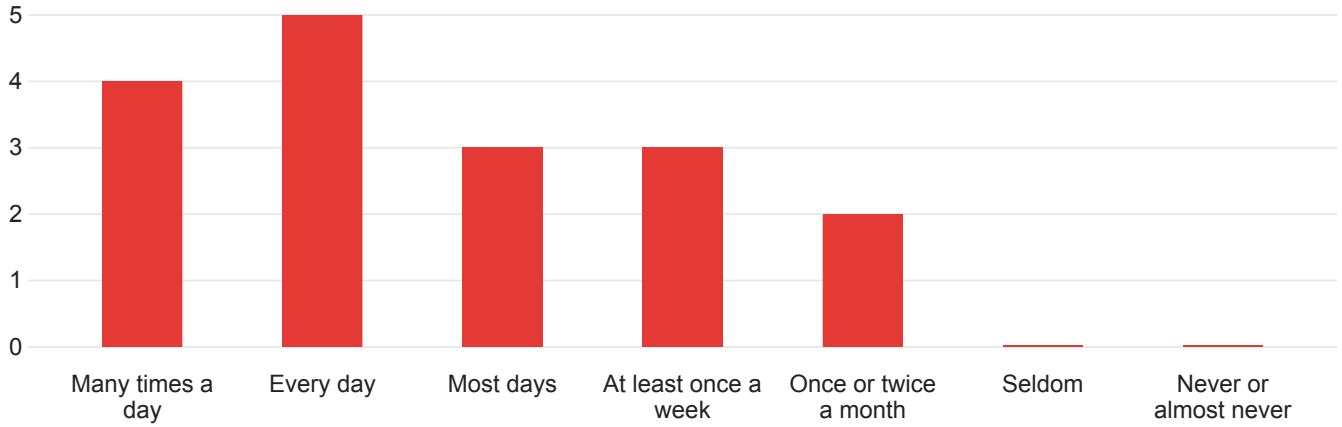


What is the highest year in school/degree you have achieved?

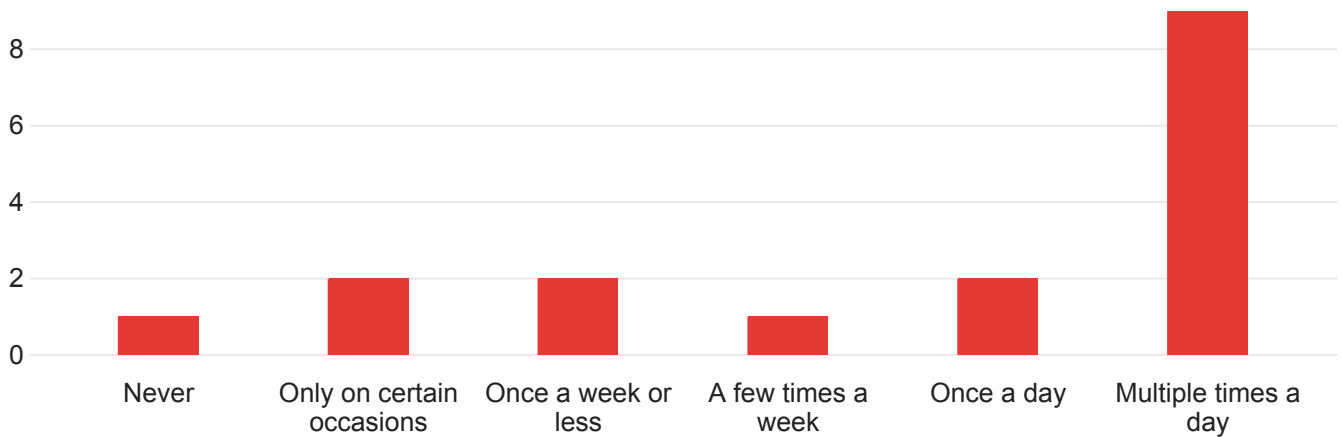


How are your members doing spiritually?

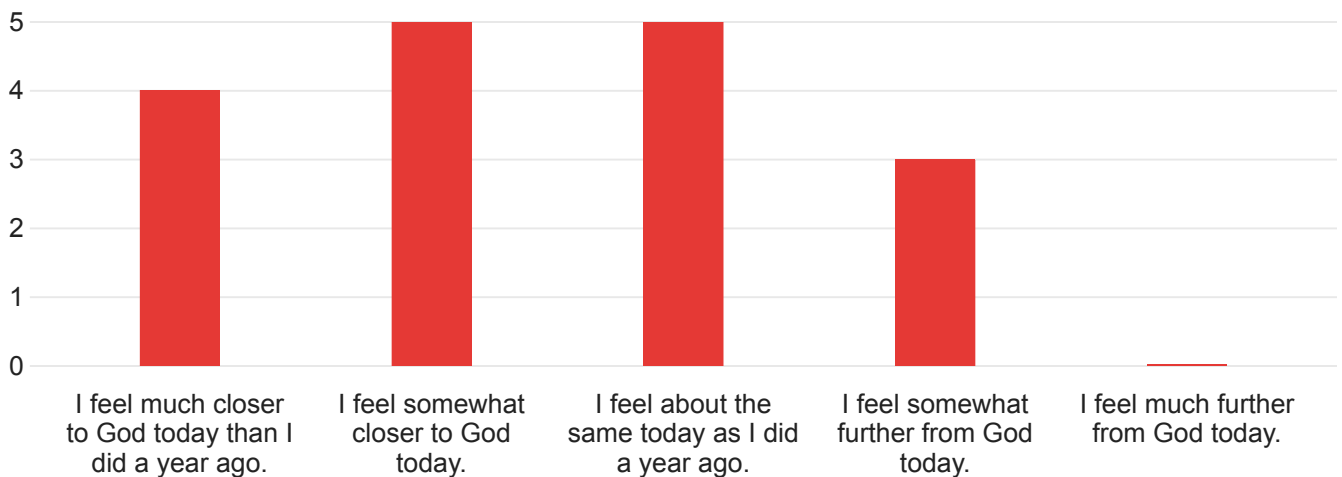
I feel God's love for me, directly, or through others.



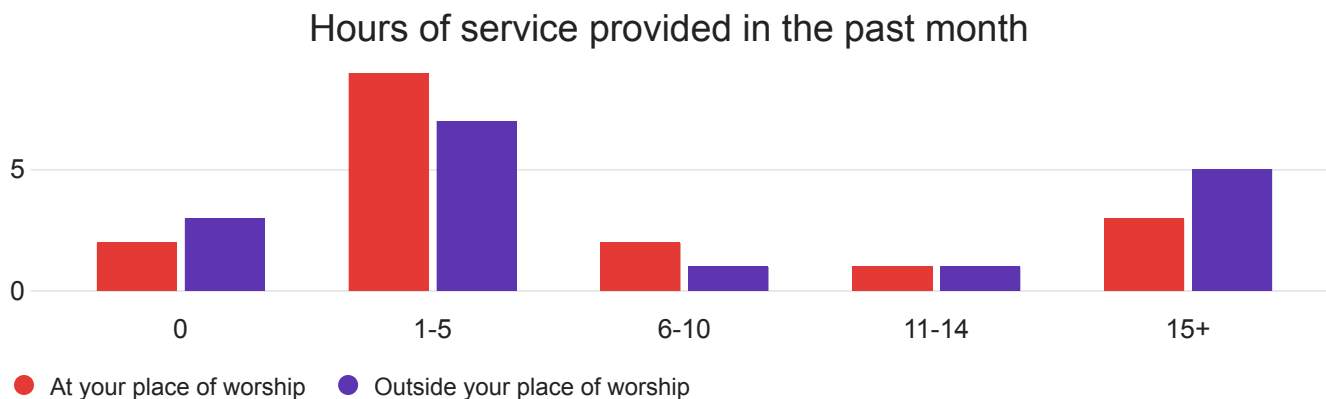
About how often do you spend time alone praying outside of religious services?



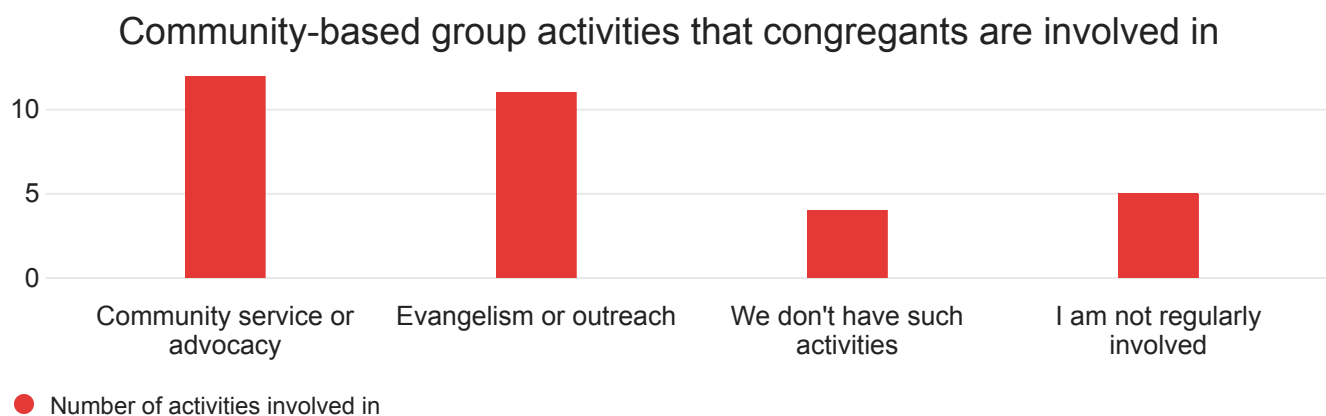
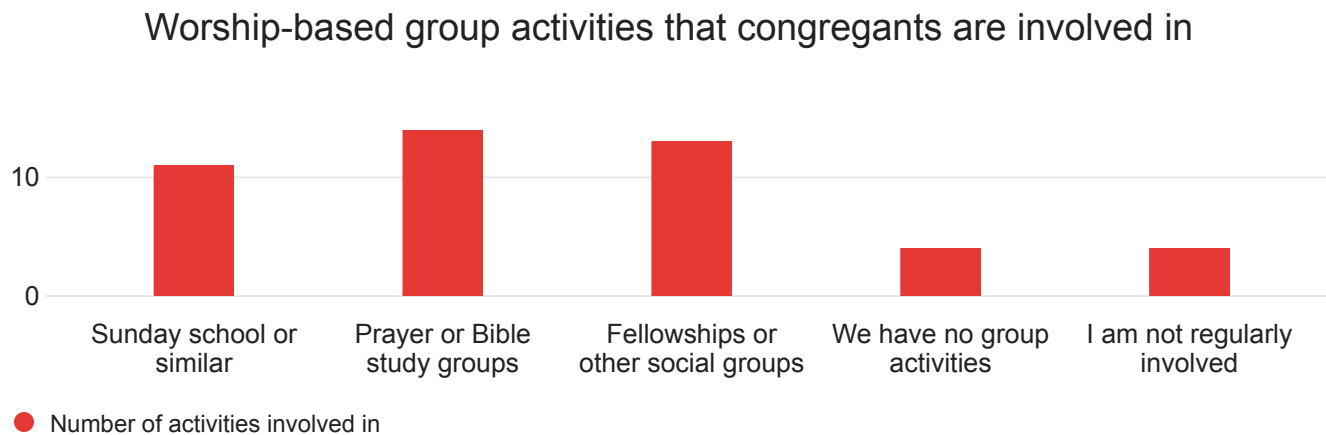
Compared to a year ago, do you feel closer to God or further from God today?



How do your congregants provide service?

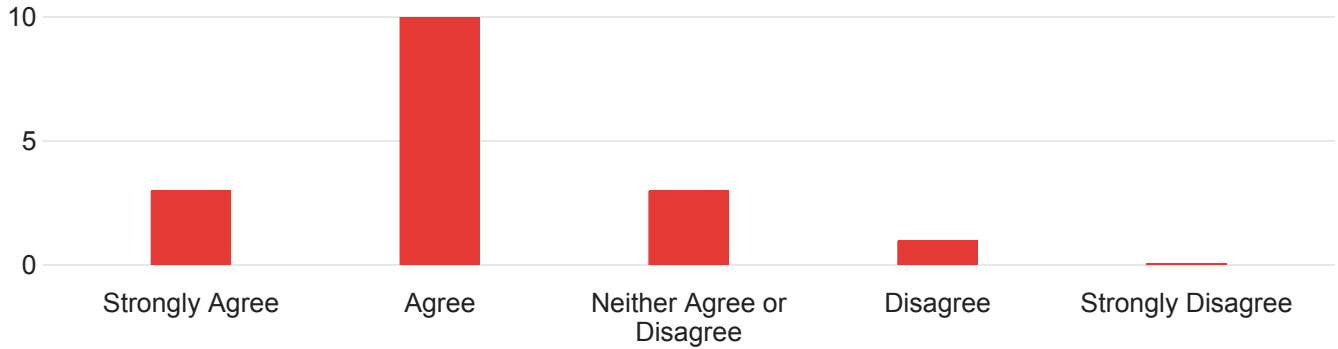


What kinds of group activities are your congregants involved in?

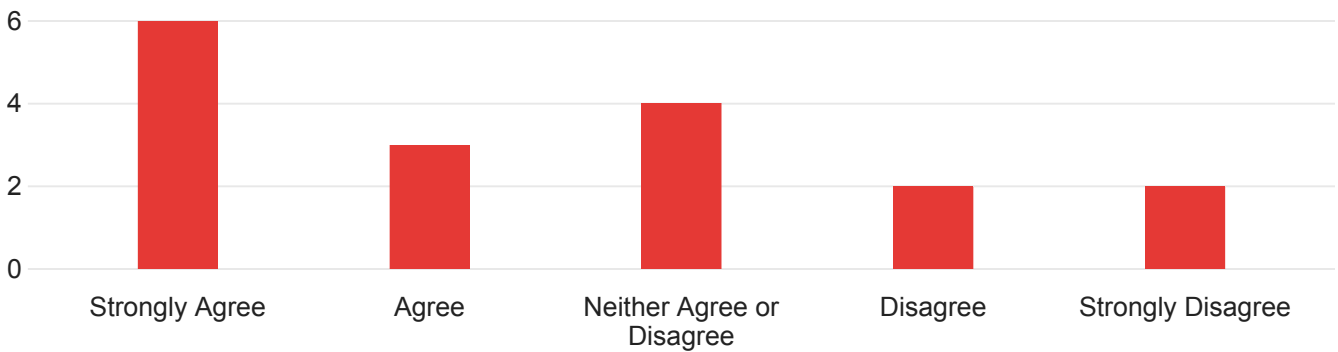


How do your congregants feel about their place of worship?

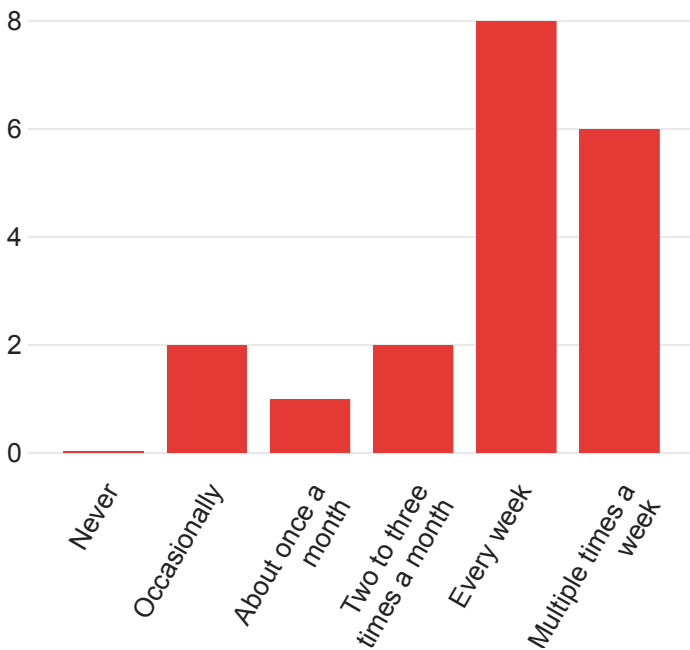
My congregation meets my spiritual needs.



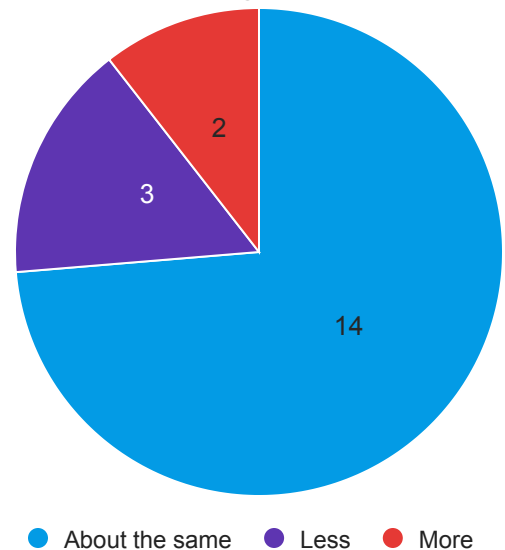
It is important to me that my congregation is involved in the community.



How often do you attend religious services?



Is that more or less than a year ago?



What kinds of messages do congregants hear from clergy?

How often do the worship service messages by your religious leader:

Field	Min	Max	Mean	Responses
Focus on personal spiritual growth?	1.00	5.00	3.67	18
Focus on the importance of marriage and family?	1.00	5.00	3.56	16
Encourage you to help those less fortunate in your own community?	1.00	5.00	3.38	16
Encourage you to serve or volunteer in the community?	1.00	5.00	3.31	16
Focus on advocacy or social action?	2.00	5.00	3.06	16
Encourage you to help those less fortunate around the world?	1.00	5.00	2.78	18
Urge you to register to vote?	1.00	5.00	2.72	18

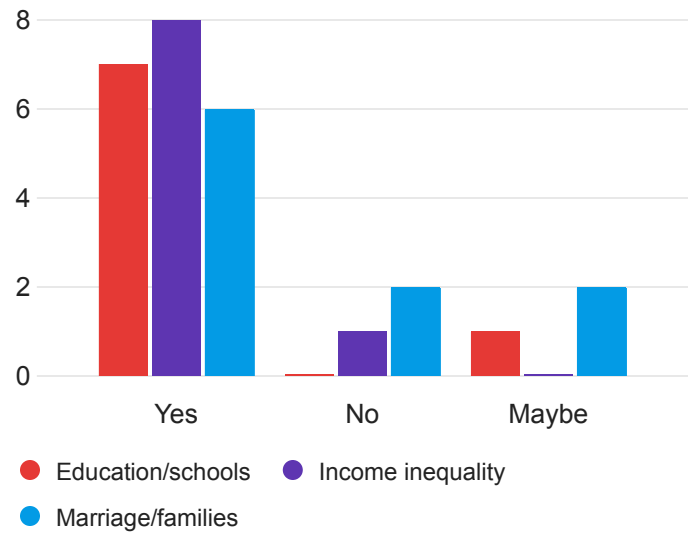
These are some open-ended comments we received through the survey:

- "Pastor Smith always brings the good word"
- "I love my small group! I have made so many friends!"
- "I am still pretty new and getting to know people. I wish there were more activities or opportunities to do that."
- "I actually stopped attending about a year ago because the sermons got too political."
- "The choir here is amazing!"
- "I am really glad the leaders are listening to the members and asking for our opinions through a survey like this. It is nice to feel like you care what we think. Thanks for that."

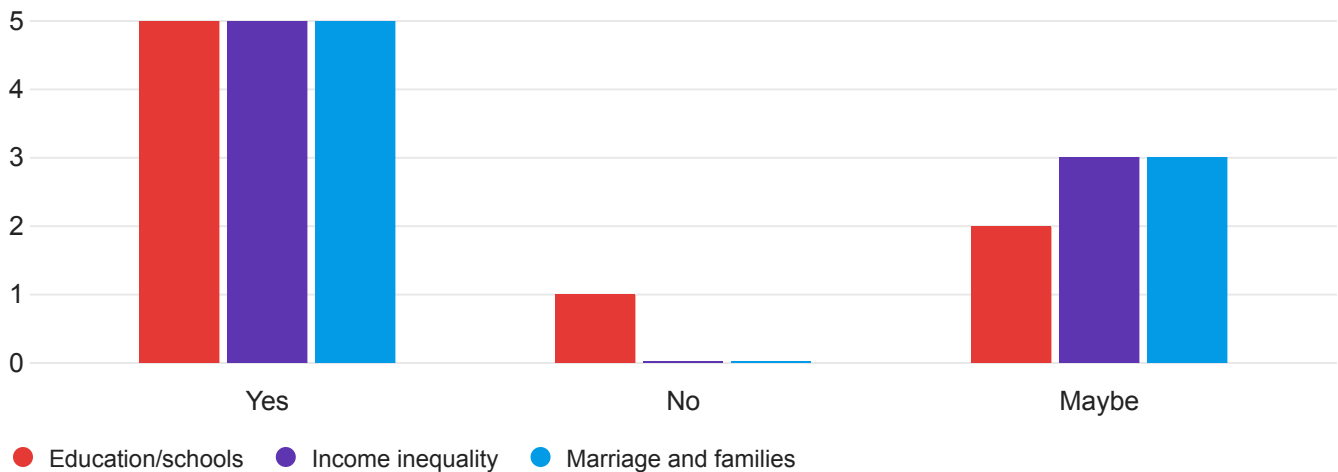
What community issues are most important to your members?

Field	Very important
Marriage/ Families	61.11%
Income Inequality	58.82%
Education/Schools	47.37%
Race Relations	47.37%
Crime	38.89%
Access to Healthcare	38.89%
At-risk Children/Foster Care	36.84%
Housing/Homelessness	35.29%
Prison/Criminal Justice	26.32%

Are those issues they think your congregation should be actively engaged in helping to solve?



Are your members willing to volunteer on those issues? (Asked only of those who said the issue is very important and the congregation should be engaged in solving it).



The results on the previous page show the community issues your members are most concerned about interested in getting involved in helping to solve. Here are some resources that might be helpful as you consider community partners to work with in addressing these issues.

If you are interested in getting your congregation more involved in community efforts to fight income inequality, here are some starting points:

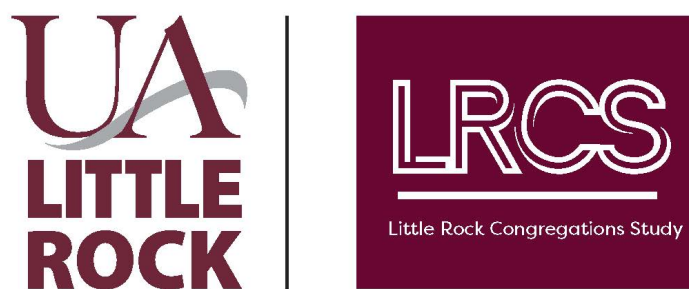
1. Saint Church, 123 Main Street, Little Rock, 72211. Food pantry and clothes closet located just 0.5 miles from your congregation. Contact Outreach Pastor Smith at pastorsmith@gmail.com.
 2. Hardworking Nonprofit, 456 Main Street, Little Rock 72212. Job training and resources. Contact Director Jones at directorjones@gmail.com.
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If you are interested in getting your congregation more involved in community efforts to strengthen marriage and families, here are some starting points:

1. Family Life. A Christian, Biblically-based organization for marriage and family life. Contact Pastor Smith at 1-800-358-6329.
 2. City Church Network. A relational network of churches working together on major spiritual and social issues. Contact Ray Williams at RWilliams@fellowshiponline.com.
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If you are interested in getting your congregation more involved in community efforts to support education, here are some starting points:

1. Local Elementary School. Located 0.85 miles from your congregation, they could use volunteers. Contact Principal Smith at principalsmith@lrsd.org.
2. Local Mosque. 789 Main Street, Little Rock, 72212. Hosts an after school education and meal program for kids. Contact Imam Hafez at imamhafez@localmosque.org.



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