

2020 Congregations Survey

Political Efficacy and Community Connection

Thinking about your community beyond your congregation, please select how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about community engagement:

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neither agree nor disagree* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

<input type="checkbox"/> I do things to make the community a better place.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am aware of the important needs in the community.
<input type="checkbox"/> I rarely talk with my friends and/or family about community problems.
<input type="checkbox"/> Becoming involved in political or social issues is a good way to improve the community.
<input type="checkbox"/> Government is too complicated for me to understand.
<input type="checkbox"/> I believe that I can personally make a difference in my community.

In the past month, how many hours of unpaid service have you given to your place of worship?

- 0 1-5 6-10
 11-14 15+

In the past month, how many hours of unpaid service have you given outside your place of worship?

- 0 1-5 6-10
 11-14 15+

Thinking about the city of Little Rock, how much would you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neither agree nor disagree* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

<input type="checkbox"/> People in Little Rock are willing to help each other out.
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Rock has a problem with racial division.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am hopeful about the future of Little Rock.
<input type="checkbox"/> I think that race relations are likely to improve in Little Rock in the future.

Congregational Connection

Now we would like to ask you a few questions about your congregation.

How long have you been attending this congregation?

- One year or less
- Two to four years
- Five to nine years
- 10-19 years
- 20 or more years

Are you regularly involved in any group activities here?

- Yes, in Sunday school, church school, Sabbath school, or similar.
- Yes, in prayer, discussion, or Bible study groups.
- Yes, in fellowships, clubs, or other social groups.
- No, we have no group activities.
- No, I am not regularly involved in group activities.

Do you regularly take part in any activities of this congregation that reach out to the community?

- Yes, in community service or advocacy activities of this congregation.
- Yes, in evangelism or outreach activities.
- No, we don't have such activities.
- No, I am not regularly involved.

Please mark how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about your congregation:

Strongly Agree

Agree

*Neither agree
nor disagree*

Disagree

*Strongly
Disagree*

- My congregation feels like family to me.
- My congregation meets my spiritual needs.
- I feel like an outsider in my congregation.
- It is important to me that my congregation is involved in the community.
- I find it difficult to approach religious leaders in this congregation.
- Congregation members are given the opportunity to participate in decision-making here.
- I would be prepared to invite friends or relatives to a worship service here.
- My congregation makes a deliberate effort to be welcoming to racial and ethnic groups that are different from the majority here.

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.

Spiritual Health

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

- Never
- Only certain occasions
- Once a week or less
- A few times a week
- Once a day
- Multiple times a day

Outside of attending religious services, about how often do you spend time alone reading the Bible, Koran, Torah, or other sacred texts?

- Never
- Occasionally
- 2 to 3 times a month
- About once a week
- A few times a week
- Daily

How often do you attend religious services?

- Never
- Occasionally
- About once a month
- 2 to 3 times a month
- Every week
- Multiple times a week

Is that more or less often than you were attending a year ago?

- More
- Less
- About the same

What is the main reason why you are attending [more/less] often now?

Would you say your religion provides some guidance in your day-to-day life, quite a bit of guidance, or a great deal of guidance in your day-to-day life?

- Some guidance
- Quite a bit of guidance
- A great deal of guidance
- Religion isn't that important to me

Please mark how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:

God has a plan and I have a part to play in it

Strongly agree

Agree

*Neither agree or
disagree*

Disagree

*Strongly
disagree*

Spiritual Well Being

How often do you feel a deep sense of spiritual peace and well-being?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Many times a day | <input type="checkbox"/> Every day | <input type="checkbox"/> Most days |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least once a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice a
month | <input type="checkbox"/> Seldom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never or almost never | | |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I feel much closer to God today than I did a year ago. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I feel somewhat closer to God today than I did a year ago. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I feel about the same today as I did a year ago. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I feel somewhat further from God today than I did a year ago. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I feel much further from God today than I did a year ago. |

I feel thankful for my blessings

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|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Many times a day | <input type="checkbox"/> Every day | <input type="checkbox"/> Most days |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least once a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice a
month | <input type="checkbox"/> Seldom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never or almost never | | |

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

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Physical/ Mental Health

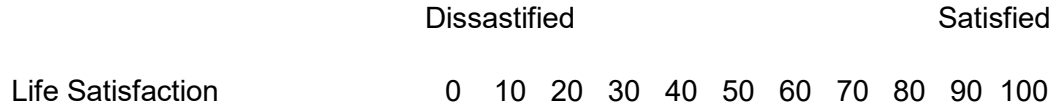
Now thinking about your physical health, for how many days during the past 30 days was your physical health not good?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-10 days | <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 days |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 21-29 days | <input type="checkbox"/> All 30 days | |

Now thinking about your mental health, for how many days during the past 30 days was your mental health not good?

- None
 1-10 days
 11-20 days
 21-29 days
 All 30 days

All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole these days?



Clergy Messages

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

Never Seldom Sometimes Often Always

1. Focus on the importance of marriage and family?
2. Focus on advocacy or social action?
3. Encourage you to serve or volunteer in the community?
4. Encourage you to help those less fortunate in your own community?
5. Encourage you to help those less fortunate around the world?
6. Focus on personal spiritual growth?
7. Urge you to register to vote?

Community Issues

Please indicate how important each of these issues is to you:

(5) *Very important* (4) *Important* (3) *Moderately important* (2) *Slightly important* (1) *Unimportant*

- (A) Crime
- (B) Race relations
- (C) Access to Healthcare
- (D) Education/Schools
- (E) Income Inequality
- (F) Marriage/Families
- (G) Housing/Homelessness
- (I) At-risk children/Foster Care

Should the participant answer "very important" to any of the previous topics/issues, the prompt will open up to the following question below.

If “very important”, would you like to see your congregation get involved to help address the issue of [crime/race relations/access to healthcare, etc.]?

- Yes No Maybe

Should the participant answer “yes”, or “maybe”, related to their congregation getting involved to address any of the previous topics, the prompt will open up to the following question below.

If “yes”, or “maybe”, would you be willing to volunteer to help your congregation's efforts to address the issue of [crime/race relations/access to healthcare, etc.]?

- Yes No Maybe

Political Questions

Many people use the terms liberal, moderate, and conservative to recognize different political opinions. On a scale from 1 to 6, where 1 is the most liberal position and 6 the most conservative, where would you rank yourself when you think of your general political views?

	Liberal			Conservative			
Political Ideology	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

How would you compare your views with other congregation members' on political issues?

	Mine More Liberal		About the Same		Mine More Conservative		
Political Views Compared to Others in Congregation	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

In the past year, have you:

- No Yes, once or twice Yes, a few times Yes, many times

1. Tried to persuade someone to vote
2. Donated money to a political candidate or campaign
3. Signed a petition
4. Participated in a local political or community group
5. Participated in a national political group
6. Contacted public officials on a political or social issue
7. Posted or shared something political through social media (like Facebook or Twitter)

Personal Characteristics

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other

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

- Less than high school
- Undergraduate degree
- High school
- Post graduate
- Associates degree
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In what year were you born?

By your best estimate, what was your total household income last year, before taxes?

- \$10,000 or less
- \$10,001 to \$20,000
- \$20,001 to \$35,000
- \$35,001 to \$50,000
- \$50,001 to \$100,000
- \$100,001 to \$150,000
- More than \$150,000

What is your race/ethnicity?

- White
- Black or African American
- Hispanic
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Native American
- Other _____

What is your zip code?
