

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY AND MISSION STUDY

PHASE I – INFORMATION GATHERING

Step 1. *Use one of the questionnaires at the end of this document in one of the four following formats:*

- Cottage meetings
- Congregational Gathering and Small Group Discussions
- Questionnaire completed during Morning Worship
- Questionnaire mailed to all active members

Step 2. *Collate data received and prepare a report to the congregation*

PHASE II – INFORMATION SHARING

Step 1. *Church-wide fellowship gathering to:*
Review the report and discuss its results.

- ❖ Celebrating our history and mission.

Small group work to:

1. Identify areas for future emphasis.
2. Preliminary wording for a Mission Statement.

Plenary sharing of small group work.

Step 2. *Small group emphasis areas assignments*

Small group work to:

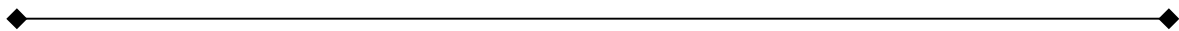
1. Describe the conditions, which would be present if this mission emphasis were successfully addressed.
2. Identify conditions/issues, which presently serve as barriers to successfully addressing this future mission area.
3. Suggest plans and actions, which might be helpful in overcoming the barriers.

Step 3. *Information from the Small groups is collated and published in a report to the congregation.*

PHASE III – SESSION RETREAT TO:

- Review the information and suggested actions.
- Prepare a Mission Statement for the Church.
- Set goals and objectives for implementation.

PHASE IV – CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING TO HEAR AND DISCUSS RESULTS OF THE SESSION RETREAT AND CONGREGATIONAL ADOPTION OF ITS ACTIONS.



QUESTIONNAIRES FOR USE IN CONGREGATIONAL MISSION STUDIES

Questionnaire #1

We will be considering areas of mission for XXXXXXXXXX Presbyterian Church covering a broad range of the programs and missions. Our first task will be to identify the area of mission and program we think should receive top priority.

Please indicate your assessment of the church's life and work by circling the number most closely approximating your opinion under the phrases below.

1. In terms of fellowship, I see my church as:

Warm & Personal	1	2	3	4	5	Cold & Distant
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2. In terms of worship, I see my church as:

Alive and Compelling	1	2	3	4	5	Dead & Boring
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3. In terms of its program of education, I see my church as:

Effective & Innovative	1	2	3	4	5	Ineffective & Dull
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4. In terms of its evangelism, I see my church as:

Aggressive & Clear	1	2	3	4	5	Timid & Uncertain
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5. In terms of stewardship, I see my church as:

Generous & Self-sacrificing	1	2	3	4	5	Tight & Protective
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6. In terms of its service to others in the community, I see my church as:

Active & Concerned	1	2	3	4	5	Inactive & Ingrown
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7. In terms of its emphasis on youth needs, I see my church as:

Interested	1	2	3	4	5	Unconcerned
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8. In terms of its unity, I see my church as:

Cooperative & Trusting	1	2	3	4	5	Fractured & Fighting
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9. In terms of its commitment to Christ, I see my church as:

Very dedicated 1 2 3 4 5 Lukewarm

10. In terms of knowledge of the Bible and the Reformed faith I see my church as:

Knowledgeable 1 2 3 4 5 Confused

11. In terms of communication with/among itself, I see my Church as:

Open & Clear 1 2 3 4 5 Closed & Garbled

12. In terms of having clear goals, I see my church as:

Well Focused 1 2 3 4 5 Confused &
Moving Scattered

QUESTIONNAIRE #2

Name _____ **How long a member** _____ yrs.

Date of this meeting _____ **Time** _____

Gender: _____ **Marital status?** _____

Age:

a: Under 12

d: 25 - 35

b: 12 - 20

e: 35 - 50

c: 20 - 25

f: 50 -

On the average, about how many times did you attend worship in this congregation during the last year?

a: None

d: About once a month

b: Less than 6 times

e: About 2 or 3 times a month

c: About once or twice every 2 months

f: 4 or more times a month

On the average, about how many times did you attend Sunday School this congregation during the last year?

a: None

d: About once a month

b: Less than 6 times

e: About 2 or 3 times a month

c: About once or twice every 2 months

f: 4 or more times a month

How much time do you spend during an average month in this congregation 摺 affairs (including worship, study groups, meetings, committee work, travel preparation, etc.)?

a: Less than one hour

d: 11 - 15 hours

b: 1- 5 hours

e: 16 - 20 hours

c: 6 - 10 hours

f: Over 20 hours

In the last two years, has your participation in this congregation

increased?

decreased?

why?

remained about the same?

Offices currently held: (Session, Diaconate, PW coordinator, Teacher, etc.)

In which groups and organizations within the church do you actively participate?
(Choir, Youth Group, Bible Studies, etc.)

Why do you participate in this congregation? (Not why you joined, but why you continue to participate)

What are the strengths of this congregation?

What are the weaknesses of this congregation?

If you could make one change in this congregation, what would it be?

What have there been conflicts about in the congregation?

How were the conflicts resolved?

What have we learned about how this congregation resolves conflicts/disagreements?