

2025 Michigan Conference UCC Worship Engagement Survey

Preliminary Data Highlights | November 14, 2025

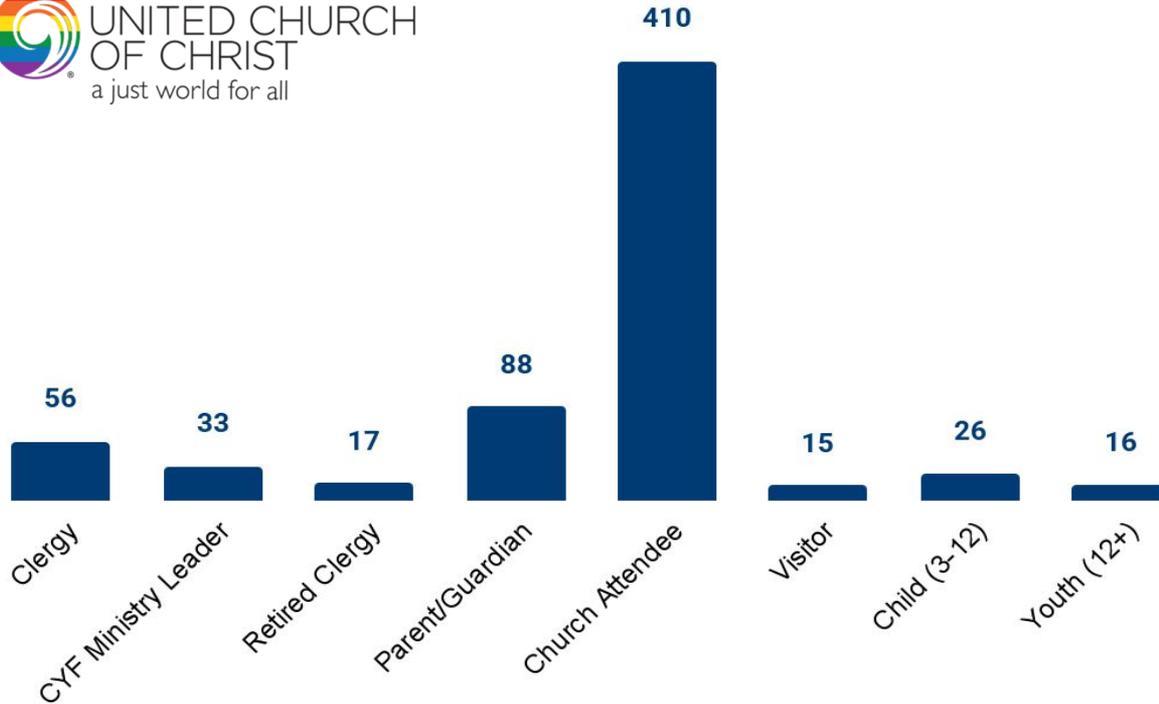
Considerations

The data included in these slides are provisional and subject to revision pending comprehensive analysis.

It is important to note that each population had a different number of respondents. When respondent counts are smaller, each individual's change has a greater impact on the overall results.

2025 Worship Engagement Survey Responses

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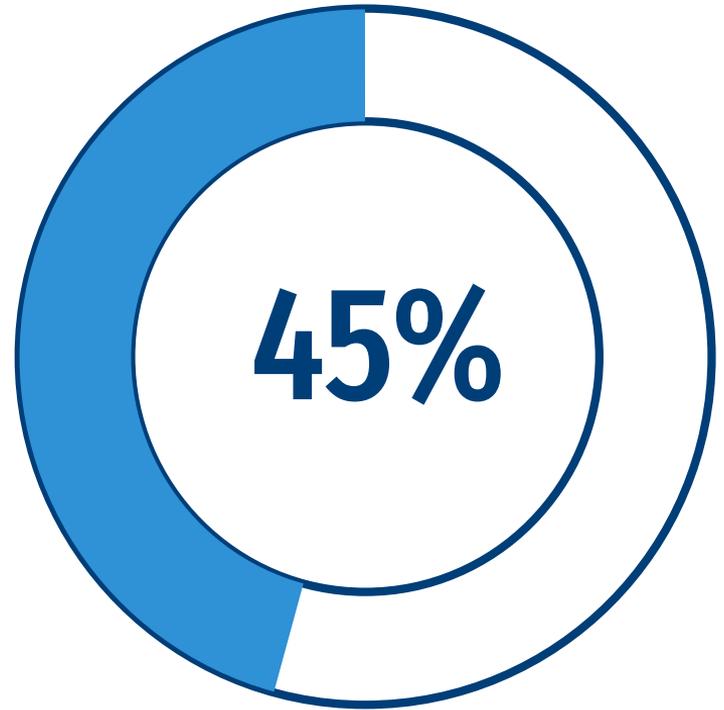


48% of survey respondents indicated being from a small town.

98% of survey respondents described themselves as white.

70% of respondents identified as female.

61 out of 136 churches
were represented with
between 1 and 46
responses.



Do lessons & messages learned at church connect to daily lives?

Children (3-12)

56% were neutral or didn't know if church lessons connected to their daily lives.

Youth (12+)

20% of youth were neutral if lessons or messages connected to their daily lives.

Church Attendees

3% disagreed that messages or lessons connected with their daily lives.

Parents

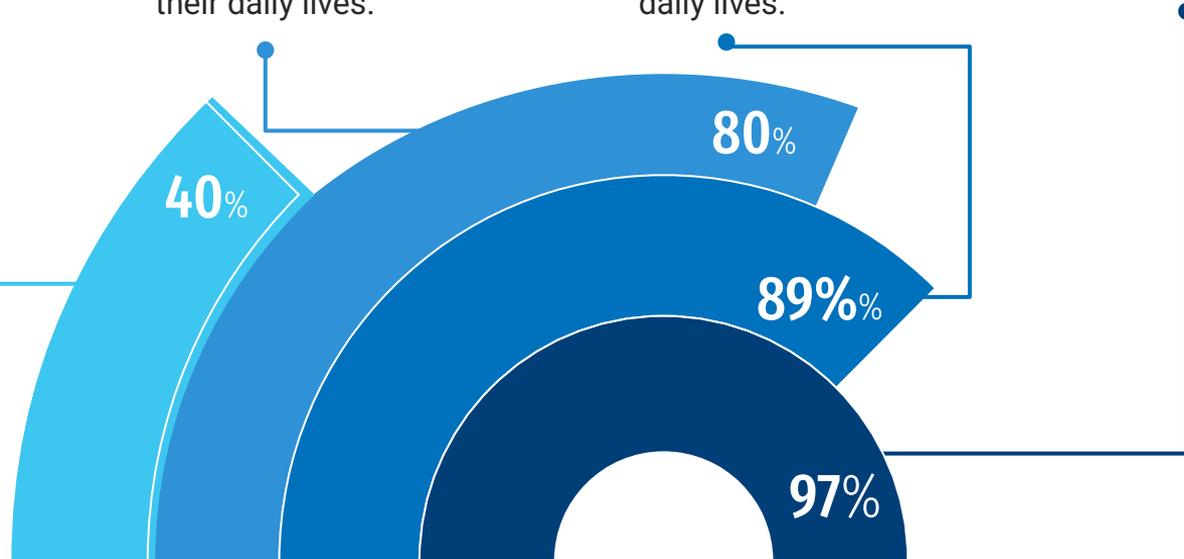
Parents felt the most connected to church messages and lessons.

40%

80%

89%

97%



Children (3-12) Highlights

84% of children reported they like going to church.

84%

96%

96% of children felt supported or very supported by the adults at their church.

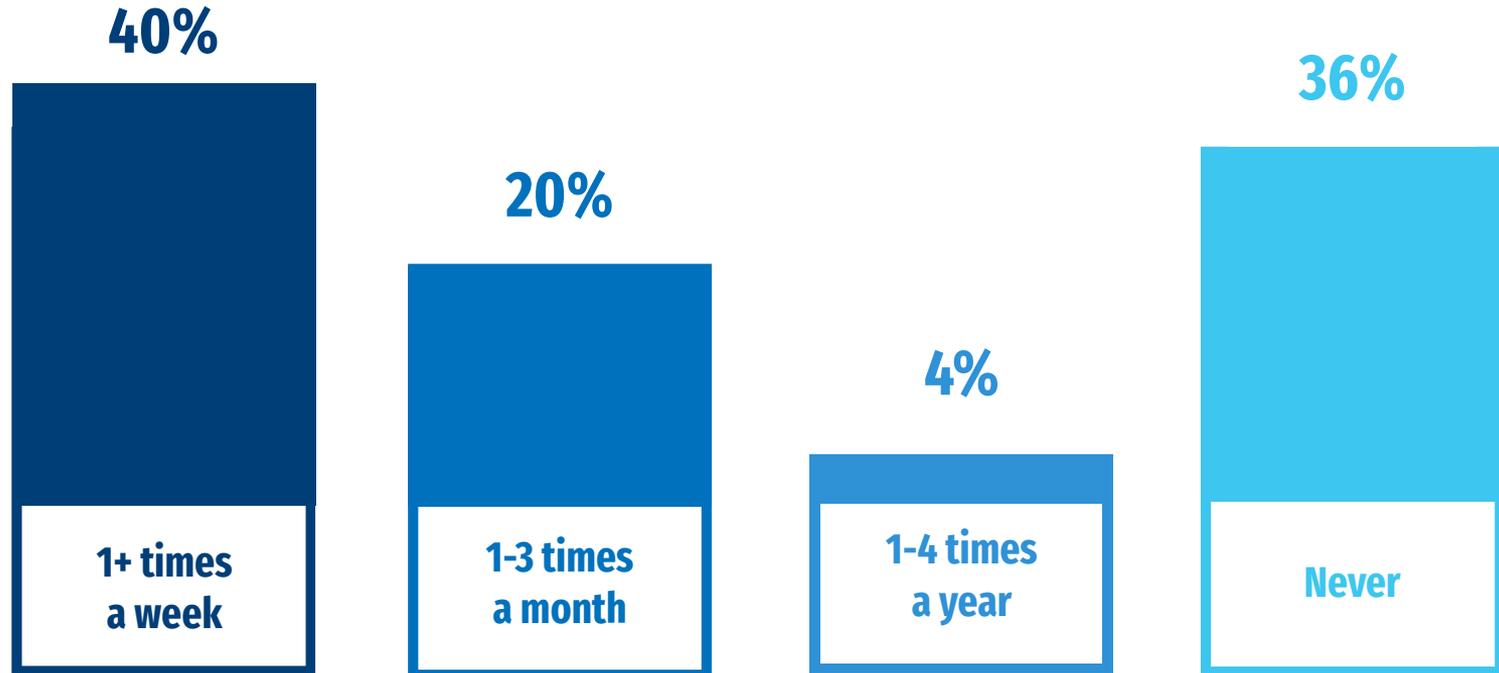
100% of children feel welcomed at church.

100%

38%

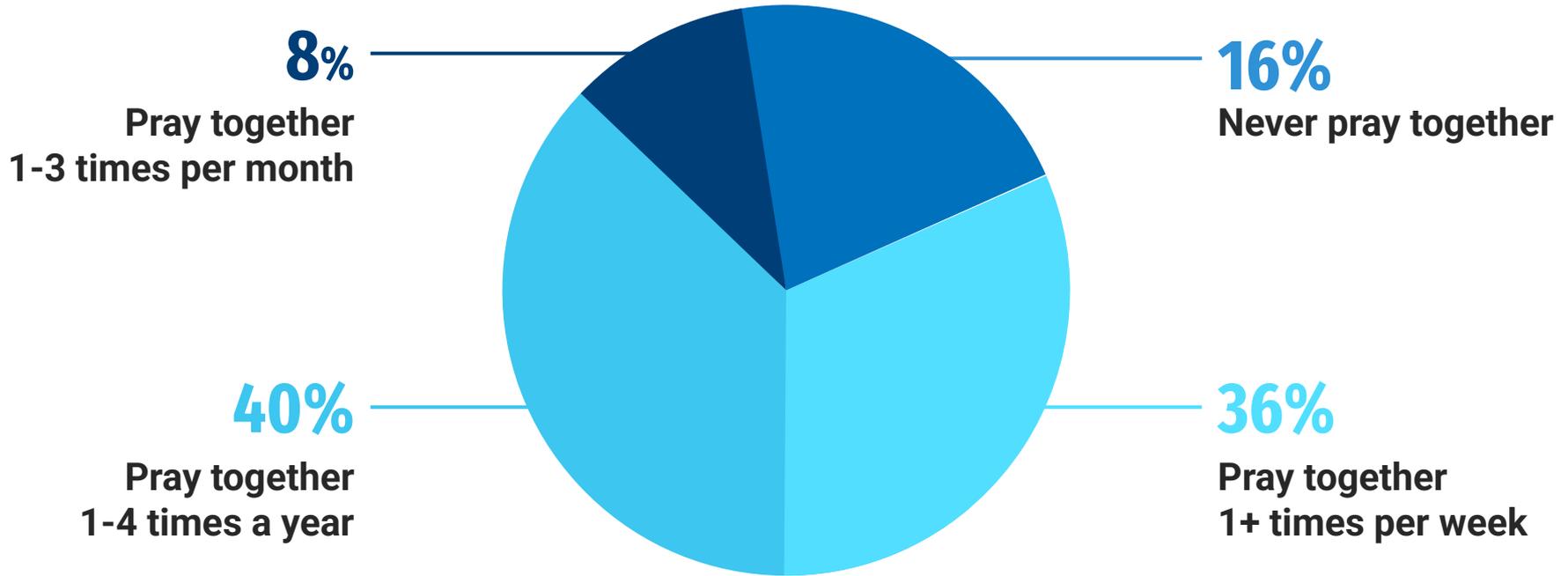
38% of children feel they have been more involved in church now than in the past.

Do children (3-12) engage in personal prayer?

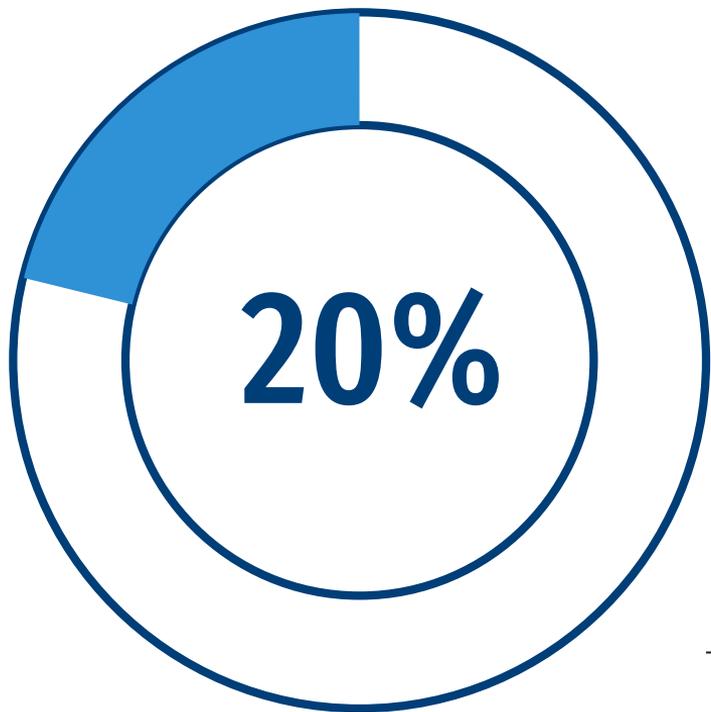


n=25

How often do children (3-12) pray or talk to God with their families?



n=25



**20% of youth (12+) and
parents reported never
praying together as a
family.**

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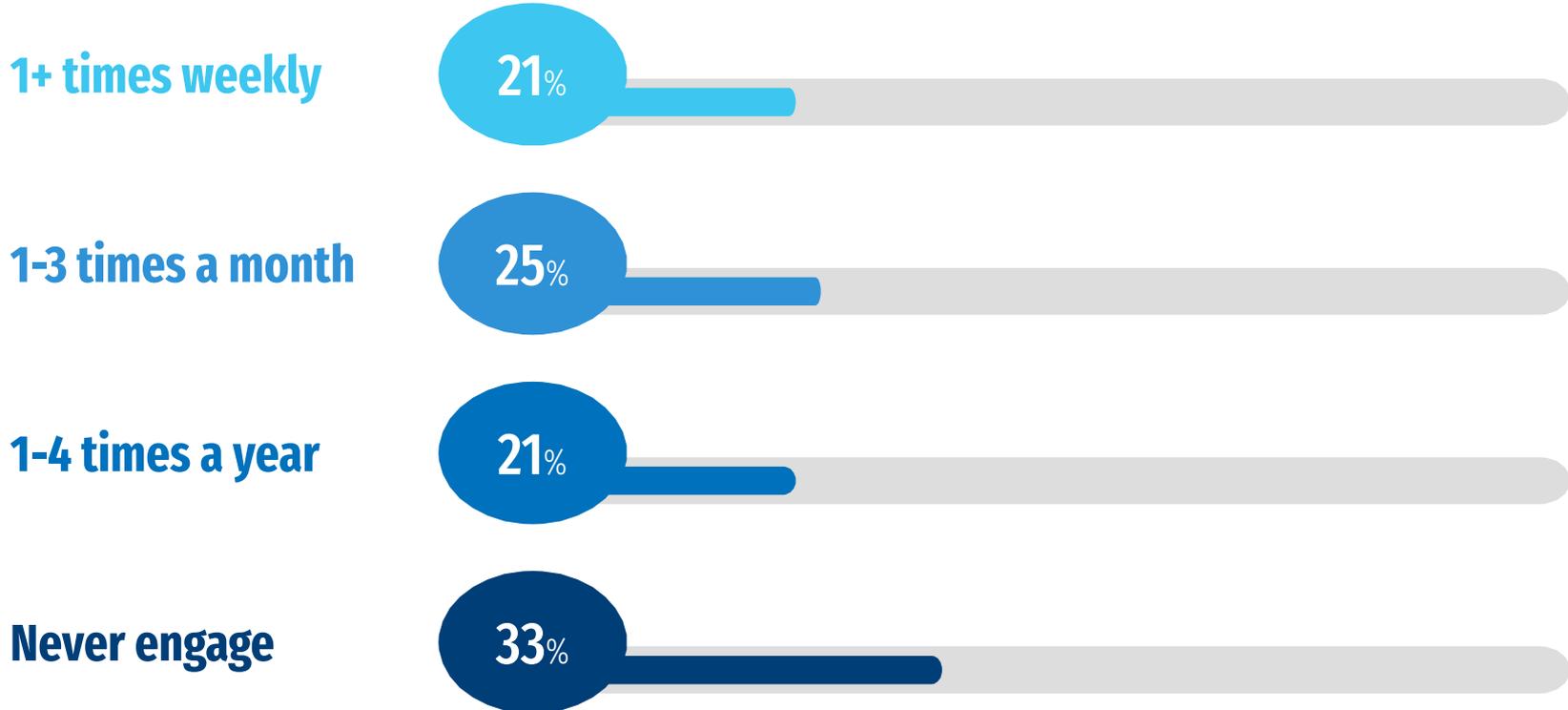


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Youth n=10, Parent n=60

Church Attendees respond...

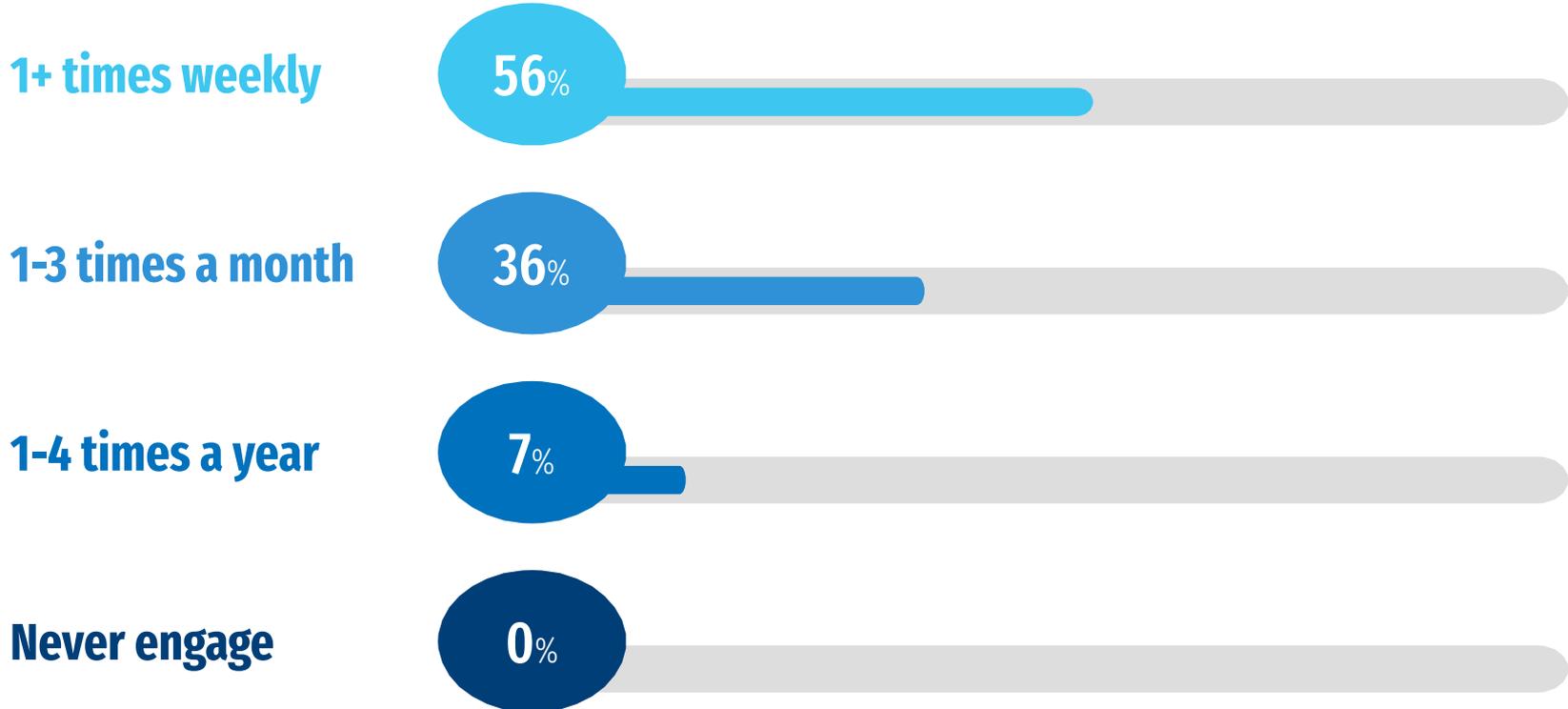
How often do you meaningfully engage with children at church?



n=329

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry leaders respond...

How often do you meaningful engage with children at church?



n=27

Clergy responses to...

How does your church support children in creating worship services?

32% Active Support

Clergy reported active support included invitations to lead prayers, read scripture, or participate in music and liturgy.

25% Emerging or Growing Efforts

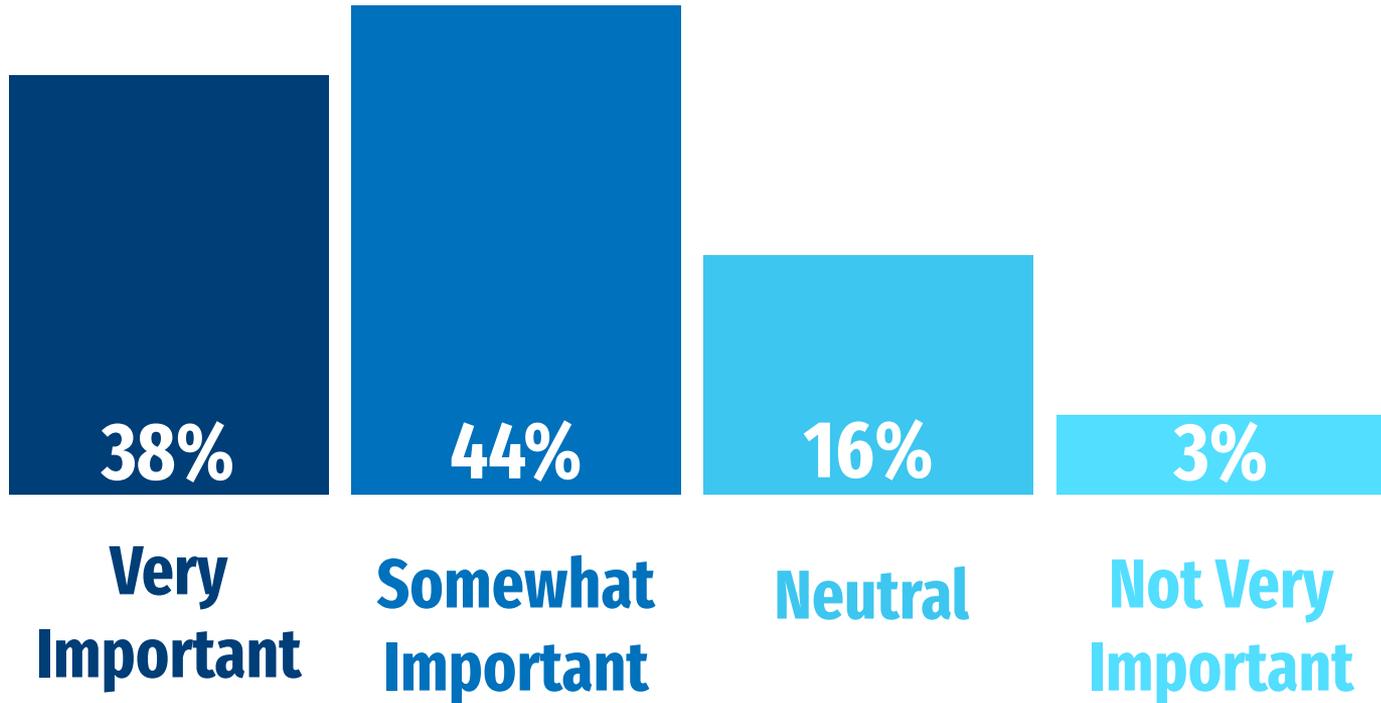
Clergy noted emerging and growing efforts included plans to reestablish youth-led services or create dedicated spaces.

21% Minimal Effort or No Current Support

22% Children Rarely Present or Not Attending

Clergy responses to...

How important is to you that children help create worship services?



n=32

60%

of children (3-12) and youth (12+)
want to help **more** at church.

Children n=25, Youth n=10

