Thank you to everyone who completed yearend reporting this year. I was pleased that – despite all of the extra stresses churches are facing this year – 85% of churches completed the reporting (which is about the average for the past five years). This annual reporting is helpful for many reasons. It's used in the Local Church Profile for churches that are searching for a new pastor, by the denomination for research, by UCC affiliated ministries when providing grants and loans, in determining how many General Synod delegates each conference receives, and more. It can also just help us learn interesting information about 155 churches and 36,021 members that make up the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference.

- **Attendance:** Attendance decreased by 10% across the conference between 2019 and 2020. (This year's reporting for attendance only included weeks where services were 100% in person. Because there were no major church holidays before the pandemic began, it's not surprising that there would be a decrease this year.) Attendance at PSEC churches in 2020 ranged from 5 on a Sunday to 320.
- **Membership:** Membership of conference churches decreased by 2% between 2019 and 2020. There were ten congregations that each lost 15% or more of their membership last year. Membership of PSEC churches now ranges from 6 members to 1,569.
- **Deaths:** The Conference churches had a small decrease in the number of deaths between 2019 and 2020, but 19 churches doubled (or more) the number of member deaths from one year to the other.
- **Offerings/pledges:** Overall, PSEC churches saw offerings and pledges decrease by 5% from 2019 to 2020. More churches saw a decrease in offering than those with an increase. Three congregations had their offerings cut in half from 2020 to 2019.

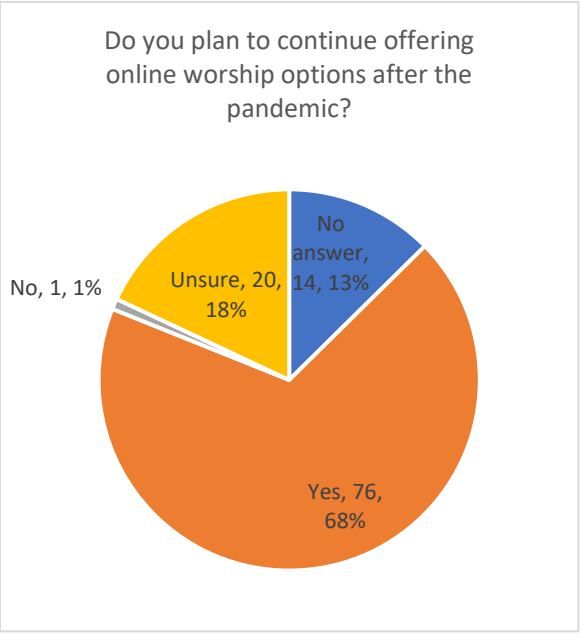
In recent years, the UCC's Center for Analytics, Research, Development and Data (CARDD) has included "supplemental reporting" questions in the form of an online survey each church is asked to complete with the yearend reporting. This year's reporting focused on questions related to the pandemic and churches' responses to COVID-19. There were 111 churches that completed that reporting. Below are some of those questions with the PSEC responses.

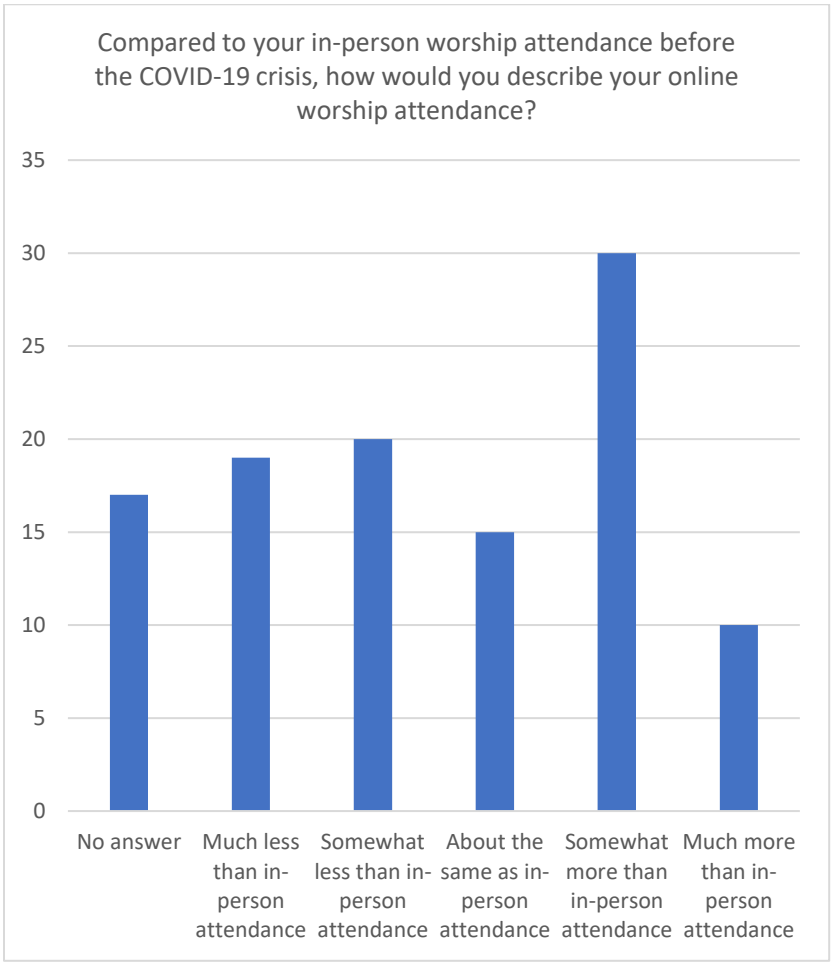
Did you stop worshipping in person due to COVID-19 at any time?

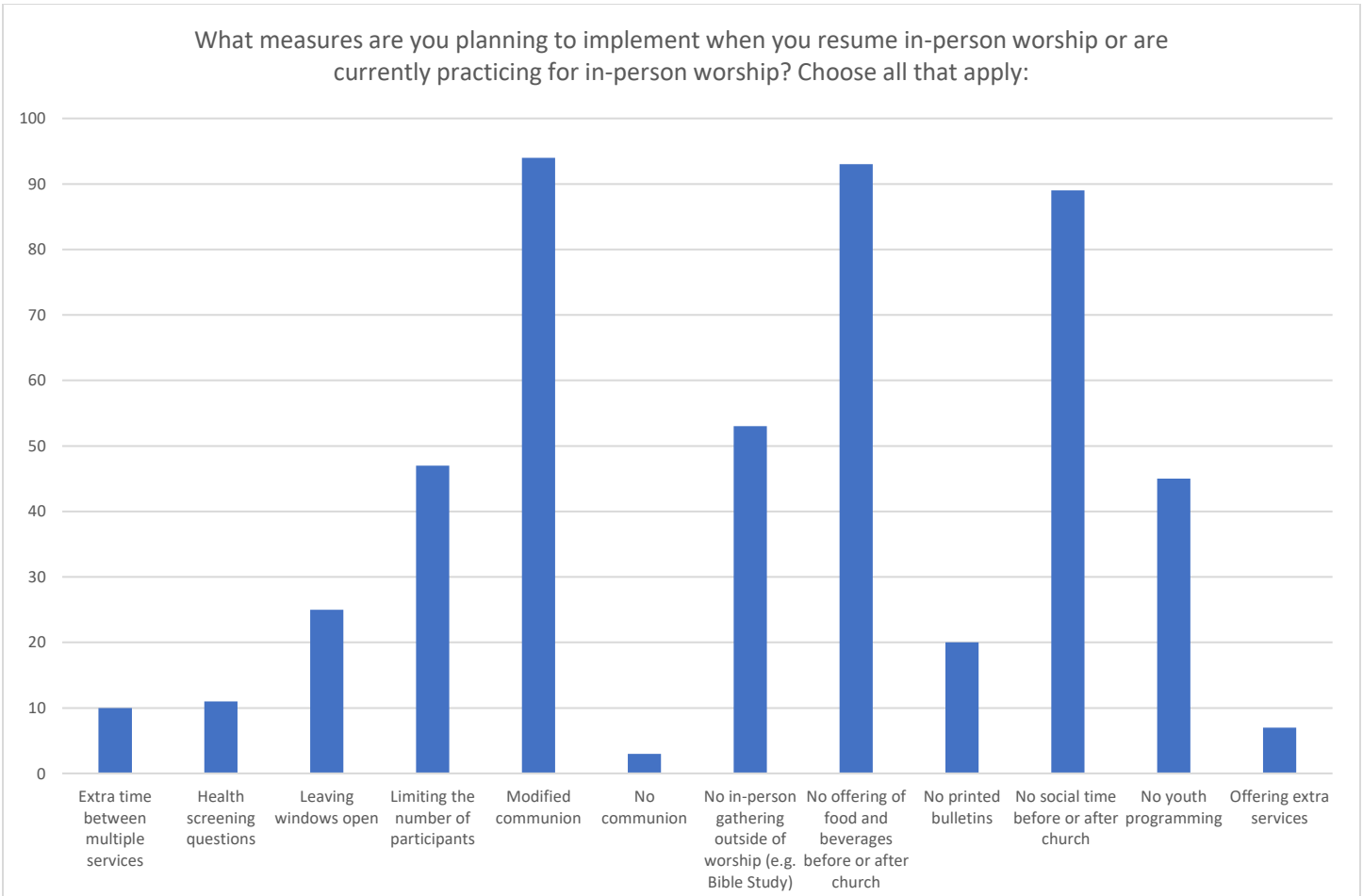
Yes: 105 No: 6

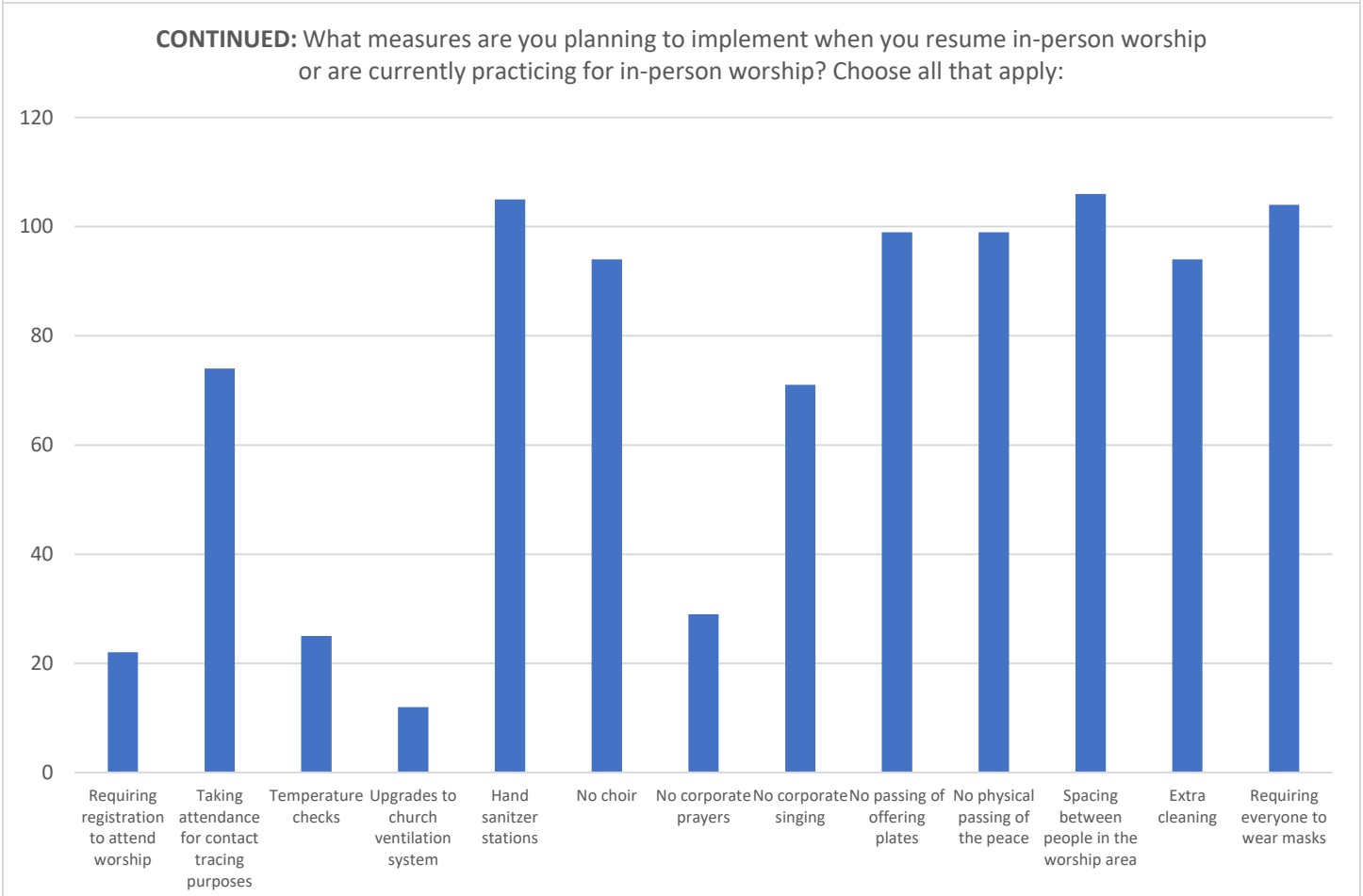
Has your church held online worship during COVID-19?

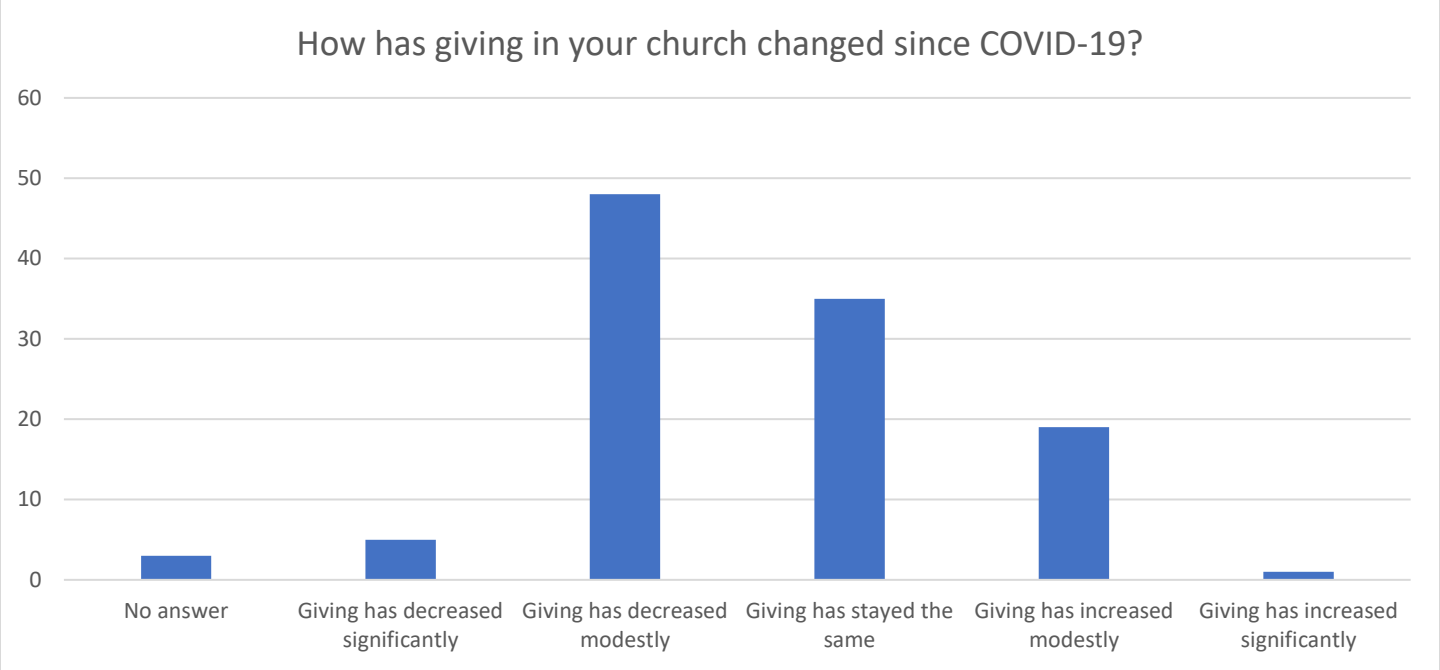
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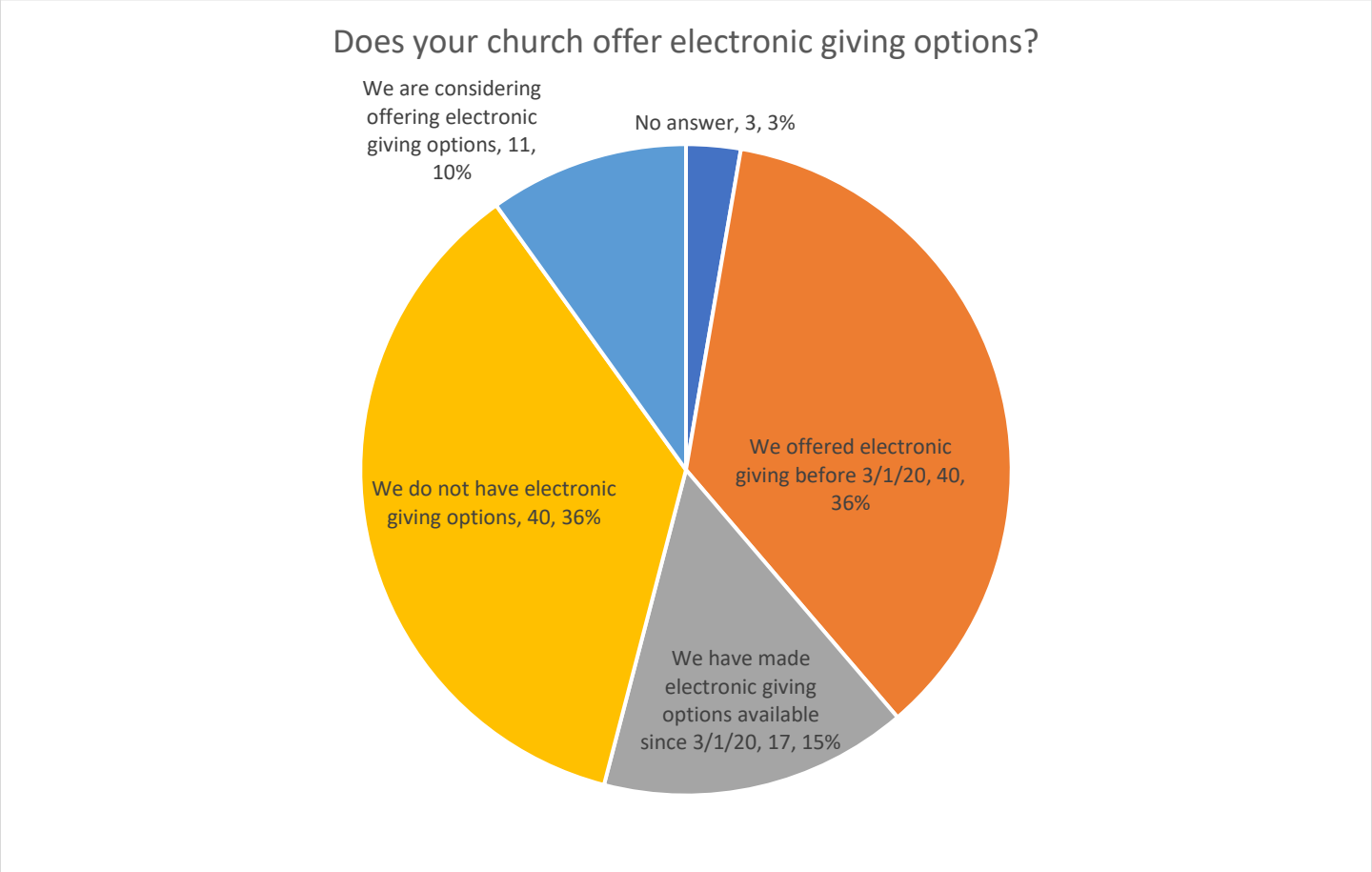





What measures are you planning to implement when you resume in-person worship or are currently practicing for in-person worship? Choose all that apply:
100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
Extra time between multiple services
Health screening questions
Leaving windows open
Limiting the number of participants
Modified communion
No communion
No in-person gathering outside of worship (e.g. Bible Study)
No offering of food and beverages before or after church
No printed bulletins
No social time before or after church
No youth programming
Offering extra services


CONTINUED: What measures are you planning to implement when you resume in-person worship or are currently practicing for in-person worship? Choose all that apply:
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
Requiring registration to attend worship
Taking attendance for contact tracing purposes
Temperature checks
Upgrades to church ventilation system
Hand sanitzer stations
No choir
No corporate prayers
No corporate singing
No passing of offering plates
No physical passing of the peace
Spacing between people in the worship area
Extra cleaning
Requiring everyone to wear masks


How has giving in your church changed since COVID-19?
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
No answer
Giving has decreased significantly
Giving has decreased modestly
Giving has stayed the same
Giving has increased modestly
Giving has increased significantly


Does your church offer electronic giving options?
We are considering offering electronic giving options, 11, 10%
No answer, 3, 3%
We offered electronic giving before 3/1/20, 40, 36%
We do not have electronic giving options, 40, 36%
We have made electronic giving options available since 3/1/20, 17, 15%