

NOTES:

- 39 total responses. Responses elicited via email newsletter and submitted via Google Forms. Likely to exclude younger members not yet on the email list, those who don't use email, those uncomfortable/unfamiliar with Google Forms
- "Finances" question makes reference to the endowment, which may skew results low because of restrictions on how the endowment can be spent
- Responses collected 9/22-11/17. Only a snapshot in time and likely to change based on the issue, action, and clarification of who "decision-makers" are.

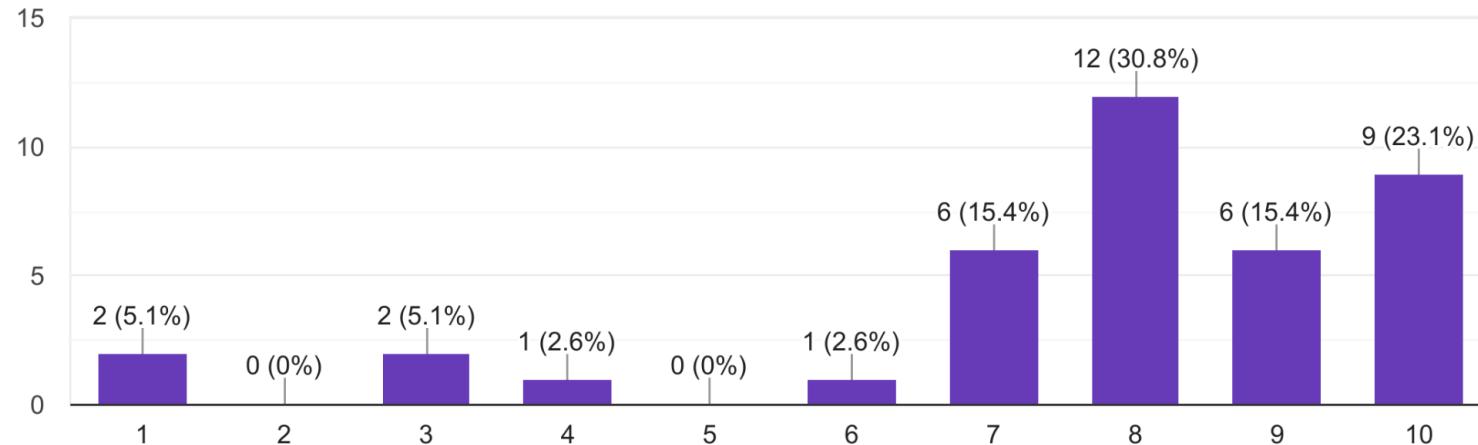
Taking a Public Stand

1: “1: Our congregation has a moral obligation to **stay out of politics** to create a “big tent” where all beliefs are welcome.”

10: “Our congregation has a moral obligation to take **bold public stances** about current and **political issues**, such as abortion and LGBTQ rights.”

TAKING A PUBLIC STAND: This spectrum gets at congregational values and risk perception/tolerance related to public opinion, inter... moral leadership within our local political context.

39 responses



Mean (average)	7.692307692 (highest average of all the scales)
Mode (most common response)	8
st. dev (how spread out the answers are from the average)	2.4

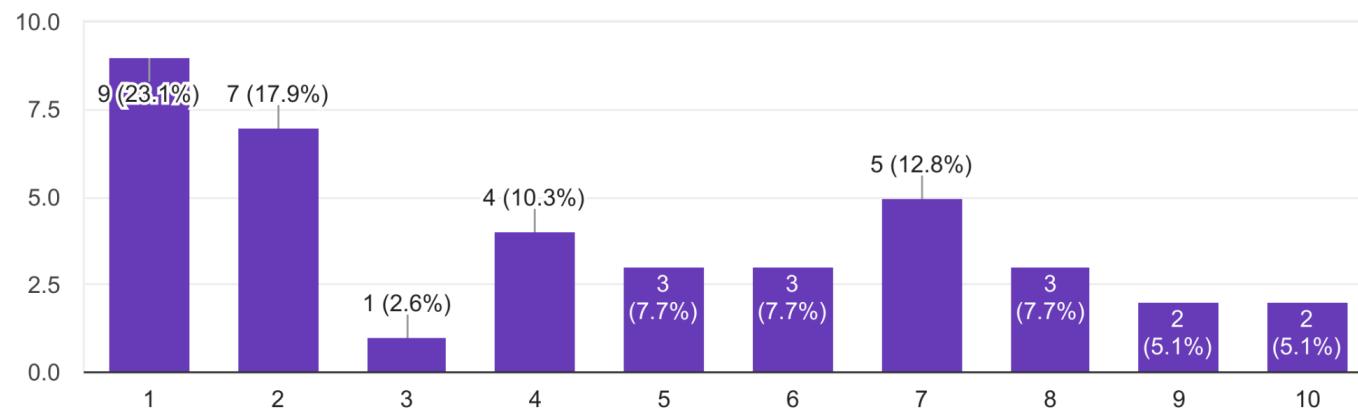
Finances

1: “We should **never draw from our endowment** to fund justice work. The endowment is only to be used for dire emergencies related to the congregation.”

10: “Current attacks on marginalized groups are an emergency, and **we should tap into our reserves** and/or endowment to meet the moment.”

FINANCES: This spectrum gets at congregational values and risk perception/tolerance related to financial assets, accumulated wealth, financial stewardship.

39 responses



mean	4.41025641 (lowest)
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	average of all the scales)**
mode	1
st. dev	3.0 (highest of all the scales)

**This question was likely influenced by use of the word “endowment,” which carries self-imposed restrictions on how we spend it (especially principal).

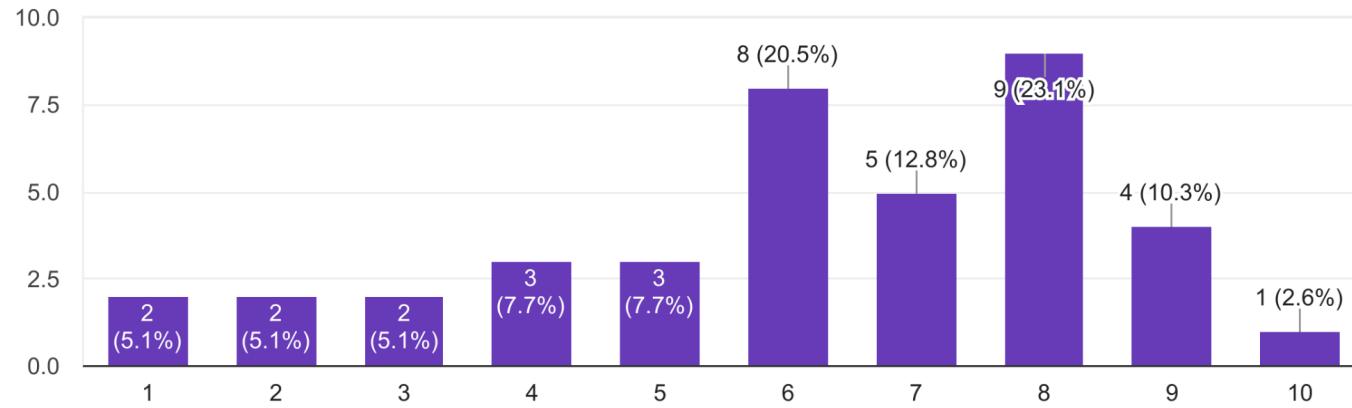
Civil Disobedience

- 1: “Our congregation should **avoid taking part or supporting any actions that could get us in legal trouble** because we have an obligation to continue operating in order to fulfill our mission.”

- 10: “Our congregation **should be willing to risk taking actions that could bring legal consequences to individual members or the institution itself** because being a public moral voice for justice is a core part of our mission.”

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE: This spectrum gets at congregational values and risk perception/tolerance related to civil disobedience, as well as the interpretation of the congregation's mission.

39 responses



mean	6.153846154
mode	8
st. dev	2.3

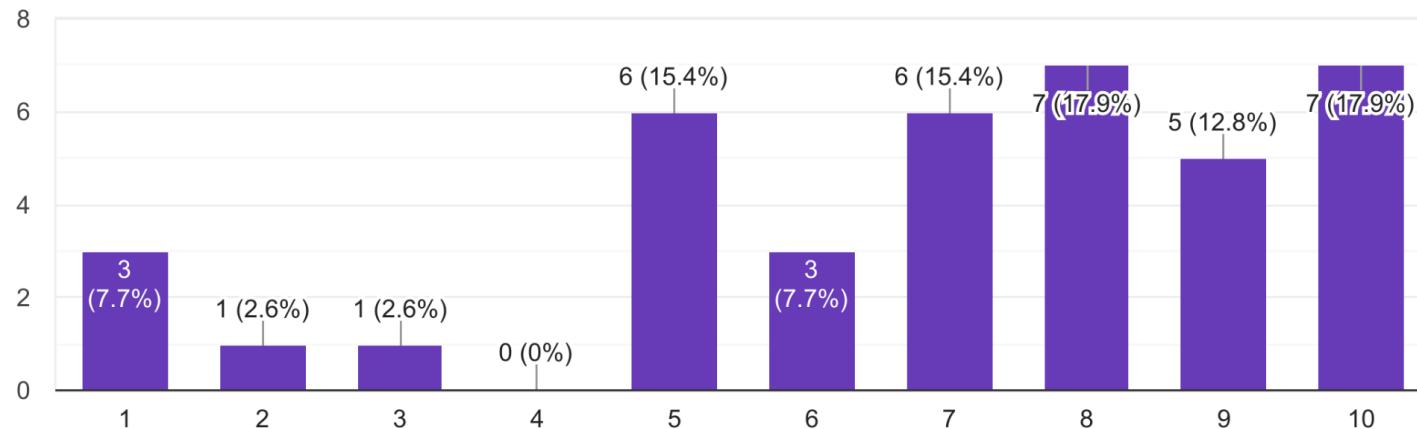
Law-Breaking for Medical Needs

1: "Our congregation should **never** use its financial, infrastructural, or human resources in supporting people to seek reproductive or gender affirming care in situations where doing so is illegal."

10: "Our congregation **should** use its financial, infrastructural, and human resources to **directly support people seeking reproductive and gender-affirming care, even when doing so may be against the law.**"

LAW-BREAKING FOR MEDICAL NEEDS: This spectrum gets at congregational values and risk perception/tolerance related to supporting individuals such as reproductive and gender-affirming care.

39 responses



mean	6.897435897
mode	8
st. dev	2.6

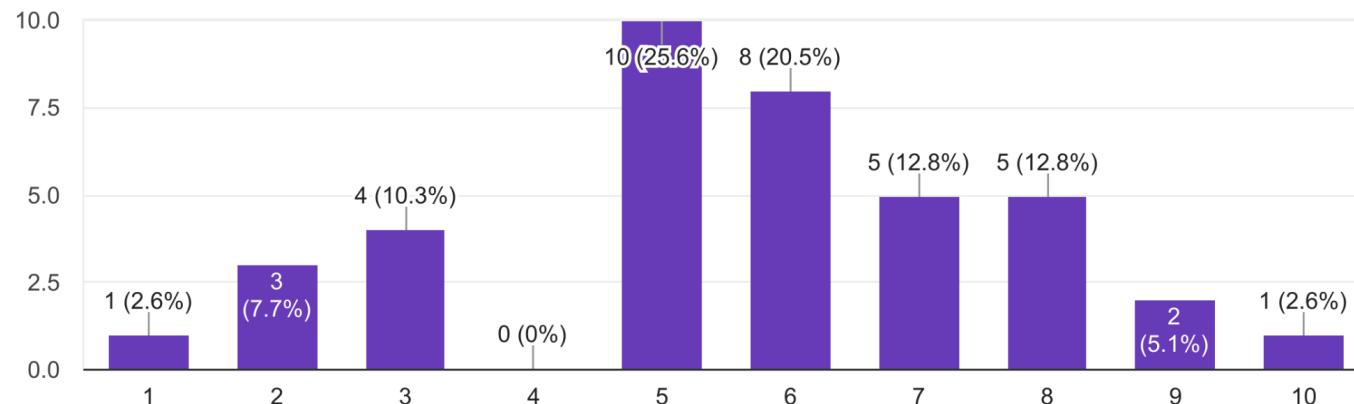
Individual vs Collective Risk-Taking

1: "It is fine for individual members to decide to participate in actions that may result in civil or criminal charges as a way to protest or disobey unjust laws; however, **the congregation should never encourage or directly support individuals** in taking such actions."

10: "The congregation should be **actively training and supporting individuals** who want to **take risky or potentially illegal actions** as a way to protest unjust laws and live out their faith."

INDIVIDUAL VS COLLECTIVE: This spectrum gets at congregational values and risk perception/tolerance related to congregational relativistic moral responsibility and acts of conscience.

39 responses



mean	5.641025641
mode	5
st. dev	2.1

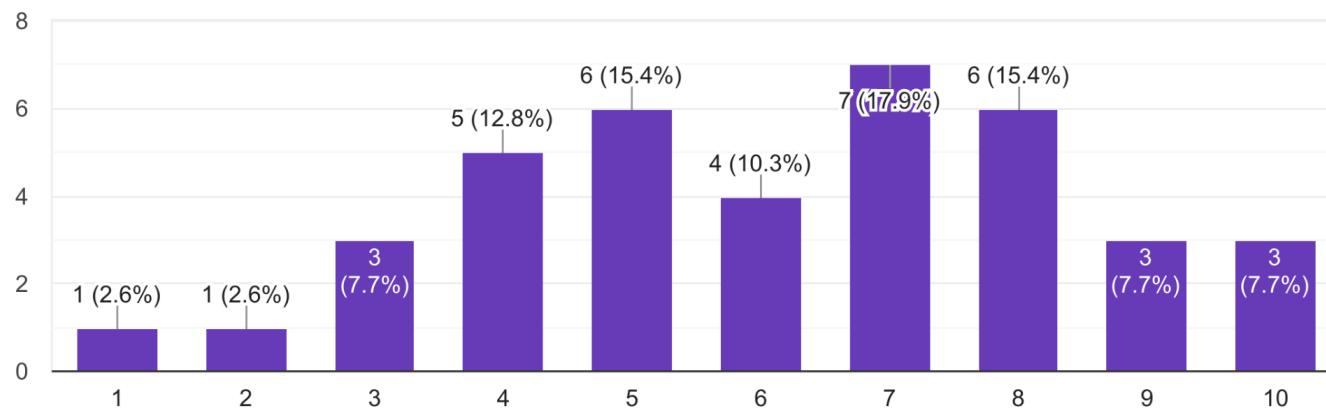
Constituency

1: “The congregation must **prioritize care/resources for its own members**, and should not become a source of funding, logistics coordination, or spiritual support for activism, organizing, or direct services for non-members.:

10: “The congregation should **use any and all capacity and resources we have to support anyone engaging in activism, organizing, or direct service** related to reproductive justice and other issues that are core to our values.”

CONSTITUENCY: This spectrum gets at congregational values and risk perception/tolerance related to use of various resources, and who the congregation understands to be its constituency.

39 responses



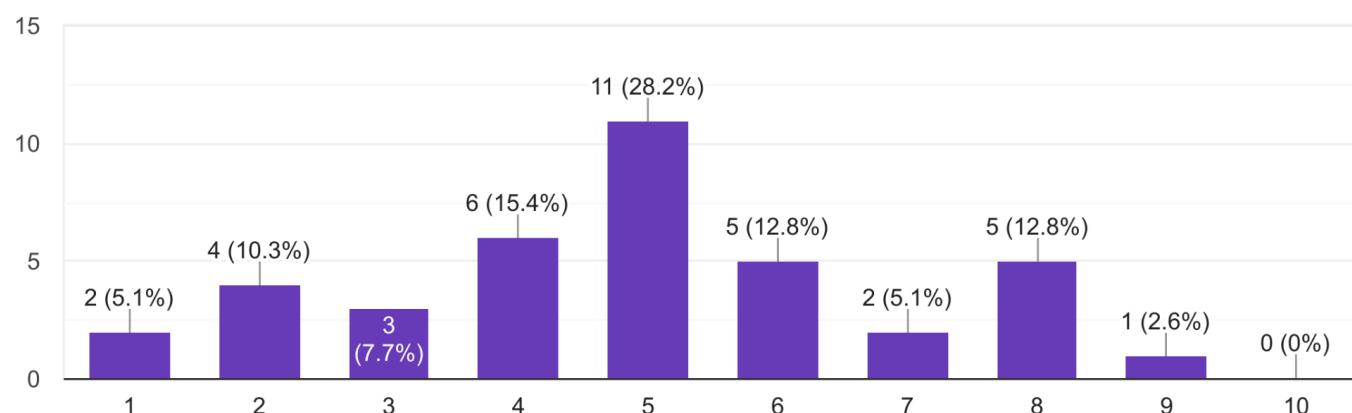
mean	6.153846154
mode	7
st. dev	2.3

Consensus vs Urgency

1: “Decision-makers should seek to build the **broadest possible buy-in** from and consensus among our membership before taking any risky action, even when that means going very slowly and missing opportunities for timely action and partnership.”

10: “Decision-makers should **move quickly** to respond to the urgency of the moment, even when they know doing so might cause significant conflict within the congregation.”

CONSENSUS VS URGENCY: This spectrum gets at congregational values and risk perception/tolerance related to the balance between money and the urgency of critical justice moments.
39 responses



mean	4.897435897 (second-lowest of all the scales)
mode	5
st. dev	2.0 (lowest of all the scales)