

Please WRITE Your church or parish name here:

Note: If you do not write in the name of your church, the survey results cannot be entered and therefore will be omitted



Mission Church Survey – Paper-based Questionnaire

Thank you for showing an interest in this survey. Please read the information below carefully before deciding on whether you wish to participate. If you decide to participate, we thank you. If you decide not to take part, we thank you for considering our request, and ask that you return this questionnaire to the person who gave it to you so it can be re-used by someone else.

What is the Aim of this Survey?

The purpose of this survey is to help your church, and Presbytery Central, obtain an understanding of how you and your church are responding to God's call to mission. This means some of the questions in this survey are related to what your church is doing, and some relate to your own personal faith and activities.

The survey covers five key areas of you and your church's missional life and well-being. These are as follows:

- **Worship:** Worshipping God and strengthening your identity as God's family through your regular church services
- **Fellowship and hospitality:** You and your church's investment in spending time with people inside and outside your church
- **Deepening our faith:** Activities that nurture and deepen your love for God and each other. Includes key spiritual disciplines, your ministry activities, and attending a small group (or equivalent).
- **Sharing the Good News:** What you and your church say and do that aims for a response from people to the good news of God's love and reconciliation of people through Jesus.
- **Public Witness:** What you and your church say or do that reflects the love of God to everyone, such as loving service to people in our communities, offering clothing, shelter, or caring for the elderly or vulnerable etc. It also includes how you response to social justice and care of God's creation.

This survey is to be completed by adult members (over eighteen years old) within your church.

What you will be asked to do:

Should you wish to take part in this survey, you will be asked to complete fifty questions that ask for your response to a statement by **ticking** a value within a scale. An example of a question is below:

6. Our services inspire me in my Christian action with the church and community

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

Generally, the questions in this survey take around fifteen minutes to complete. ***If you omit a question, then the response entered into the database will be 'Neither or NA'***

What information will be collected and how will it be used?

Your responses will not be linked to your email address or any other personal information about you other than the name of your church. A report summarising the questionnaire-responses from all people in your church will be made available by the Presbytery Central Administrator to leaders in your church, the moderator of your region, Workgroups of Presbytery Central and members of Presbytery Central Council.

You can request a summary report on *your congregation* from your leadership team once it has been received from the Presbytery Central Administrator. The data from this report will be saved up to seven years in the Presbytery Central database.

Yes – I want to start the survey and I agree to the use of my information as outlined above. If you don't wish to do this survey, then you're not required to go any further.

Church or Worship Services

These questions refer to what you do and experience at your church's regular services.

1. I experience the presence of God at our services

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

2. Our main service connects people from different generations; children to seniors

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

3. I feel a strong sense of belonging to God's family at our services

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

4. The sermons or reflections inspire my faith in God

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

5. We provide opportunities in our services for children to actively participate in

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

6. Our services inspire me in my Christian action with the church and community

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

7. Those leading our services encourage people to share their faith stories or experiences from time to time

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

8. Our numbers attending public worship are growing

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

9. We hear and pray about local, national or international issues during our services

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

10. The sermons or reflections help reinforce the good news (gospel) of Jesus for today

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

Fellowship & Hospitality *outside of church services*

These questions refer to your investment in spending time with people in your church outside of church services e.g., sharing meals together at home or at a café, attending a small group or equivalent. It also includes offering hospitality to visitors or strangers.

11. I make it a priority to catch up with people from church during the week
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

12. I have people from church with who I feel close enough to share my struggles with
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

13. Our elders or parish councillors lead by example in regularly opening up their homes for sharing meals
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

14. Our social gatherings regularly bring different generations together – from children to seniors
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

15. I feel comfortable inviting people from church into my home to share food together
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

16. We manage conflict lovingly and respectfully in our church
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

17. I continue to grow in my love for people through my Christian walk/life
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

18. Our church regularly offers assistance to people who are struggling in our community
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

19. I know people in our church who generously share their resources to make sure no one is missing out
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

20. We have structures in place that make sure pastoral care doesn't fall on too few people
 Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

Deepening our Faith

These questions refer to activities that nurture and deepen your love and trust in God. It includes (but not limited to):

- **key spiritual disciplines such as prayer, devotions or bible reading.**
- **attending a small group [or similar such as study groups, a mentoring relationship, learning communities or 3DM] which is focussed primarily on deepening Christian faith.**
- **your ministry in the community and church.**

21. The small group (or equivalent) that I attend helps me grow in my faith with God

- Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

22. Children are growing in their Christian faith through our church's investment in them

- Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

23. I feel confident in applying scripture to explore a Christian point-of-view on a topic or issue

- Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

24. I prioritise praying to God every day

- Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

25. Our church helps new Christians by offering them teaching or mentoring

- Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

26. I have someone whom I actively encourage in their Christian faith

- Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

27. I experience joy in my ministry work in the community

- Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

28. I know how God has spiritually gifted me for my ministry work

- Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

29. I use other materials (such as books or podcasts) to help deepen my faith

- Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

30. I continue to grow in my love of God

- Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

Sharing the Good News

These questions refer to how you and your church shares the good news or gospel (also known as evangelism) of Christ in our communities. This refers to what you say and do that aims for a response from people to the good news of God's love and reconciliation of people through Jesus.

31. I share my faith experiences with people outside of church when the opportunity presents itself

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

32. I feel confident in expressing what God's good news is for our community today

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

33. Our church regularly brings together Christians and non-Christians to explore Christianity

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

34. At the small group (or equivalent) I attend we regularly share the joys and struggles of evangelising today

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

35. Our church regularly prays for God's spirit to equip us in sharing the good news

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

36. I offer prayer to people outside of the church when the opportunity presents itself

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

37. Our leaders share how our church is transforming lives in the communities we are serving

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

38. Our church invests in resources to encourage and equip us for sharing God's good news

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

39. People leading services regularly encourage people to commit or re-commit their walk with Jesus

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

40. Our church regularly organises events where we explore topics that spark spiritual conversations with people outside of church

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

Public Witness

These questions refer to what your church says or does that reflects the love of God to everyone. It includes loving service to people in our communities such as offering food, clothing, shelter, or caring for the elderly or vulnerable etc. It also includes what you say or do in response to social justice and care of God's creation.

41. I read articles on the local, national or international church's response to social justice or care of creation

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

42. Our church regularly promotes events about social justice or care of creation

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

43. At the small group (or equivalent) I attend, we review our public witness activities from time to time

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

44. Our church invests in activities that reflect our commitment to transforming lives

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

45. Our church contributes financially to churches or organisations that care for the vulnerable

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

46. Our church regularly shares hospitality and conversation with people in our community

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

47. Our church directly or indirectly works with some of the most vulnerable people in our community

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

48. Our church is known in our community for our voice on social justice or care of creation

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

49. Our church contributes financially and prayerfully to support Christians in mission overseas

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree

50. How I live at home reflects my commitment to care of God's creation

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neither or N/A Agree Strongly Agree