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# Introduction

Faith Communities Today (FACT) is a cooperative research project representing 41 denominations and faith groups. FACT developed a common core questionnaire and allowed the participating groups to adapt the language of the questions to reflect their faith's word usage and practice. From the Fall of 1999 to the Spring of 2000, participating groups administered the survey to a random sample of their congregations. Usually, the congregation's leader was the one to complete the questionnaire.

This document reports the responses for the Church of the Nazarene. After stratifying congregations by worship size and region, a total of 835 active Nazarene churches in the USA were randomly selected to be in the sample. A total of 436 surveys were completed and returned, for a response rate of 52%. The percentages reported in this document have been weighted by worship size and region so that the figures represent as accurate as possible the entire Church of the Nazarene in the USA.

For more information about FACT, including the findings for the entire group of participating bodies and interactive workbooks for use by local congregations, visit the project website at *fact.hartsem.edu*.

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**Note:** Percentages throughout this report may not total to 100 due to rounding, or because more than one response was allowed to a particular question.

## Section I:

1. How well does each of the following statements describe your congregation? (✓ one on each line)

	Very Well	Quite Well	Some- What	Slightly	Not At All
A. Our congregation feels like a close-knit family . . . . .	.27%	47%	23%	2%	1%
B. Our congregation is spiritually vital and alive . . . . .	.14%	50%	31%	5%	1%
C. Our congregation is working for social justice . . . . .	.2%	11%	40%	36%	11%
D. Our congregation helps members deepen their relationships with God . . . . .	.17%	46%	31%	6%	1%
E. Our congregation is trying to increase its cross-cultural diversity . . . . .	.9%	17%	32%	24%	19%
F. Our congregation clearly expresses its Nazarene heritage . . . . .	.17%	43%	27%	11%	2%
G. Our congregation is a moral beacon in the community . . . . .	.18%	46%	27%	8%	2%
H. Our congregation welcomes innovation and change .	.14%	34%	36%	12%	4%
I. Our congregation deals openly with disagreements and conflicts . . . . .	.8%	33%	36%	18%	4%
J. Our congregation has a strong racial, cultural or national heritage that it is trying to preserve . . . . .	.5%	9%	24%	22%	40%
K. Members are excited about the future of our congregation . . . . .	.29%	37%	25%	7%	3%
L. New people are easily incorporated into the life of our congregation . . . . .	.14%	42%	32%	10%	2%
M. Our congregation has a clear sense of mission and purpose . . . . .	.13%	37%	34%	12%	4%
N. Our congregation's worship services are spiritually uplifting and inspirational. . . . .	.31%	51%	14%	3%	1%
O. Our congregation's programs and activities are well organized. . . . .	.9%	41%	39%	10%	1%
P. Our congregation's programs and activities strengthen personal relationships among participants. . . . .	.14%	48%	30%	8%	1%

2. Worship Services

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday AM	Sunday PM
A. How many worship services does your congregation have on each of the following days/times on a <b>typical</b> weekend?	0 = 97% 1 = 3%	0 = 97% 1 = 3%	1 = 89% 2+=12%	0 = 14% 1+=86%
B. What is the total attendance for all services held on this day/time on a typical weekend?	Avg.= 30	Avg.= 45	Avg.= 121	Avg.= 57
C. If you typically hold more than one service on the weekend, are these services: (✓ one)				
Very similar in style (other than the language used). . . . .36%				
One or more is <i>somewhat different</i> in style from the rest. . . . .38%				
One or more is <i>very different</i> in style from the rest. . . . .26%				
D. Please check all the languages in which your congregation conducts worship services on a typical weekend:				
English . . .98%				
Spanish . . .3%				
Others . . . .3%				

3. How often does the sermon in your worship service **focus** on: (✓ one on each line)

	Always	Often	Some-times	Seldom	Never
A. God's love and care . . . . .	.37%	54%	8%	0%	0%
B. Practical advice for daily living . . . . .	.30%	52%	17%	1%	0%
C. Personal spiritual growth . . . . .	.42%	54%	4%	0%	0%
D. Social justice or social action . . . . .	.2%	16%	54%	28%	1%
E. End-times and/or the second coming . . . . .	.1%	16%	46%	33%	3%
F. Personal commitment and/or conversion . . . . .	.38%	56%	6%	0%	0%

4. How often does the sermon include **a lot of**: (✓ one on each line)

	Always	Often	Some-times	Seldom	Never
A. Personal stories or first-hand experiences . . . . .	.14%	52%	30%	4%	0%
B. Literary or scholarly references . . . . .	.2%	32%	49%	16%	1%
C. Illustrations from contemporary media (e.g., magazines, newspapers, television, etc) . . . . .	.7%	50%	36%	7%	1%
D. Detailed explanations of scripture or doctrine . . . . .	.27%	49%	18%	3%	0%

5. How often are the following included as part of your worship service(s)? (✓ one on each line)

	Always	Often	Some-times	Seldom	Never
A. Reading/recitation of creeds or statements of faith . . .	.3%	14%	42%	37%	5%
B. A time for lay persons to testify about their faith . . .	.10%	51%	33%	7%	0%
C. A time during worship for people to greet each other . . .	.44%	31%	15%	9%	2%
D. The use of visual projection equipment . . . . .	.27%	16%	17%	28%	13%
E. Incense or candles . . . . .	.5%	6%	17%	48%	25%
F. Drama . . . . .	.0%	5%	26%	47%	22%
G. Kneeling by the congregation . . . . .	.11%	25%	30%	21%	13%

6. How often are the following used in your worship service(s)? (✓ one on each line)

	Always	Often	Some-times	Seldom	Never
A. Organ and/or piano . . . . .	.82%	8%	2%	4%	4%
B. Electronic keyboard or synthesizer . . . . .	.23%	10%	13%	20%	35%
C. Electric guitar/bass . . . . .	.20%	12%	7%	18%	42%
D. Non-electronic string or wind instruments (e.g., harp, violin, guitar, flute, brass, etc.) . . . . .	.16%	18%	21%	24%	21%
E. Drums or other percussion instruments . . . . .	.17%	11%	7%	16%	50%
F. Recorded music (tapes, cd's, etc) . . . . .	.18%	52%	22%	5%	3%

7. In comparison to the style of your congregation's primary worship service 5 years ago, would you say the style of your current primary worship service:

- Is basically the same . . . . .16%
- Changed a little . . . . .22%
- Changed somewhat . . . . .32%
- Changed a great deal . . . . .28%
- Our congregation did not exist in 1995 . . . . .2%

8. How important are the following sources of authority in the worship and teaching of your congregation? (✓ one on each line)

	Absolutely Foundational	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Little Or No Importance
A. Sacred Scripture . . . . .	.95%	5%	0%	1%
B. Historic creeds, doctrines & tradition . . . . .	.9%	55%	33%	3%
C. The Holy Spirit . . . . .	.87%	12%	1%	0%
D. Human reason and understanding . . . . .	.6%	54%	35%	4%
E. Personal experience . . . . .	.17%	57%	26%	0%

F. Now please write the **letter** (A, B, C, D, or E) of the one source of authority that is most important in your congregation’s worship and teaching—as difficult a choice as this may be—in this box . . . . . A=69%, B=2%, C=28%, D=0%, E=1%

*History, Location and Building*

**Section II:**

- In what year was your congregation organized? Median=1945
- In approximately what year did your congregation begin worshipping at its current location? Median=1966
- How would you describe the place where your congregation’s primary worship building is located? (✓ one)
  - Rural or open country . . . . . .9%
  - Town or village of less than 10,000 . . . . . .32%
  - In or around a city of 10,000 - 49,999 . . . . . .29%
  - In or around a city of 50,000 - 249,999 . . . . . .15%
  - In or around a city of 250,000+ . . . . . .14%

A. If “**In or around a city...**”, is you building located: (✓ one)

  - In a central or downtown area of the city . . .16%
  - In another area of the city . . . . . .33%
  - In an older suburb around the city . . . . . .32%
  - In a newer suburb around the city . . . . . .19%

B. If “**In or around a city...**”, is you building located in a: (✓ one)

  - Residential area . . . . . .46%
  - Mixed residential and commercial area . . . .50%
  - Commercial or industrial area . . . . . .4%

4. What is the total seating capacity of your sanctuary? Median = 185
5. How would you describe the **size** of the following relative to the current needs of your congregation? (✓ one each line)

	Much more than we need	Slightly more than we need	Just about right	Slightly less than we need	Much less than we need
A. Worship space . . . . .	.21%	32%	25%	12%	10%
B. Educational space . . . . .	.8%	13%	26%	28%	25%
C. Fellowship space . . . . .	.5%	4%	35%	26%	30%
D. Space for parking . . . . .	.7%	16%	31%	24%	22%

6. How would you describe the overall physical condition of your congregation's building(s)? (✓ one)
- Excellent . . . . .29%
  - Good . . . . .43%
  - Needs improvement . . . . .22%
  - In serious need of improvements and repairs . . .6%
7. Do any other congregations use your building space for worship?
- Yes . . . . .8%
  - No . . . . .92%

*Congregational  
Programs*

**Section III:**

1. Does your congregation have a Sunday school that meets regularly?
- Yes . . . . .97%
  - No . . . . .3%
- IF YES:
- A. What is the typical, total, weekly attendance of **adults** (18 and over)? . . .Avg. = 54
  - B. What is the typical, total, weekly attendance of **children and teens** (17 and under)? . . . . .Avg. = 35

2. During the past 12 months, did your congregation have any of the following programs or activities in addition to your regular Sunday school?

- IF YES*, was it: • A one-time, short-term or occasional event?  
 • On-going during a particular season?  
 • On-going throughout the year?

*Circle all "Yeses" that apply*

	No	Yes		
		One-Time, Short-Term, Occasional	On-going During A Season	On-going Thru Church Year
A. Bible study (other than Sunday School) . . . . .	10%	17%	17%	62%
B. Theological or doctrinal study . . . . .	30%	38%	20%	10%
C. Prayer or meditation groups . . . . .	10%	15%	12%	65%
D. Spiritual retreats . . . . .	61%	27%	6%	2%
E. Community service . . . . .	30%	42%	14%	12%
F. Parenting or marriage enrichment . . . . .	59%	26%	7%	4%
G. Choir(s) . . . . .	34%	13%	14%	38%
H. Other performing arts (e.g., music, drama) . . . . .	29%	38%	15%	18%
I. Groups that discuss books or contemporary issues . . . . .	61%	14%	10%	12%
J. Self-help or personal growth groups . . . . .	55%	18%	12%	11%
K. Exercise, fitness or weight loss groups or classes . . . . .	67%	13%	9%	9%
L. Sports teams . . . . .	63%	7%	20%	8%
M. Youth/teen activities and programs . . . . .	10%	14%	8%	70%
N. Young adult/singles activities and programs . . . . .	45%	22%	7%	23%

3. How much does your congregation, in its worship and education, emphasize the following home or personal practices? (✓ one on each line)

	A Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Some	Little	Not At All
A. Personal prayer, scripture study or devotions . . . . .	59%	34%	7%	0%	0%
B. Family devotions . . . . .	25%	34%	31%	9%	1%
C. Fasting . . . . .	5%	13%	45%	31%	6%
D. Observing dietary restrictions . . . . .	2%	2%	14%	29%	53%
E. Abstinence from alcohol . . . . .	33%	29%	23%	12%	3%
F. Keeping the Sabbath . . . . .	26%	30%	33%	10%	1%
G. Displaying religious objects, symbols, or pictures in the home . . . . .	5%	9%	16%	26%	44%
K. Abstaining from premarital sex . . . . .	40%	34%	23%	2%	1%

4. In addition to the outreach activities of the denomination, **did your congregation** do any of the following to reach out to new or inactive participants, or to make your congregation better known in your community *during the past 12 months*? **If No**, is the item: **A)** Something that probably would be supported by most members if you tried it; or **B)** Something that probably would not be supported by most members. (✓ one on each line)

	Yes, Done in last 12 Months	----- No, but Members----- A) Would Support	B) Would Not Support
A. Newspaper advertisements or articles . . . . .	.75%	20%	5%
B. Radio or television advertisements or coverage . . . . .	.32%	49%	20%
C. Direct mail promotions to area residents . . . . .	.29%	59%	13%
D. A growth or evangelistic campaign/program . . . . .	.56%	38%	6%
E. Efforts to identify and contact people who have recently moved into your congregation's area . . . . .	.28%	66%	6%
F. Stressing in your congregation's preaching and teaching the importance of witnessing to others about one's faith . . . . .	.93%	7%	0%
G. Special worship services intended to attract the unchurched or non-members (e.g. "Bring a friend" services, seeker services, revivals, etc.) . . . . .	.80%	18%	3%
H. Special programs (e.g. parenting classes, young single nights, art festivals, street ministries) especially intended to attract unchurched persons or non-members in your community. . . . .	.40%	53%	7%
I. Phone calls or personal visits by your pastoral staff . . . . .	.94%	5%	1%
J. Phone calls or personal visits by laity . . . . .	.85%	11%	4%

5. In the past 12 months, did your congregation directly provide or cooperate in providing any of the following services for your own members or for people in the community. "Cooperation" includes financial contributions, volunteer time by congregational members, space in your building, material donations, etc.

	----- Yes, (circle all that apply) -----		
	No	Provided Directly By Your Congregation	Cooperated With Another Congregation, Agency, Or Organization
A. Food pantry or soup kitchen . . . . .	.22%	43%	41%
B. Cash assistance to families or individuals . . . . .	.13%	77%	19%
C. Thrift store or thrift store donations . . . . .	.43%	25%	31%
D. Elderly, emergency or affordable housing . . . . .	.76%	9%	14%
E. Counseling services or "hot line" . . . . .	.68%	24%	8%
F. Substance abuse programs . . . . .	.80%	8%	12%
G. Daycare, pre-school, before/after-school programs .	.86%	10%	3%
H. Tutoring or literacy programs for children & teens .	.87%	9%	3%
I. Voter registration or voter education . . . . .	.80%	16%	4%
J. Organized social issue advocacy or community organizing . . . . .	.79%	10%	11%
K. Employment counseling, placement or training .	.89%	5%	5%
L. Health programs/clinics/health education . . . . .	.83%	8%	8%
M. Hospitals or nursing homes . . . . .	.55%	37%	7%
N. Senior citizen programs (other than housing) .	.66%	27%	6%
O. Program for migrants or immigrants . . . . .	.90%	4%	4%
P. Prison or jail ministry . . . . .	.67%	25%	9%

6. In a typical month, about how many people do you estimate are served through the services your congregation **directly** provides?

Estimated number of people served: Avg. = 71; Median = 25

## Section IV:

1. Which of the following best describes the situation in your congregation? (✓ one)
  - We do not have any problem getting people to accept volunteer leadership roles. . . .15%
  - Recruiting volunteer leaders is a continual challenge, but we eventually find enough willing people. . . . .57%
  - We cannot find enough people who are willing to serve. . . . .28%
  
2. Please describe the current senior pastor by checking all of the boxes that apply or filling in the requested information. **If you have co-pastors**, please check here (5%) and answer the following for the older of your co-pastors. **If you do not currently have a pastor**, please check here (2%) and skip to question 3.
  - A. Age? . . .Avg. = 49; Median = 48
  - B. Paid . . .94%      Volunteer . . .6%
  - C. Full time . . . . .73%
    - Full time, supplemented by outside employment . . .18%
    - Part time . . . . .9%
 IF PART TIME does pastor also:
    - 1) Serve another congregation? .Yes . .3%    No .97%
    - 2) Work a secular job? . . . . .Yes .87%    No .13%
  - D. Male . .98%      Female . . .2%
  - E. Regular call . .97%      Temporary/interim call . .3%
  - F. Highest level of education (✓ one):
    - High school diploma or less . . . . .5%
    - Some college or technical . . . . .27%
    - College bachelors degree . . . . .31%
    - Masters Degree . . . . .30%
    - Doctoral Degree . . . . .6%
  - G. Highest level of **ministerial** education (✓ one):
    - None . . . . .3%
    - Certificate or correspondence program . . . . .18%
    - Bible college or some seminary . . . . .50%
    - Seminary Masters degree (e.g., M.Div) . . . . .24%
    - Post-Masters, Seminary degree (e.g., D.Min) . . .5%
  - H. Race/cultural group (✓ one):
 

American Indian/Alaska Native . . .2%	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander . . . .0%
Asian . . . . .1%	White . . . . .95%
Black or African American . . . . .1%	Other . . . . .1%
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .1%	
  - I. This person became the senior pastor in what year? Median = 1996

3. How many senior pastors, including the current one, have served this congregation during the past 10 years? . . . 1 = 23%; 2 = 30, 3 = 25%, 4+ = 22%
4. How long was the previous senior pastor employed by this congregation? Avg. = 6; Median = 4 yrs.
5. How many paid, ministerial and program staff does this congregation have?
  - A. Number full-time, paid: . . 0 = 36%; 1 = 50%; 2+ = 14%
  - B. Number part-time, paid: . . 0 = 63%; 1 = 19%; 2+ = 18%
6. During the last 12 months, has your congregation been involved in any of the following types of inter-congregational, ecumenical or interfaith activities? (*Circle all the "yeses" that apply*)

	-----With other congregations or persons:-----			
	No	From our Denomination	From other Christian Denominations	From other Faith Traditions
A. Joint worship services . . . . .	.27%	41%	49%	7%
B. Joint celebrations or programs other than worship . . . . .	.33%	29%	41%	5%
C. Joint social outreach or service projects . . . . .	.48%	15%	35%	7%
D. Councils of churches or ministerial associations . . . . .	.38%	24%	49%	7%

7. During the last **five years** has your congregation experienced any disagreements or conflicts in the following areas? (*✓ one on each line*)

	No	-----Yes, and it was:-----		
		Very Serious	Moderately Serious	Not Very Serious
A. Theology . . . . .	.80%	4%	4%	12%
B. Money/Finances/Budget . . . . .	.52%	10%	17%	21%
C. How worship is conducted . . . . .	.54%	5%	13%	29%
D. Program/mission priorities or emphases . . . . .	.68%	4%	10%	18%
E. Who should make a decision . . . . .	.62%	9%	12%	17%
F. Pastor's leadership style . . . . .	.57%	12%	13%	19%
G. Pastor's personal behavior . . . . .	.77%	7%	6%	9%
H. Member's personal behavior . . . . .	.48%	12%	21%	20%
I. Other: _____ . . . . .	.69%	17%	5%	8%

8. When your congregation purchases worship, educational, stewardship, evangelism, etc. materials or supplies, does it purchase them: (✓ one)
- Exclusively from within the denomination . . . . .19%
  - Primarily from within the denomination . . . . .63%
  - Primarily from outside the denomination . . . . .3%
  - Exclusively from outside the denomination . . . . .0%
  - From a pretty even balance between denominational and non-denominational sources . . . .14%
9. Which one of the following three statements best describes your congregation? (✓ one)
- Our congregation has definite expectations for members that are strictly enforced. . . . .16%
  - Our congregation has fairly clear expectations for members, but the enforcement of these expectations is not very strict. . . . .73%
  - Our congregation has only vague expectations for members that are seldom, if ever, enforced. .11%

## Section V:

## Participants

*We know you may have to estimate or guess at the answers to several of the questions in this section and the next section. That is okay.*

1. Approximately how many persons would you say are **associated in any way** with the religious life of your congregation — counting all adults and children, regular and irregular participants, members and also participating non-members.
- Number: . . .Avg. = 236; Median = 125
2. Approximately how many persons — both adults and children — would you say regularly participate in the religious life of your congregation, whether or not they are officially members of your congregation?
- A. Number of regularly participating adults (18 and over): . . .Avg. = 101; Median = 50
- B. Number of regularly participating children and teens (17 and under) . . .Avg. = 50; Median = 25
3. Since 1995, has the above number of regularly participating adults: (✓ one)
- Increased 10% or more . . . . .37%
  - Increased 5% to 9% . . . . .17%
  - Stayed about the same (+/- 4%) . . . . .24%
  - Decreased 5% to 9% . . . . .8%
  - Decreased 10% or more . . . . .12%
  - Our congregation did not exist in 1995 . . . . .1%

4. Of the total number of regularly participating adults, what percent would you estimate are:

	None 0%	Hardly Any 1-10%	Few 11-20%	Some 21-40%	Many 41-60%	Most 61-80%	All Or Nearly All 81-100%
A. Female	.0%	1%	1%	6%	73%	17%	2%
B. Not high school graduates	.7%	44%	25%	12%	6%	3%	3%
C. College graduates	.4%	24%	29%	28%	11%	4%	0%
D. Age 35 or younger	.3%	9%	22%	38%	23%	6%	1%
E. Over 60 years old	.1%	12%	26%	32%	18%	9%	2%
F. Married	.0%	1%	4%	14%	34%	41%	7%
G. Life long Nazarenes	.2%	16%	25%	31%	17%	8%	2%
H. New to the congregation in the last five years	.2%	14%	29%	26%	20%	7%	3%
I. Living in the immediate area around the church building	.4%	24%	27%	17%	14%	10%	4%
J. Commuting more than 15 minutes to get to the worship services	.3%	25%	24%	21%	19%	7%	2%
K. Currently holding volunteer leadership roles in the congregation (e.g. serving on committees, teaching "Sunday school", etc.)	.1%	6%	28%	38%	20%	5%	2%
L. In households with incomes below \$20,000	.3%	29%	30%	19%	11%	6%	3%
M. in households with children under age 18 present	.3%	15%	25%	36%	19%	4%	0%

5. Of the total number of **regularly participating adults**, what percent would you estimate are:

- American Indian/Alaska Native . . . . .0 = 81%; 100 = 0%
- Asian . . . . .0 = 85%; 100 = 1%
- Black or African American . . . . .0 = 66%; 100 = 0%
- Hispanic or Latino . . . . .0 = 62%; 100 = 1%
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander . . . . .0 = 94%; 100 = 0%
- White . . . . .0 = 5%; 100 = 34%
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . .0 = 89%; 100 = 1%

Within these racial/cultural groups, are there any significant national sub-groups (e.g. German , Korean, Irish, Mexican, Caribbean, etc)? Yes . .15% No . .86%

6. Of your total number of adult participants, how many would you estimate are involved in:

	Almost All	Most	Some	Few	None
A. Recruiting new members . . . . .	.2%	8%	40%	46%	5%
B. Activities outside of worship that strengthen their faith . . .	.1%	11%	57%	28%	2%
C. Expressing their faith through helping others . . . . .	.3%	24%	60%	13%	1%

7. How many of the high school age children of your adult participants would you estimate are involved in the religious life and activities of your congregation?

Almost all . . . . .	.23%
Most . . . . .	.35%
Some . . . . .	.20%
Few . . . . .	.11%
Hardly any . . . . .	.11%

## Section VI:

## *Finances*

1. How would you describe your congregation's financial health currently and 5 years ago (1995)?

A. Currently:	Excellent . . . . .	.24%
	Good . . . . .	.32%
	Tight, but manageable . . . . .	.33%
	In some difficulty . . . . .	.8%
	In serious difficulty . . . . .	.3%
B. In 1995:	Excellent . . . . .	.8%
	Good . . . . .	.28%
	Tight, but manageable . . . . .	.34%
	In some difficulty . . . . .	.19%
	In serious difficulty . . . . .	.10%
	Our congregation did not exist in 1995 . . . . .	.1%

Although the “Annual Report of the Pastor” includes a number of financial items, there are just a few additional items we would like to know. Please answer questions 2 and 3 for the church’s last complete fiscal year.

2. Approximately what percentage of your church’s total income last year was from endowments or investments? . . . . . Avg. = 1% (89% had 0%)
  
3. Approximately how much money did your congregation spend in the following areas last year?
  - A. Local mission work (other than through denomination) . . . . . Avg. = \$1,578 (45% had \$0)
  - B. National and international mission work and programs (other than through denomination) . . . . . Avg. = \$1,572 (63% had \$0)
  - C. Subsidies to school, day care or before/after school program . . . Avg. = \$ 421 (93% had \$0)
  - D. Money put into reserve/endowments/investments . . . . . Avg. = \$9,141 (82% had \$0)
  
4. During the past 12 months, what methods did your congregation use to encourage financial giving among members? (✓ all that apply)
 

Sermons on stewardship . . . . .	.87%
Appeals or testimonies from lay participants during worship services . . . . .	.45%
Special fund raisers (fairs, bake sales, etc) . . . . .	.43%
Appeals based on specific, concrete and special needs . . . . .	.80%
Distribution of promotional material (from Stewardship Development, etc.) . . . . .	.36%
Canvassing members by phone or in person (e.g., member visitation) . . . . .	.4%
Pledge or commitment cards . . . . .	.48%
Weekly giving envelopes . . . . .	.68%
Quarterly giving statements . . . . .	.15%
Teaching that a 10% tithe belongs to God, is due God and should be given to God . . . . .	.92%
Teaching that giving a proportion of one’s income, not tithing per se, is sufficient . . . . .	.5%

***Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey!***



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