

Congregation Survey for Youths' and Children's Ministry

We are taking this time to re-evaluate the programming that is offered for the Children and Youths of our congregation, and we value your input.

To help us assess the current and future vision for this vital ministry, please answer the questions below to the best of your ability, and please provide specifics where requested.

Please indicate your status below:

Children have already aged out of programming

No children yet

Children are from:

- 1 to 10 years old ____ (indicate # of children)
- 11 to 18 years old ____ (indicate # of children)

On a scale of 1 to 10, how important do you feel our Youths'/Children's Ministry is to the future of our overall Mission? 1 indicates not important at all; 10 indicates it is a vital piece to our ministry. Mark the appropriate box.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Part 1: Please respond to the following statements with a T for True or F for False:

1. Youths are committed to learning about and experiencing their faith on a regular basis.
2. Youths spend time together throughout the week.
3. There is space in the church building which can be set aside permanently for a youth meeting, lounge, or recreation area.
4. The church is a gathering place for youths.
5. Youths want to try a variety of different things as part of the youth program.
6. There is money available from the youths themselves and within the congregation for special events.

7. There are a number of facilities and resources for different kinds of youth activities in the area.
8. Youths and adults are willing to spend time in advance planning and publicity.
9. We want to place an emphasis on responding to the unique needs of individual youths rather than responding to needs youths have in common.
10. One of our primary concerns is to make youths an integral part of all church activities (e.g., committees, boards, worship, and church school).
11. The congregation has few resources it can devote to a youth program.
12. There are not enough youths in the congregation for a significant group.

Part 2: Check the answers that **best describes** our congregation. Select one answer per question.

13. Which youths does the congregation want to involve in its program?

 Youths whose families belong to our congregation.

 Youths both within and outside our congregation.

14. How would you describe the youths that the congregation wants to involve?

 Relatively free of non-church involvements.

 Heavily involved in non-church activities.

15. How well do the youths know one another?

 Quite well.

 Not very well.

16. How comfortable are the youths with one another?

Quite comfortable.

Not very comfortable.

17. What school(s) do youths attend?

Most attend the same school.

Most attend different schools.

18. How far do most youths live from the church?

Within easy walking or driving distance.

Beyond easy walking or driving distance.

19. What are the feelings of the youths about getting together?

They like to get together regularly.

Although they like getting together, they can't or won't do it often.

They do not enjoy being together.

20. What do adults feel about involvement in the youth program?

There are adults who are willing and able to meet with youths regularly.

There are adults who are willing to work with a group, but they are unable to spend the time to meet regularly.

A number of adults are willing and able to relate with youths, but do not want to conduct a youth program.

21. Please provide any specific information that you feel will assist us with making this a vibrant ministry:

22. If you would like to provide parental/leader assistance with this ministry in the future on a one-time or recurring basis, please provide your contact details and we will reach out to you:

Name:

Telephone #:

Email address: