CONGREGATIONAL SELF ANALYSIS

The following are sample questions that may be used in a congregational self-analysis. They may be used to survey the entire congregation. Please be aware also of the Congregational Profile Form (<https://presbyterian.ca/mcv>).

Click through the form fields using a mouse or keyboard. Keyboard shortcuts: TAB to go forward; SHIFT+TAB to go backward; SPACEBAR to check or uncheck a box.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT OURSELVES AND OUR CONGREGATION**

**My Commitment and Involvement**

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| Why are you a member or adherent of this congregation? | |
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| In what ways are you involved in the work of the church? If you are not involved, why not? | |
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**Assessing our Congregation**

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| Describe the year you remember as being the congregation’s best and what was good about it. | |
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| What is the most significant thing that has happened here in the past year? | |
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| What is the most important strength of this congregation? | |
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| What is the congregation's greatest need? | |
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| If you could change one thing in the congregation, what would it be? | |
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| What is the aspect that you most enjoy and appreciate about our church building? | |
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| What is the aspect about our church building which is the most limiting and frustrating? | |
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**Evaluate your church in the following areas using the scale below:**

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| **A)** | **Worship** | 1  Strongly Disagree | 2  Disagree | 3  Neither Agree nor Disagree | 4  Agree | 5  Strongly Agree |
|  | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I find the sermons meaningful and inspiring in my daily life. | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Our music program enriches worship. | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I like the style of prayers and what the prayers are about. | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I like the order of worship changed occasionally. | |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Our worship meets the needs of: | | | | | | |
|  | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  | Children |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  | Teens |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  | Couples |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  | Singles |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  | Seniors |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **B)** | **Pastoral Care** | 1  Strongly Disagree | 2  Disagree | 3  Neither Agree nor Disagree | 4  Agree | 5  Strongly Agree |
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| The congregation ministers to each other. | |  |  |  |  |  |
| How could this be improved? | | | | | | |
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| **C)** | **Christian Education and Youth Ministries** | 1  Strongly Disagree | 2  Disagree | 3  Neither Agree nor Disagree | 4  Agree | 5  Strongly Agree |
| Our Christian education programs (Church school, Bible study, other programs) meet the needs of: | |  | | | | |
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|  | Children |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  | Teens |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  | Young Adults |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  | Adults |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Senior Citizens |  |  |  |  |  |
| What are the most alive and exciting programs within this church? | | | | | | |
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| What new programs would benefit the congregation in terms of meeting the needs of the congregation and/or community? | | | | | | |
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| **D)** | **Mission (evangelism, community action and world concerns)** | 1  Strongly Disagree | 2  Disagree | 3  Neither Agree nor Disagree | 4  Agree | 5  Strongly Agree |
|  | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Our church attracts new members. | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| We try to make new people part of the church family. | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Where do new members come from and why do they stay? | | | | | | |
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| Is there any age group that is missing from our congregation or not as involved as they could be? | | | | | | |
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| If you are a recent adherent or member of this congregation, how were you made to feel welcome (or unwelcome) here? | | | | | | |
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| Does our church minister to the community? How? | | | | | | |
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| How does the congregation minister to people throughout the world? | | | | | | |
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| Does our church ever get involved in issues like poverty, social justice, the refugee situation, peace-making, nuclear disarmament? | | | | | | |
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| Should the church be involved in these issues? | | | | | | |
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**THE KIND OF MINISTER WE NEED**

**Pastoral Skills and Interest Inventory**

What are the pastoral skills especially needed in the ministry and program of your church? Rank in order of priority from 1 to 18.

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|  | Administration (Managing the affairs of the congregation and other organizations) |
|  | Christian Education (Writing or selecting appropriate curricula for the educational ministry, and planning activities for groups of all ages) |
|  | Community Leadership (In areas like drug problems, schools, community organizations) |
|  | Crisis Visiting (Serving people at times of illness, death, trauma, family crisis, job loss) |
|  | Denominational Service (Sharing in the work of all the courts of the church) |
|  | Equipping Church Members (For integrating Christian faith with life) |
|  | Evangelism (Relating the gospel to people outside the church and helping the congregation to do the same) |
|  | Home Visiting (On a regular basis) |
|  | Inter-Church Co-operation (Working in inter-denominational programs and activities) |
|  | Leadership Development (Planning for and sharing in the training of leaders for the church's program) |
|  | Leading Worship and Preaching (Planning and conducting worship services) |
|  | Mission Outreach (Evangelism and social justice in the community, the country, and the world) |
|  | Pastoral Care (On a regular basis) |
|  | Personal and Spiritual Development (Providing resources and guidance for people's devotional life, and for prayer groups, retreats and other small group experiences) |
|  | Program Development (Establishing goals, and organizing programs in church and community) |
|  | Stewardship (Faithful use of our time, gifts and money in response to the generosity of God in Christ) |
|  | Work with Seniors |
|  | Work with Youth |

**Further Comments**

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| Do you have any closing comments you wish to make about the kind of minister you want? | |
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