

Congregational Survey

Community Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Lincolnshire, Illinois

Please return to the church office by September 6th, 2009

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Additional copies are available from the church office or can be downloaded as a pdf file from the church website under Strategic Planning.

A link to an online survey will be available shortly.

The Strategic Planning Committee is in the process of identifying core strategic goals and objectives for our congregation over the next five years. This survey is preliminary, but important to our planning process. We invite each church participant to complete a survey.

If more writing space is necessary, please attach additional pages.

Circle your age

under 19

19 - 35

36 - 49

50 - 69

over 69

Circle years of participation in CCC

less than 3 years

3-10 years

over 10 years

Complete the following sentences.

I would contact my friends and tell them what wonderful things they are missing, if our

congregation would _____.

The top priority of our church should be _____.

If with the stroke of a pen I could change one thing at our congregation, I would _____

_____.

The things that concern me most about our congregation are _____

_____.

I would lose interest in remaining a member, if _____

_____.

I come to Community Christian Church, because _____

_____.

Please rate the following statements on a scale of 1 to 5
strongly disagree 1 5 strongly agree

Vision

Our Vision Statement is

“ to be a thriving congregation that changes lives through Christ.”

How well have we accomplished this?

I was aware of the Vision Statement before reading this question.

(strongly disagree) 1 2 3 4 5 (strongly agree)

My life has been changed through Christ since attending CCC.

1 2 3 4 5

I have seen others' lives changed through Christ since attending CCC.

1 2 3 4 5

Additional comments:

Mission

Our mission is “We are called to:

- Welcome people into a loving and caring church family,*
- Equip people with a Christ-centered faith that works in real life, and*
- Share Christ’s love for us through compassionate service to others”.*

How well have we followed this?

I was aware of the Mission Statement before reading this question.

(strongly disagree) 1 2 3 4 5 (strongly agree)

I feel welcomed into a loving and caring church family.

1 2 3 4 5

I am being equipped with a Christ-centered faith that works in my life.

1 2 3 4 5

I have shared in Christ’s love through compassionate service to others.

1 2 3 4 5

Additional comments:

Church Life

The questions in this section are from a congregational survey five years ago.

I feel hopeful about the future of this congregation.

(strongly disagree) 1 2 3 4 5 (strongly agree)

We are open to bringing together people of diverse backgrounds

1 2 3 4 5 don't know

I am willing to invite others to this church

1 2 3 4 5

Decision making processes are fair and constructive

1 2 3 4 5 don't know

Members work through differences in healthy ways

1 2 3 4 5 don't know

We are open to considering and trying new ideas

1 2 3 4 5 don't know

We have a clear sense of purpose and direction for the future

1 2 3 4 5 don't know

***Note:** The brief description following each headline is included to provide a sense of how the committee is beginning to understand the issues facing the congregation. Additional topics may emerge and some of the listed topics may recede as we move forward.*

Buildings and Grounds

Underlying concerns

- *consideration of a larger narthex/gathering space*
- *long-term plan for the office building*
- *the place of the Montessori school in these plans*

The current size and configuration of our church buildings is sufficient.

(strongly disagree) 1 2 3 4 5 (strongly agree)

I would support a capital campaign to expand/enhance our facilities.

1 2 3 4 5

What upgrades or changes to the building and/or grounds will enhance our congregation's ministry? _____

Additional comments:

Church Growth

Underlying concerns

- *the relationship of church growth to our congregational priorities*
- *the long-term implications of rising, steady, or declining church membership*
- *adapting our strategic plan to meet congregational expectations*

Our congregation is the perfect size right now.

(strongly disagree) 1 2 3 4 5 (strongly agree)

Growing the church should be a top priority.

1 2 3 4 5

I would support efforts to bring more people into the church.

1 2 3 4 5

I would be disappointed if this church got too big.

1 2 3 4 5

In the past year, I invited someone to visit and consider joining our church.

yes no

Additional comments:

Spiritual Growth

Underlying concerns

- *support and nurture God's call in each of our lives*
- *the spiritual journey of adults, children and youth*
- *youth programming, now and in the future*

Spiritual growth for children and youth is important.

(strongly disagree) 1 2 3 4 5 don't know (strongly agree)

This church encourages the children and youth.

1 2 3 4 5

Having a specific staff person for youth ministry is important.

1 2 3 4 5

Spiritual growth for adults is important.

1 2 3 4 5

I would participate in short-term adult interest groups with an interesting topic.

1 2 3 4 5

I have grown spiritually.

1 2 3 4 5

This church meets my spiritual needs.

1 2 3 4 5

Additional comments:

Staffing issues

Underlying concerns

- *appropriate staffing configuration for our congregation to fulfill God's vision*
- *the best plan and budget to attain and sustain this configuration*

The current ministerial staff meets my needs.

(strongly disagree) 1 2 3 4 5 (strongly agree)

Our church needs more full- or part-time staff to do effective ministry.

1 2 3 4 5

I would support a larger annual budget for additional staff.

1 2 3 4 5

There are ministry areas in the church that are not receiving adequate attention from staff.

1 2 3 4 5

Additional comments:

Outreach: Giving of Money and Time

Underlying concerns

- *communicating our outreach giving to the congregation*

This church does a good job of outreach giving.

(strongly disagree) 1 2 3 4 5 (strongly agree)

I am aware of how much the church gives to outreach.

1 2 3 4 5

I am aware of the organizations the church supports through outreach giving.

1 2 3 4 5

The church should give more to outreach.

1 2 3 4 5

The church should give less to outreach.

1 2 3 4 5

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