

Congregational Life Assessment 3.0 *Oregon Synod Visitation*

These questions provide additional information beyond that available on the ELCA Trend Report. Your responses give a more accurate picture of the life, ministry, leadership and resources of the congregation.



Congregation _____ Date _____

1. Participation in the Life of the faith community:
 - a. What is your average weekly worship attendance? _____
 Is this an increase, even or decrease than 3 years ago? Circle response.
 - b. How many different individuals worship with you in a month, accounting for those who do not attend Sunday services every week? _____
 - c. Active participants in congregation life who do not attend worship # _____

Number of participants in these activities:	worshippers	non-worshippers
Fundraising Activities		
Bible Study or Prayer Groups		
Sunday School or Confirmation Activities		
Social Activities		
Ministry Volunteers		
Financial Donations		

- Other (please specify) _____
- _____

2. Tell us how many you had in 2016:

Adult Baptisms _____ Child Baptisms _____

Confirmations _____

Sunday School total students _____

VBS children _____ volunteers & adults _____

3. Which of these statements best describes the make-up of your council and other committees? *Circle the most appropriate:*
 - a. We always populate all open positions with those who have not yet served in that specific capacity.
 - b. We have a good rotation of both the returning and new congregants who volunteer for these.
 - c. We have a few new members to these positions, but it's mostly the same people volunteering each year.
 - d. The same people continually fill these positions, faithfully and joyfully.
 - e. The same people continually fill these positions, faithfully yet grudgingly.



4. What would you say is the main focus of your congregation's ministries?
Circle the most appropriate:
- a. Growing and sustaining our worship base
 - b. Enriching the lives of our members through faith and spiritual growth programs (Bible study, Youth programs, Women's groups, Elder gatherings, etc)
 - c. Providing charity for the community through direct giving (food pantries, clothing closets, school supply drives, providing hot meals)
 - d. Engaging with others within and outside the congregation to examine and address systemic changes that could positively affect one or more communities

Financial Information:

Congregation provides the previous year and current year to date Income/Expense report and Balance Sheet information.

5. Total contributions from donors \$ _____
6. Percentage of member giving from those with active earned incomes? _____
 Percentage of member giving from those living on retirement funds? _____
 (The ratio of Earned Income Contributions/Retirement Asset Contributions)
7. Breakdown the amount and number of contributing households by age group?
- | Age Group: | Total \$ amount from this group | Number of households |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 80+ | _____ | _____ |
| 70-79 | _____ | _____ |
| 60-69 | _____ | _____ |
| 50-59 | _____ | _____ |
| 40-49 | _____ | _____ |
| 30-39 | _____ | _____ |
| 20-29 | _____ | _____ |
8. Does your current revenue meet the operating expenses and other distributions? If not, where are the additional funds drawn from?
9. Total General Fund Revenue to meet Operating Expenses _____
 (previous year or current year budget)
- a. Contributions General Fund _____
 - b. Rent and Facility Usage _____
 - c. Fundraising for Operations _____
 - d. Savings or Reserve Funds _____



Facilities Information

Building Age and Maintenance

14. In what year(s) were your sanctuary/ parish hall constructed?
Sanctuary _____ Parish Hall _____ Other Building(s) _____

If our sanctuary heating system (or other major system) failed next week, we would have the funds on hand to replace it? Y/N

Such an expense would pose a financial crisis for our congregation Y/N

Based on our answers above, do we see our **building age and maintenance** as a **strength** or a **weakness** for our sustainability as a congregation? _____

15. Approximately how much, in dollars does your congregation spend on required care of the building annually? Do not include general maintenance or janitor. *Use last year as an estimate.*

- \$0 - \$10,000
- \$10,000 - \$25,000
- \$25,000 - \$35,000
- \$35,000 - \$50,000
- Above \$50,000

16. Current Building Usage

Time wise, our building is utilized for ministry gatherings and outside community activities approximately how many hours each week (outside of Sunday morning)?

- 0-5 hours
- 5-20 hours
- 21-40 hours
- 40-60 hours

Overall, our facilities (sanctuary & parish hall) are:

- Under-utilized
- Just right for our needs
- Too small for our needs

Do you currently receive rent or donations for your facilities from other organizations? Y/N

- If so, what percentage of total income does this rent represent on a yearly basis? _____

Based on our answers above, do we see our **current building usage** as an **opportunity** or a **threat** for our sustainability as a congregation? _____

Person Completing Form: _____ Contact info _____
Groups/Names of those involved in this process: _____
