



Congregational Survey Results – June/July 2016 Campbell United Methodist Church

The survey was part of a California-Nevada Conference initiative called *Readiness 360*. A team of twelve persons from Campbell UMC is participating in this initiative, meeting regularly with a coach and with teams from four other United Methodist churches to develop and refine the skills and tools to lead the congregation in multiplying current ministries and beginning new ministries.

115 persons took the survey during June and July—a mix of staff, lay leaders, and active participants in the congregation. The survey’s purpose was to assess our capacity in four areas: *Spiritual Intensity, Dynamic Relationships, Missional Alignment, and Cultural Openness*.

Here are some of the notable findings from the survey:

88% said “There is a spiritual expectancy in the air. People are watching and expecting God to do something amazing.”

83% said they sense the presence of God’s Spirit in worship.

Fewer people believe that practicing spiritual disciplines (prayer, Bible study, etc.) is a major part of our life together.

87% said the staff and lay people team well together to work on ministry and programs.

Fewer people say that our church is committed to team-based ministry.

84% said that they are OK with the idea of growing the church. (Believe it or not, this is not always the case!)

62% said that they have invited friends and neighbors who have become active participants in the church.

92% answered in a way that evidenced that they are committed to the church’s mission more than “what’s in it for them” personally.

87% said they perceive that there is widespread enthusiasm for the church’s current direction.

Fewer respondents were comfortable with the idea of investing for the long term in a new ministry if the project will run in the red for a few years.

89% are willing to look past troublesome cultural issues in order to focus on the bigger purpose of inviting new people into the experience of God’s grace.

Fewer (**53%**) believe that leadership in the church includes a mix of newcomers and old-timers.

63% believe that our church is building relationships with young adults.

Our areas of highest capacity were *Cultural Openness* and *Spiritual Intensity*. All of the results were healthy and positive--extraordinary even--in relation to other churches in the Conference.



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Some interesting notes:

58% of the respondents agreed with the statement “I cannot afford to tithe one tenth of my income to support God’s work.” **42%** disagreed.

63% of current members and leaders said “New people quickly find or create their place of belonging or serving in our church.” Among non-members who participated, fewer (50%) agreed with this statement.

78% agreed that “Our church addresses conflict in healthy ways.”

61% agreed that “Our church struggles to raise needed funds for ongoing ministry and for new ministry initiatives that help us reach new people.”

92% agreed that “I feel that God has entrusted our church with a special mission or purpose in the world around us.”

Thank you for your participation!

The survey results will help the Readiness 360 Team do further visioning work in the months ahead.

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