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U.S. Congregational Mission Survey

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## Congregation Report

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### West End Presbyterian

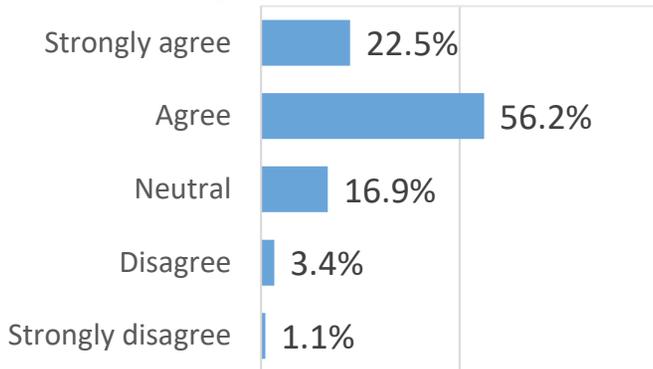
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#### MISSION REPORT

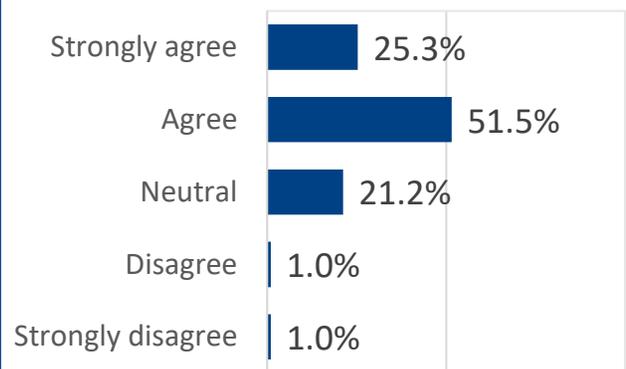
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Your priority and mission	Priority for Worshipers	Mission Focus
	Programming for children and youth	Food and hunger programs

#### I feel a lot of positive energy at this church



#### Participating in church activities is very meaningful



#### The top three things worshipers love about this church

- The people
- Adult Christian Education
- Sunday worship in general

*"The righteousness that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness of God based on faith." Philippeans 3:96*

### What characterizes your life of faith? What do you believe?

This section explores the church on two levels. First is the individual level, which is done through examining the personal faith and beliefs of the worshipers. Second is the institutional level, in which we examine what worshipers love most and least about their church.

## Our life of faith

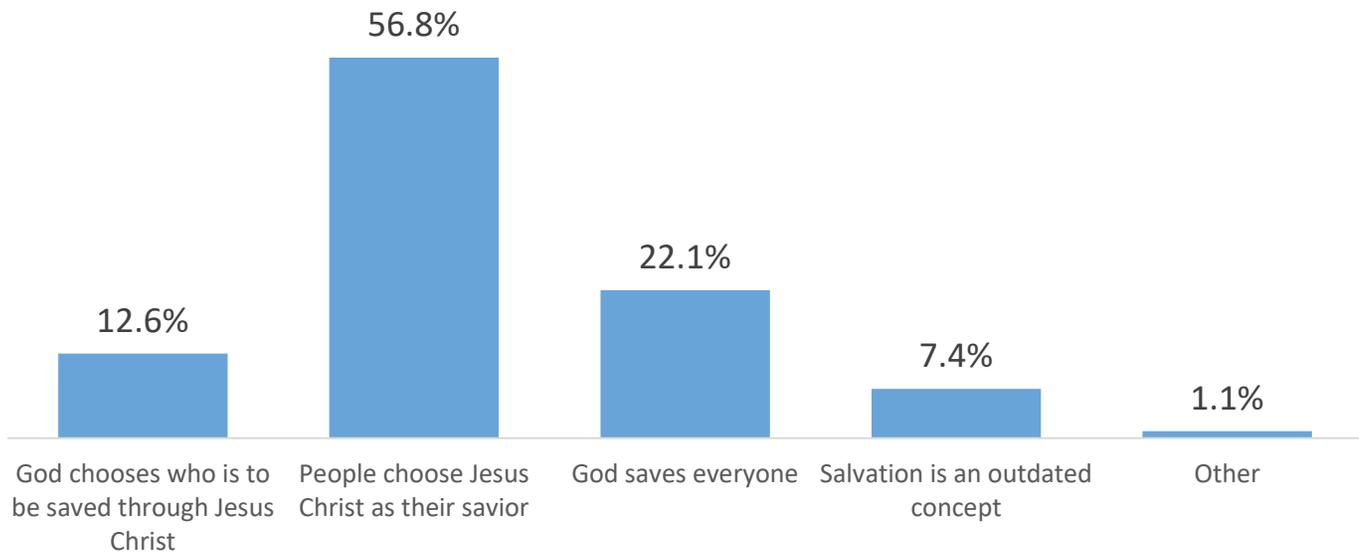
The following items measure the spirituality of members.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
I work to connect my faith to all other aspects of my life.	1%	2%	15%	52%	30%
My spirituality is the basis of my whole approach to life.	3%	2%	24%	48%	24%
I experience the presence of God in my life.	2%	1%	8%	49%	41%

The following items measure members' beliefs.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
The only way to be saved is through Jesus.	5%	7%	19%	30%	39%
The Bible should not be reinterpreted according to changing circumstances.	6%	19%	15%	34%	26%
God's grace means that everyone, no matter who they are or what they do, is loved by God.	2%	2%	3%	29%	64%
God calls us to ministries of justice, mercy, and peace.	2%	0%	4%	36%	58%

### Beliefs about God and Salvation





*“The body does not consist of one member but of many. God has so arranged the body that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.” 1 Cor. 12: 14, 24b-25*

### What do you love about our church? What would you change?

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## Our church

What drew people to this church		Why members love the church	
74%	The people	1.66	The people
57%	Sunday worship in general	1.70	Adult Christian Education
53%	The preaching	1.83	Social justice opportunities
49%	The welcome I received	1.83	Sunday worship in general
42%	Children and youth programming	2.09	This is a hospitable congregation
40%	Fellowship opportunities	2.14	Children and youth programming
31%	Music program	2.17	I grew up here
18%	Mission and outreach (local or international)	2.20	The preaching
18%	Theological views	2.23	Music program
13%	Adult Christian Education	2.25	Mission and outreach (local or international)
10%	Volunteer opportunities	2.29	Theological views
9%	I grew up here	2.30	Fellowship opportunities
4%	Social justice opportunities	3.00	Volunteer opportunities

*\*percentage of members who selected each item*

*\*average ranking out of 12 possible items*

### To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
I feel a lot of positive energy at this church	1%	3%	17%	59%	21%
Participating in church activities is very meaningful to me	1%	1%	21%	52%	25%
Sometimes I think our church is just going through the motions	7%	41%	29%	20%	2%
There are things about our church that could be improved	2%	7%	28%	55%	8%



*"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." Romans 10:13*

### What do you see as the greatest need in your community?

### How is God calling us to reach out to the community in love?

This section explores your mission, ministry, and outreach focus by examining where members feel the church should focus its mission, ministry, and outreach endeavors. In addition, it examines where God is calling members to use their own time, talents, and treasures outside of the church.

## What we should prioritize as a church

2.96	Providing programming for children and youth
3.37	Serving our members who are sick, lonely, elderly, or otherwise need care
3.86	Serving our neighbors; especially the poor, the hungry, and the marginalized
4.01	Strengthening bonds within our congregation
4.47	Being a presence in the community
4.85	Helping our members become better disciples through spiritual formation opportunities
5.48	Spreading the Gospel
6.51	Engaging in justice work by addressing the root causes of problems like poverty, hunger, racism, etc.

*\*average ranking out of 8 possible items*

## What should be our mission focus

2.48	Food and hunger programs
2.52	Serving the youth in our community
3.01	Serving the poor or homeless
4.53	Support for social service agencies
5.54	Environmental concerns
5.64	Racial justice
6.28	Refugee ministries
6.76	International ministries
7.46	LGBTQIA+ justice

*\*average ranking out of 9 possible items*



Are you currently a member of this congregation?

- 97% Yes
- 2% No, but I regularly participate here
- 1% No

How long have you been coming here?

- 0% Less than 1 year
- 11% 1-5 years
- 8% 6-10 years
- 33% 11-20 years
- 31% 21-30 years
- 18% More than 30 years

Are you any of the following? (Select all that apply.)

- 17% Elder
- 9% Deacon
- 7% Christian educator
- 0% Minister, pastor, or priest
- 0% On staff here
- 62% None of the above

Describe your involvement in this church.

- 22% It is increasing
- 53% It is staying about the same
- 25% It is decreasing

Select any of the following ways that you are involved in this church.  
(Select all that apply.)

- 85% I attend worship
- 15% I serve on the leadership council
- 33% I serve on a committee or task force
- 15% I engage in mission work
- 25% I attend or lead a class, Bible study, or small group
- 46% I attend many of the fellowship or special events
- 16% I am in choir or some other music ministry
- 9% I am a worship leader or help with worship
- 5% Other
- 7% None of the above

About how much of your annual income (before taxes) do you give to your church?

- 4% I do not give
- 3% Less than 1%
- 25% 1-3%
- 38% 4-6%
- 14% 7-9%
- 16% 10% or more

Over the past year, how often have you attended worship services at this congregation?

- 31% Every week
- 46% 2-3 times a month
- 7% About once a month
- 11% Occasionally or only for special occasions
- 5% Never

Do any of the following keep you from participating more in the life of the church? (Select all that apply.)

- 20% Work
- 12% Family
- 24% Health
- 27% Travel
- 0% Transportation
- 4% Distance
- 6% Lack of interest
- 25% None of the above
- 7% Other

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF WORSHIPERS



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### Age

2%	up to 17 years
2%	18-25
2%	26-35
21%	36-65
73%	over 65

### Gender

58%	Female
42%	Male
0.0%	Non-binary
0.0%	Other

### Race and Ethnicity

0%	Asian
0%	Black or African American
0%	Hispanic or Latinx
0%	Middle Eastern
0%	Native American
100%	White
0%	Multiracial
0%	Other

### Household

8%	Lives alone
67%	Couple
10%	Couple with children
1%	Single adult with children
2%	Adult with parents
4%	Live with extended family
2%	Roommates

### Employment

18%	Work full-time
8%	Work part-time
3%	Self-employed
2%	Full-time homemaker
0%	Stay-at-home parent
3%	Student
2%	Unemployed
68%	Retired

### Education

2%	Some high school or less
15%	High school diploma
2%	Trade certificate
10%	Associate degree
31%	Bachelors degree
19%	Masters degree
7%	Doctorate or professional degree

### Income (pre-tax)

6%	Less than \$25,000
19%	\$25,000 to \$49,999
9%	\$50,000 to \$74,999
18%	\$75,000 to \$99,999
31%	\$100,000 to \$149,999
17%	\$150,000 or more

### Political Orientation

46%	More on the conservative side
33%	More on the moderate side
21%	More on the liberal side

### Theological Orientation

41%	More on the conservative side
36%	More on the moderate side
23%	More on the liberal side



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