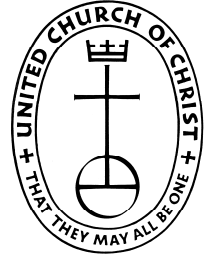


2010 NATIONAL SURVEY OF UCC CONGREGATIONS



Your congregation has been selected to participate in a national study of religious life in America. Your responses are confidential and will contribute to a better understanding of our local churches and how they do ministry. In order to create a complete picture of congregations in America we need to hear from you.

This survey can be completed by your pastor, a staff member, church administrator, or a well-informed lay leader. You can also complete the survey on-line at <http://UCCFACT.questionpro.com>.



Thank you for your willingness to be included in this important national study.

Worship

1. Please describe the worship services your congregation holds on a **typical weekend**:

<i>For each day or time on a typical weekend:</i>	Friday	Saturday	Sunday AM	Sunday PM
Write in the number of worship services held on each day or time	1 – 1%	1 – 3%	0 – 2% 1 – 85% 2 – 12% 3 – 1%	1 – 5%
Statistic are as follows: Range is lowest-highest; 25% of churches are below 1st quarter, 50% below median, 75% below 3rd quarter; Mean=sum/count. The presence of 1 very large church distorts the mean, making the median a better indicator of “average” size.	Range 1st quarter/Median/3rd Quarter Mean			
Write in the average (or typical) attendance for all services on this day or time:	10-1500 15/20/44 232	5-130 10/19/30 27	7-2300 40/70/111 91	7-2300 25/42/60 118

2. If you hold **more than one service** on a typical weekend, how different are these services from each other?
- 83%** We have only one service on a typical weekend
4% Very similar or identical in style
5% One or more is *somewhat* different in style from the other(s)
8% One or more *very* different in style from the other(s)
3. **During the past 5 years**, has your congregation *changed the style* of any of its weekend worship services or added a new service with a different style of worship?
- 36%** No change in style
31% Changed style a little
19% Changed style somewhat
5% Changed style a lot
9% Added a new service with a different style of worship
4. On a typical weekend, does your congregation hold a worship service in a language **other than English**, or one that is **bilingual** in English and another language? (full services, not occasional songs or readings)
- 95%** No
5% Yes → What other language (s)? (**Numbers of congregations, not percentages**)

1- American Sign Language (monthly)
 2- Armenian
 1- Hawaiian
 1- Hungarian

4- Japanese
 3- Korean
 1- Mandarin
 1- Marshallese
 1- Pohnpeian

1- Portuguese Creole
 7- Samoan
 10- Spanish
 1- Tamil

5. So far in 2010 and for the past 5 years, estimate the **average attendance at your regular weekend worship services**. If you have more than one weekend worship service, estimate the attendance for all weekend services combined. Do not include special services such as weddings or funerals.

Note: These statistics are similar to those for question 1, Average Attendance above. They include all congregations. When the statistics were recalculated using only those congregations submitting attendance for each year, the statistics were almost identical.

		AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	
Range		7-2300		5-2400	
1 st Qtr/ Median/3 rd Qtr		40/70/110	2010	42/70/110	2007
Mean		90		92	
Range		6-2300		5-2800	
1 st Qtr/ Median/3 rd Qtr		40/68/107	2009	42/70/115	2006
Mean		88		94	
Range		8-2400	2008	4-2800	2005
1 st Qtr/ Median/3 rd Qtr		40/70/110		45/75/116	
Mean		92		99	

6. How often are the following a part of your congregation's **regular weekend worship services**?

✓ ONE ON EACH LINE	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Choir.....	12%	8%	9%	33%	38%
Organ.....	10%	5%	5%	17%	64%
Drums or other percussion instruments.....	38%	31%	19%	6%	6%
Electric guitar or bass.....	50%	29%	12%	4%	6%
Visual projection equipment.....	46%	21%	15%	4%	13%
Kneeling by the congregation.....	86%	7%	2%	3%	2%
Communion, Eucharist, Lord's Supper.....	<0.5%	1%	33%	59%	7%
Reading or performing by children or youth.....	7%	22%	48%	19%	4%
Giving testimony.....	31%	39%	23%	5%	2%
Prayers of the people.....	4%	5%	9%	13%	69%
Passing the Peace.....	18%	12%	14%	8%	48%
Healing Prayer or Anointing.....	34%	30%	23%	8%	5%

7. How well do the following describe your congregation's **largest regular weekend worship service**?

V ONE ON EACH LINE	Not at all	Slightly	Somewhat	Quite Well	Very Well
Reverent.....	1%	4%	30%	45%	21%
Filled with a sense of God's presence.....	0%	2%	14%	51%	33%
Joyful.....	<0.5%	3%	22%	45%	31%
Innovative.....	5%	27%	37%	19%	12%
Inspirational.....	0%	3%	20%	53%	24%
Thought-provoking.....	1%	2%	16%	49%	32%

8. How would you rate the **overall experience of worship** in your congregation?

- 30% Consistently very good to excellent
- 53% A solid, good experience
- 15% OK, but could be better
- 2% We need to improve in many areas

Programs

1. Does your congregation have any of the following programs or activities? **If yes**, how much emphasis is given to the activity?

V ONE ON EACH LINE	No	Yes		
		Some emphasis	A lot of emphasis	Specialty of the congregation
Sunday school or church school.....	12%	24%	51%	13%
Children's choir.....	57%	26%	14%	3%
Prayer or meditation groups.....	38%	42%	16%	4%
Bible studies (other than Sunday school).....	20%	44%	29%	7%
Programs for children other than Sunday AM.....	35%	38%	20%	7%
Fellowship, trips, or other social activities.....	13%	49%	29%	8%
Music program.....	13%	29%	34%	24%
Adult faith development or spiritual growth classes	27%	43%	24%	6%
Spiritual retreats.....	61%	31%	6%	2%
Support groups (bereavement, job loss, 12-step)....	58%	30%	10%	3%
Community service activities.....	6%	38%	35%	20%
Parenting or marriage enrichment activities.....	73%	23%	3%	1%
Young adult activities or programs.....	59%	31%	8%	3%
Youth activities or programs.....	27%	37%	27%	10%
Women's ministry/fellowship.....	25%	34%	32%	9%
Men's ministry/fellowship.....	56%	30%	11%	2%
Team sports, fitness activities, exercise classes.....	78%	18%	3%	1%

2. How many small groups or new ministries were started in the last year? **Range = 0-38; Mean = 1;**

- 38% No groups
- 21% 1 group
- 23% 2 groups
- 16% 3-5 groups
- 2% 6 or more

3. Overall, to what extent are your congregation's active members involved in recruiting new people?
- 7% Not at all
 - 42% A little
 - 37% Some
 - 11% Quite a bit
 - 3% A lot
4. **During the past 12 months**, how often did your congregation hold special events or programs **to attract people from the community** (such as concerts, fairs, seminars, plays, special meals, etc.)?
- 10% Never
 - 41% Once or twice in the last year
 - 43% Several times in the last year
 - 6% Once a month or more
5. How are visitors contacted after they attend your worship services or other activities?
- ✓ ALL THAT APPLY*
- 10% We rarely, if ever, have any visitors
 - 13% We rarely, if ever, contact our visitors
 - 68% We contact visitors by mail
 - 37% We contact visitors by phone
 - 28% We contact visitors by e-mail
 - 22% We contact visitors by personal visit
 - 27% We send materials about our congregation to our visitors
6. **During the past 12 months**, on average, how many **visitors** did your congregation have **each month**?
- Range = 0-100; 1st Qtr/Median/3rd Qtr (25%/50%/75%) = 2/4/8; mean = 6; 10% reported no visitors.**
7. In the past 12 months, how has your congregation been involved in mission activities? (check all that apply)
- 37% hosted mission speaker
 - 85% collected or raised money for mission projects in another part of the US or other country (other than through OCWM and the UCC Special Offerings)
 - 81% collected items for distribution to needy in US or other country (e.g., hygiene kits)
 - 29% sponsored short-term work camp or mission trip in US
 - 9% sponsored short-term work camp or mission trip in another country
 - 22% sponsored a child in another country
 - 4% sent members as volunteers in mission (more than 3 months)

8. Thinking about all your mission **activity**, what percentage was:

Range	0-100%	through the UCC or UCC agencies (including Church World Service)
Quartiles	25/50/75	
Mean	49	
None or 0%	10%	
All or 100%	5%	
Range	0-100%	through agencies not related to the UCC (e.g., Heifer Project, World Vision, Rotary International)
Quartiles	5/20/40	
Mean	24	
None or 0%	22%	
All or 100%	1%	
Range	0-100%	through projects you developed on your own that were not associated with another group
Quartiles	0/10/30	
Mean	21	
None or 0%	31%	
All or 100%	2%	

9. **During the past 12 months**, did your congregation provide any of the following services for your own members or for people in the community?

If yes, did you provide these services directly or together with another congregation or group?

	No	Yes	
		Provided directly	Together with another group
✓ ALL THAT APPLY			
Food pantry or soup kitchen.....	15%	38%	55%
Cash assistance for individuals or families.....	17%	69%	20%
Day care, pre-school, before or after-school programs	72%	19%	9%
Tutoring or literacy programs	87%	7%	7%
Health education, clinics, parish nurse	78%	15%	8%
Community organizing, organized social issue advocacy	67%	16%	20%
Job placement, job training, employment counseling.....	92%	4%	5%
Financial counseling or education	88%	8%	6%
Elderly or home-bound programs.....	53%	39%	11%
Voter education or registration	87%	8%	6%
Programs for migrants or immigrants.....	89%	7%	6%
AIDS ministries	92%	3%	6%

10. How much does your congregation emphasize the following *personal and family religious practices*?

<i>✓ ONE ON EACH LINE</i>	Not at all	A little	Some	Quite a bit	A lot
Personal prayer, meditation, devotions or other spiritual practices	2%	14%	35%	32%	18%
Personal Bible study	4%	19%	40%	24%	14%
Fasting.....	75%	17%	5%	1%	1%
Keeping the Sabbath day holy	21%	30%	24%	18%	7%
Observing dietary restrictions	87%	8%	4%	1%	1%
Abstaining from premarital sex	61%	21%	10%	5%	3%
Family devotions.....	16%	33%	33%	12%	6%
Parents talking with their children about faith	9%	20%	36%	26%	10%
Tithing or proportional giving to the church	10%	20%	42%	22%	7%

11. Which of the following technologies does your congregation use on a regular basis?

✓ ALL THAT APPLY

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 87% E-mail | 14% Automatic deductions of regular giving via an on-line service such as VANCO |
| 69% Website | 7% Opportunities to donate to the church or its projects by clicking a button on your website |
| 10% Blogs | 5% Other → |
| 35% Facebook or other social media | |
| 5% Podcasts | |

Note: Responses are number of churches, not percent of churches.

New technologies

- 1 Chat group
- 1 Inphonet
- 1 Shutterfly
- 1 On-line Bible Study class using Skype
- 1 Web-hosted database
- 1 Wireless internet
- 2 Weekly sermons disseminated by mp3 (1) Youtube (1)
- 2 Youtube (1 I-movies)
- 3 Services on DVD (1) and VCR (2)
- 1 Once monthly streaming of worship service on internet
- 3 Electronic newsletter (PDF) (weekly)
- 2 Texting, mainly to youth
- 1 Twitter

Older technologies

- 1 Constant contact
- 1 Monthly newsletter
- 4 Mail
- 2 Phone calls
- 1 Provide pre-printed offering envelopes
- 1 Word of mouth
- 1 Newspaper

Mission and Identity

1. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

✓ ONE ON EACH LINE

<i>Our congregation:</i>	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral/ Unsure	Agree	Strongly agree
Is like a close-knit family	1%	5%	10%	54%	31%
Is spiritually vital and alive	1%	6%	19%	58%	17%
Is not that different from other congregations in our community	10%	32%	20%	31%	6%
Has a clear mission and purpose	2%	11%	24%	50%	13%
Is a “moral beacon” in our community	1%	12%	38%	39%	10%
Is willing to change to meet new challenges	3%	11%	24%	47%	14%
Wants to grow in membership	1%	2%	9%	48%	41%
Holds strong beliefs and values	<0.5%	3%	14%	58%	24%
Celebrates its denominational heritage.....	3%	11%	24%	46%	17%
Wants to be racially and culturally diverse.....	2%	10%	31%	38%	18%
Is working for social justice	4%	11%	33%	37%	15%
Participates actively in UCC wider church	4%	12%	24%	44%	17%

2. How would you describe the ***theological outlook*** of the majority of your regularly participating adults? *✓ ONE*

Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
11%	23%	37%	24%	4%

Participants

1. How many persons (including children) ***regularly participate*** in worship or other religious activities in your congregation? **Range = 2 – 7500; 1st Qtr/Median/3rd Qtr = 50/90/160; Mean = 139**

2. Of your regular participants (**the figure given above**), estimate the ***number*** who are: (*see chart*)

	American Indian/Alaska Native
	Asian
	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
	Black or African American
	Hispanic or Latino/a
	White
	Biracial/multiracial

Percentages of Congregations Reporting Each Percentage of Each Ethnic Group

Ethnic Group	0%	<5%	5% to 10%	10% to 25%	26% to 50%	51% to 74%	75% to 89%	90% to 94%	95% to 99%	100%
African-American	59%	29%	4%	3%	1%	<0.5%	1%	<0.5%	1%	2%
Native American	88%	10%	1%	1%	0%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	0%	0%
Asian	71%	22%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<0.5%	1%	<0.5%
Pacific Islander	88%	8%	1%	1%	0%	<0.5%	<0.5%	0	<0.5%	1%
Hispanic	71%	22%	3%	2%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	1%	1%	<0.5%
White	6%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	12%	12%	26%	32%
Multi-racial/ethnic	64%	23%	7%	5%	1%	<0.5%	<0.5%	0%	<0.5%	<0.5%

3. Of your regular participants, estimate the *percent* who are:

Range	0-95%	Senior adults, age 65 or older
Quartiles	24/40/60%	
Mean	41%	
Range	0-100%	Adults, age 50-64
Quartiles	15/20/30%	
Mean	23%	
Range	0-90%	Adults, age 35-49
Quartiles	10/15/20%	
Mean	16%	
Range	0-60%	Younger adults, age 18-34
Quartiles	3/6/10%	
Mean	8%	
Range	0-50%	Children and youth, age 0-17
Quartiles	5/10/20%	
Mean	12%	

4. Of your total regular participants **age 18 and older**, estimate the **percent** who are:

Range	10-99%	Female
Quartiles	60/60/70%	
Mean	63%	
Range	0-100%	College graduates
Quartiles	20/50/70%	
Mean	46%	
Range	0-100%	New to this congregation in the past 5 years
Quartiles	5/10/25%	
Mean	17%	
Range	0-95%	"Out" lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender persons
Quartiles	0/0/3%	
Mean	4%	
Range	0-100%	Life-long UCC, Congregational Christian, or Evangelical & Reformed
Quartiles	15/40/70%	
Mean	43%	
Range	0-100%	Living within 15 minutes of this congregation's place of worship
Quartiles	60/80/90%	
Mean	72%	

5. How many people are associated **in any way** with the religious life of your congregation?

Range = 1-9000; Quartiles = 55/120/224; Mean = 214

Leadership

1. Our congregation has:

- 17%** A senior pastor with one or more assistant or associate pastors
- 77%** One pastor (no assistant or associate pastors)
- 3%** Co-pastors (two or more persons sharing the pastoral role equally)
- 2%** No pastor at present (and no interim)

Please describe the **pastor** or **principal leader** of your congregation (if co-pastors, answer only about your oldest co-pastor).

2. Age **Range = 26-86; Quartiles = 50/57/63; Mean = 57. 34 clergy (5%) are in their 20's and 30's.**

3. **66%** Male **34%** Female

4. Employment status of pastor (**✓ONE**)

- 64%** Full-time paid
- 1%** Full-time unpaid
- 34%** Part-time paid
- 1%** Part-time unpaid

5. Pastor's ordained Status

- 6%** Layperson **94%** Ordained

6. Does the pastor have standing in the UCC?

- 92%** Yes
- 2%** In process
- 6%** No

7. Permanent or temporary status
84% Permanent pastor (called or installed)
13% Interim or supply pastor
3% Retired clergy serving as pastor

8. Pastor’s highest level of education
1% High school diploma or GED
4% Some college or technical school; associate's degree
9% College bachelor’s degree
66% Master's degree (including M Div)
21% Doctoral degree (PhD, D Min)

9. Pastor’s race/ethnicity:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 4% African-American | 1% Pacific Islander (mostly Samoan) |
| <0.5% Native American | 82% White |
| 2% Asian | 1% Biracial/biethnic (many variations) |
| 1% Hispanic/Latino | 8% blank or “human” |

10. This person became the pastor of your congregation in what year? **Range 1968-2010; Quartiles = 2000/2005/2008; Mean = 2003**

11. How much time does your pastor spend in the following areas?

✓ ONE ON EACH LINE	Very Little	Some	Quite a Bit	A Great Deal
Planning and leading worship.....	<0.5%	7%	54%	39%
Developing and promoting a vision and purpose for the congregation.....	5%	36%	42%	16%
Evangelism or outreach to new people	14%	53%	27%	6%
Recruiting and training lay leaders	23%	54%	19%	4%
Providing pastoral care (visiting the sick, counseling people) ..	2%	23%	46%	28%
Teaching people about the faith and scripture	3%	31%	44%	22%
Leading small groups (for sharing, support, spiritual growth)..	21%	46%	26%	7%
Administration, supervision and committee meetings	6%	33%	43%	18%
Representing the congregation in the community.....	10%	40%	34%	16%
Representing the congregation in the UCC wider church, association, conference, or national.....	14%	42%	32%	13%
Teaching or leadership in stewardship and fund-raising.....	24%	50%	21%	6%
Engaging youth and young adults.....	20%	46%	26%	8%
Dealing with conflict and disagreements.....	28%	45%	20%	8%

12. **During the past 3 years**, has your pastor met regularly with other ministers or pastoral leaders in a **small** group for continuing education and support?

81% Yes → If YES, for how long has your pastor participated in such a group?

Range = 0-50; Quartiles = 2/4/9; Mean = 7

19% No

13. How many people are employed by your congregation *including your pastor*?

<i>WRITE IN NUMBER OF:</i>	Full-time paid employees	Part-time paid employees
Ordained professionals (pastor & other ordained ministers)	41% None 52% 1 5% 2 1% 3 to 8	67% None 30% 1 3% 2 1% 3 to 10
Lay administrative professionals	91% None 8% 1 1% 2-10%	81% None 15% 1 3% 2 1% 3-15
Lay program professionals (including musicians and lay pastors)	89% None 6% 1 2% 2 2% 3-10	39% None 29% 1 18% 2 7% 3 4% 4 1% 5 2% 6-18
Clerical or secretarial employees	88% None 10% 1 2% 2 1% 3-25	50% None 45% 1 4% 2 1% 3-5
Custodial or maintenance employees	88% None 9% 1 2% 2 1% 3-25	37% None 52% 1 9% 2 1% 3 1% 4-8
Other employees of the congregation	97% 0 1% 1 2% 2-40	82% None 10% 1 4% 2 1% 3 1% 4 2% 5-28

14. Do the same people tend to serve in volunteer leadership roles year after year, or does your congregation rotate volunteer service among a larger number of people?

23% The same people tend to serve

62% Although there is some rotation, it tends to be among a limited number of people

14% We have a lot of rotation among persons in volunteer leadership roles

15. *During the past 12 months*, has your congregation been involved in any of the following ecumenical or interfaith activities?

	No	Yes	
		With other Christian groups	With other faith traditions
<i>✓ ALL THAT APPLY ON EACH LINE</i>			
Worship services.....	19%	70%	19%
Joint celebrations, fairs, meals or cultural events	39%	52%	16%
Educational or fellowship activities.....	40%	53%	14%
Community service activities.....	24%	62%	23%

16. **During the past 5 years** has your congregation experienced any disagreements or conflict in the following areas?

	No	Yes			
		But it was not serious	Some people left	Some people withheld donations	Pastor or staff member left
✓ ALL THAT APPLY ON EACH LINE					
Finances or budget	46%	38%	9%	7%	5%
How worship is conducted	59%	27%	12%	2%	2%
Program priorities.....	70%	22%	7%	1%	1%
Actions of General Synod or the wider church.....	61%	18%	17%	8%	1%
Pastor's leadership style	62%	15%	19%	6%	8%
Pastor's personal behavior	82%	6%	7%	4%	6%
Members' personal behavior	66%	17%	16%	3%	2%
Use of facilities.....	66%	30%	3%	1%	<0.5%

Finances

1. What was the approximate dollar amount of your congregation's total budget for **2009**? (Do not count funds for capital improvements or primary/secondary schools)

Range = \$2000 to \$10.5 million; Quartiles = \$75,000/\$123,016/\$202,764; Mean = \$193,700

2. Of this total budget amount, estimate the **percent** that was spent in each of the following categories in **2009** (or most recent fiscal year).

	100%	Total
Range	0-90%	Staff salaries and benefits
Quartiles	47/57/65%	
Mean	54%	
Range	0-98%	Building operations (utilities, mortgage, insurance, maintenance, etc.)
Quartiles	15/22/30%	
Mean	24%	
Range	0-40%	Program support and materials (for Sunday school, evangelism, education, etc.)
Quartiles	3/5/10%	
Mean	7%	
Range	0-60%	Mission and benevolence (including assessments)
Quartiles	5/8/10%	
Mean	9%	
Range	0-80%	All other expenditures
Quartiles	0/4/10%	
Mean	7%	

3. What percentage of the people in your congregation pledge ? **31% of churches do not pledge at all; Of all responses, range = 0-100%; Quartiles = 0/40/65%; Mean = 37%; Of pledging churches, Range = 2-100; Quartiles = 35/56/75; Mean = 54%**

4. What percentage of those pledges are paid in full? **Of pledging churches, Range=0-100; Quartiles = 68/90/96%; Mean=75%**

5. Does your church have an **endowment**?
- 37%** No
 - 22%** Yes, less than \$100,000
 - 27%** Yes, between \$100,000 and \$500,000
 - 7%** Yes, between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000
 - 7%** Yes, \$1,000,000 or more

6. How would you describe your congregation’s financial health today and five years ago?

Today	2005
10% In serious difficulty	7% In serious difficulty
19% In some difficulty	20% In some difficulty
46% Tight, but we manage	39% Tight, but we managed
19% Good	28% Good
6% Excellent	6% Excellent

7. How would you assess the **impact of the 2008-2009 economic crisis** on your congregation’s income?

- 18%** Our income declined a lot
- 42%** Our income declined a little
- 10%** Our income declined at first, but has since rebounded
- 25%** No significant change in income
- 6%** Our income has grown

8. How would you assess the **impact of the 2008-2009 economic crisis** on your congregation in the following areas?

✓ ONE ON EACH LINE	No impact	Minor impact	Moderate impact	Major impact
Impact on Congregational Staff and Operations				
Staff layoffs or furloughs.....	86%	7%	4%	3%
Staff salary reductions or salary freeze.....	48%	21%	17%	14%
Delays in filling staff positions.....	83%	6%	5%	5%
Funds available from investments or savings account	33%	24%	26%	17%
Funds available for mission and benevolence	41%	28%	21%	10%
Capital campaign or building program.....	59%	18%	12%	11%
Impact on Individuals				
Requests for pastoral counseling.....	38%	38%	20%	5%
Requests for cash assistance.....	26%	33%	26%	15%
Requests for emergency housing	58%	23%	12%	7%
Unemployment among your members.....	20%	44%	28%	7%

Your Church’s Vitality

1. Has your congregation participated in the denominational congregational vitality training? This training could include association, conference or wider church workshops, webinars, and using the resources on the vitality webpages.
- 44%** Not at all
 - 33%** A little – pastor or lay person attended a workshop or participated in a webinar
 - 16%** Some – several people attended one or more workshops or webinars, or studied website materials
 - 7%** Significant – A team of pastor and laity attended a multi-day event

2. How has the StillSpeaking Initiative affected your congregation? (check all that apply)

- 3% A significant number of new people have attended as a result
- 24% A few people attended at least in part as a result
- 37% Members learned more about what it means to be part of the UCC
- 24% Members took greater pride in their identity as part of the UCC
- 43% No impact
- 13% Aroused controversy or criticism or lost members

3. How would you rate your congregation in each of the following areas?

✓ ONE ON EACH LINE	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure or Mixed	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
This congregation is always ready to try something new	10%	36%	39%	11%	4%
The current morale of this congregation is high	18%	46%	24%	9%	3%
This congregation is strongly focused on serving the wider community beyond the congregation	20%	42%	26%	10%	2%
This congregation makes a real difference in the lives of its members and their families	25%	59%	14%	2%	<0.5%
Members of the congregation have a sense of excitement about the future	13%	38%	37%	10%	2%
The members and pastor(s) share a clear vision, goals, or direction for their ministry and mission	10%	43%	35%	10%	2%
Our congregation is a vital congregation.....	20%	49%	21%	8%	2%

4. In the **last 5 years**, to what extent has the congregation's strength changed in each of these areas?

	A great deal stronger	Moderately stronger	A little stronger	About the same	Not as strong
Spiritually	13%	34%	29%	21%	3%
In fellowship or love for each other	12%	36%	25%	23%	3%
In its organizational practices (planning, decision-making, handling conflict, developing leaders)	12%	28%	29%	25%	6%
In its understanding of stewardship and ability to raise and manage money	8%	23%	29%	36%	5%
In missional outreach (either in your community or around the world)	13%	29%	26%	27%	5%
In its ability to evangelize or reach out to people in your community with the Gospel	3%	13%	27%	50%	7%
In making a difference in the lives of members and their families	10%	28%	34%	26%	1%

Location and Facility

1. How would you describe the **location** of your place of worship? **✓ ONE**

- 19% **Rural area or open country**
- 32% **Village or town** with a population of less than 10,000
- 18% **Small city or large town** with a population of 10,000 to 50,000
- 9% **Downtown** or central area of a **large city** with a population of 50,000 or more
- 11% **Older residential area** of a **large city** with a population of 50,000 or more
- 10% **Older suburb** around a **large city** with a population of 50,000 or more
- 1% **Newer suburb** around a **large city** with a population of 50,000 or more

2. In what zip code is your congregation's place of worship physically located?

UCC Regions

- 23% Great Lakes**
- 20% Middle Atlantic**
- 21% New England**
- 6% Southern**
- 15% Western**
- 16% Plains/Upper Midwest**

3. What is the approximate seating capacity of the space where your largest worship service is held?

Range = 25-3000; Quartiles = 150/200/275; Mean=236

4. How adequate are the following for the *current needs* of your congregation?

<i>✓ ONE ON EACH LINE</i>	Much less than we need	Slightly less than we need	Just about right	Slightly more than we need	Much more than we need
Space for worship	2%	4%	39%	29%	26%
Space for parking	14%	22%	40%	16%	8%

In what year was your church organized?

Range =1616-2010, Quartiles = 1842/1879/1911; Mean = 1874