

NATIONAL CONGREGATIONS STUDY, WAVE II
Questionnaire

NCS ID NUMBER: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

INTERVIEWER – BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE INTERVIEW YOU MUST READ VERBATIM THE FOLLOWING INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT TO THE RESPONDENT.

“Before we begin, I need to read you an introductory statement about the study. It’s a bit long, but please bear with me.

NORC, on behalf of Mark Chaves at the University of Arizona, is conducting the National Congregations Study in order to document the work, programs, and activities of America’s religious congregations. The information collected will be used by scholars, religious leaders, and students to better understand religious congregations and better meet their changing needs. The success of this study depends very much on your cooperation. We are very appreciative of your time.

The questions we will ask have to do with your congregation’s work, programs, and activities. You can decline to answer any question that you feel uncomfortable with. Most participants find the survey to be interesting, and they enjoy the opportunity to talk about their congregation and their work. Some of the questions might not apply to you, but I need to ask each question. We expect the interview to take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

Your participation is voluntary. You may terminate this interview at any time, or refuse to answer any or all questions. All information that you provide will be kept in strict confidence by NORC and University of Arizona researchers, and will only be released publicly in summary form. It is important to us to protect your privacy, and the privacy of your congregation.

Is it ok to proceed with the interview?”

IF RESPONDENT AGREES, INITIAL HERE: _____
AND PROCEED TO INTERVIEW.

IF RESPONDENT DISAGREES, PLEASE DIRECT THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION BASED UPON THEIR CONCERN AND INFORM YOUR SUPERVISOR.

START TIME: _____

SECTION 1: CONTACT INFORMATION

First, I'd like to be sure I have the correct contact information.

1. What is the full name of your congregation?

2. What is the full street address and telephone number of your congregation?

ADDRESS LINE 1: _____

ADDRESS LINE 2: _____

ADDRESS LINE 3: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____

3. IF THE ADDRESS GIVEN IN Q2 IS A PO BOX, ASK:

What is your congregation's *street* address? [IF NO SPECIFIC STREET ADDRESS PROBE FOR NEAREST INTERSECTION AND WRITE IN ADDRESS LINE 1.]

ADDRESS LINE 1: _____

ADDRESS LINE 2: _____

ADDRESS LINE 3: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

4. What county is this congregation in? _____

5. What is *your* name, address, and telephone number?

NAME: _____

ADDRESS LINE 1: _____

ADDRESS LINE 2: _____

ADDRESS LINE 3: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____

6. What is your position in this congregation?

7. For how long have you been actively involved with this congregation?

NUMBER OF YEARS: _____

NUMBER OF MONTHS: _____

SECTION 2: BASIC INFORMATION

Thank you. Now I'd like to ask you some basic questions about your congregation.

8. In what year was your congregation officially founded? _____

9. Is your congregation formally affiliated with a denomination, convention, or some similar kind of association?

YES1
NO [GO To Q9b]2

9a. Please tell me the name of your denomination or other association.

IF R VOLUNTEERS MORE THAN ONE, RECORD UP TO 3, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL AFFILIATIONS.

First Mention: _____

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9b. What is your congregation's religion or religious group?

10. Does your congregation meet in a [church/temple/mosque], or in some *other* kind of building?

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10a. What type of building does your congregation currently use for the primary worship services? PROBE WITH CATEGORIES IF NECESSARY.

- SCHOOL 1
- NONCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER 2
- HOTEL 3
- THEATER 4
- PRIVATE HOME 5
- SHOPPING MALL 6
- STORE FRONT 7
- OTHER 8
- SPECIFY _____

11. Does this building belong to your congregation, or does it belong to another group that loans or rents space to you?

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11a. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation done any major construction or remodeling of your building or buildings?

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11b. Did this construction or remodeling include any special features to improve accessibility for people with physical disabilities?

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12. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the size of your congregation. I'm interested in several ways you might measure the size of your congregation.

First, how many persons would you say are associated *in any way* with the religious life of this congregation--counting both adults and children, counting both regular and irregular participants, counting both official or registered members and also participating nonmembers. What is the total number of persons associated with this congregation to any degree at all?

NUMBER _____

13. How many persons--counting both adults and children--would you say *regularly participate* in the religious life of your congregation--*whether or not* they are officially members of your congregation?

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14. How many *adults*--people 18 years or older--would you say regularly participate in the religious life of your congregation?

NUMBER _____

15. Compared with two years ago--that is, this time in 2004--has the number of regularly participating adults increased, decreased, or remained about the same?

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15a. Has your [increase/decrease] been ten percent or more since two years ago, or less than ten percent?

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SECTION 3: STAFF

Now I would like to ask a few questions about [you/the senior clergy person].

16. [CODE WITHOUT ASKING IF YOU KNOW FROM Q6 THAT R IS THE HEAD OR SOLE OR SENIOR CLERGY PERSON IN THIS CONGREGATION.]

Is there one person who is the head or senior clergy person or religious leader in your congregation?

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YES
NO [G

16a. CODE Q16a WITHOUT ASKING IF R IS THE HEAD OR SENIOR CLERGY PERSON.

Is this person male or female?

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16b . What race or ethnicity [are you/is this person]? (IF NECESSARY, READ CATEGORIES. SELECT ONE ONLY.)

- WHITE 1
- BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN 2
- HISPANIC [GO TO Q16c]..... 3
- ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER 4
- OTHER [SPECIFY _____]..... 5

16b1. [Are you/Is this person] Hispanic or Latino?

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16c . In what year did [you/this person] become the head or senior clergy person or religious leader? _____

16d. How old [are you/is this person]? _____

16e. How do most people in the congregation address [you/this person]?

16f. [Have you/Has this person] graduated from a seminary or theological school?

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16f1. [Are you/is this person] currently attending a seminary or theological school?

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16g. [Are you/Is this person] ordained to full clergy status in your congregation, church, or religious group?

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16h. [Were you/was this person] a member or regular participant in *this congregation* before becoming the leader of the congregation?

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YES
NO [G

16h1. In what capacity did you participate before? _____

16i. [Are you/Is this person] paid for [your/his/her] work in this congregation?

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16i1. Does [your/this person's] compensation package include a provision for paid sabbatical leave of at least one month every seven years?

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16j. [Do you/Does this person] serve another congregation besides this one?

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16k. [Do you/Does this person] hold another job besides working for this or other congregations?

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16k1. What is [your/this person's] other job?

16l. [Are you/Is this person] working full-time at this congregation?

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17a. Now I have a few questions about your congregation's staff.

Including [you/the leader we've been talking about], how many people currently work in this congregation as *full-time paid staff*?

NUMBER _____

INTERVIEWER: CONFIRM THAT ANSWER TO 17a INCLUDES R, IF R WORKS FULL-TIME AT THE CONGREGATION.

IF 17a = 1 GO TO Q26 ON PAGE 15.

IF 17a = 2 OR MORE CONTINUE WITH Q18a.

18a. Of the [NUMBER FROM Q17a] full-time paid staff people in this congregation, again including [you/the leader we've been talking about], how many would be considered ministerial or other religious staff, such as youth ministers, other pastors, pastoral counselors, directors of religious education, music ministers, and so on? Please do not count secretaries, janitors, school teachers, or other full-time employees not primarily engaged in religious work.

NUMBER _____

INTERVIEWER: CONFIRM THAT ANSWER TO 18a INCLUDES R, IF R WORKS FULL-TIME AT THE CONGREGATION AND IS PART OF THE MINISTERIAL STAFF.

IF 18a = 1 GO TO Q26 ON PAGE 15.

IF 18a = 2 THRU 6 CONTINUE WITH Q19a.

IF 18a = 7 OR MORE GO TO Q25a ON PAGE 14.

19a. What are the job titles of each of these [NUMBER FROM Q18a] full-time paid staff people? Please begin with [yourself/the senior clergy person or religious leader].

STAFF PERSON #1 [THE SENIOR CLERGYPERSON OR RELIGIOUS LEADER]

JOB TITLE: _____

STAFF PERSON #2

JOB TITLE: _____

STAFF PERSON #3

JOB TITLE: _____

STAFF PERSON #4

JOB TITLE: _____

STAFF PERSON #5

JOB TITLE: _____

STAFF PERSON #6

JOB TITLE: _____

*** * * * * GO TO Q20a ON PAGE 10 * * * * ***

17b. Now I have a few questions about your congregation's staff.

How many people currently work in this congregation as *full-time paid staff*?

NUMBER _____

INTERVIEWER: CONFIRM THAT ANSWER TO 17b INCLUDES R, IF R WORKS FULL-TIME AT THE CONGREGATION.

IF 17b = ZERO GO TO Q26 ON PAGE 15.

18b. Of the [NUMBER FROM Q17b] full-time paid staff people in this congregation, how many would be considered ministerial or other religious staff, such as youth ministers, other pastors, pastoral counselors, directors of religious education, music ministers, and so on? Please do not count secretaries, janitors, school teachers, or other full-time employees not primarily engaged in religious work.

NUMBER _____

IF 18b = ZERO GO TO Q26 ON PAGE 15.

IF 18b = 1 THRU 5 CONTINUE WITH Q19b.

IF 18b = 6 OR MORE GO TO Q25a ON PAGE 14.

19b. What are the job titles of each of these [NUMBER FROM Q18b] full-time paid staff people?

NOTE TO INTERVIEWER: THERE IS NO STAFF PERSON #1 BECAUSE YOU SHOULD ONLY BE AT THIS POINT OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE IF THE CONGREGATION'S LEADER IS NOT FULL-TIME OR IF THERE IS NOT ONE CLEAR LEADER.

STAFF PERSON #2

JOB TITLE: _____

STAFF PERSON #3

JOB TITLE: _____

STAFF PERSON #4

JOB TITLE: _____

STAFF PERSON #5

JOB TITLE: _____

STAFF PERSON #6

JOB TITLE: _____

20a. Thinking of [STAFF PERSON #2 JOB TITLE], is this person male or female?

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MALE
FEMALE

20b. In what year did this person start this job at this congregation? _____

20c. Did this person graduate from a seminary or theological school?

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YES [C
NO

20c1. Is this person currently attending a seminary or theological school?

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20d. Is this person ordained to full clergy status in your congregation, church, or religious group?

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YES
NO

20e. Was this person a member or regular participant in *this congregation* before starting this job at your congregation?

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YES
NO

IF STAFF PERSON #2 IS LAST MENTIONED FULL-TIME MINISTERIAL PERSON, GO TO Q26 ON PAGE 15. IF ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME MINISTERIAL STAFF CONTINUE WITH Q21a.

21a. Thinking of [STAFF PERSON #3 JOB TITLE], is this person male or female?

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MALE
FEMALE

21b. In what year did this person start this job at this congregation? _____

21c. Did this person graduate from a seminary or theological school?

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YES [C
NO

21c1. Is this person currently attending a seminary or theological school?

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21d. Is this person ordained to full clergy status in your congregation, church, or religious group?

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YES
NO

21e. Was this person a member or regular participant in *this congregation* before starting this job at your congregation?

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YES
NO

IF STAFF PERSON #3 IS LAST MENTIONED FULL-TIME MINISTERIAL PERSON, GO TO Q26 ON PAGE 15. IF ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME MINISTERIAL STAFF CONTINUE WITH Q22a.

22a. Thinking of [STAFF PERSON #4 JOB TITLE], is this person male or female?

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MALE
FEMALE

22b. In what year did this person start this job at this congregation? _____

22c. Did this person graduate from a seminary or theological school?

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YES [C
NO

22c1. Is this person currently attending a seminary or theological school?

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22d. Is this person ordained to full clergy status in your congregation, church, or religious group?

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YES
NO

22e. Was this person a member or regular participant in *this congregation* before starting this job at your congregation?

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YES
NO

IF STAFF PERSON #4 IS LAST MENTIONED FULL-TIME MINISTERIAL PERSON, GO TO Q26 ON PAGE 15. IF ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME MINISTERIAL STAFF CONTINUE WITH Q23a.

23a. Thinking of [STAFF PERSON #5 JOB TITLE], is this person male or female?

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MALE
FEMALE

23b. In what year did this person start this job at this congregation? _____

23c. Did this person graduate from a seminary or theological school?

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YES [C
NO

23c1. Is this person currently attending a seminary or theological school?

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23d. Is this person ordained to full clergy status in your congregation, church, or religious group?

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YES
NO

23e. Was this person a member or regular participant in *this congregation* before starting this job at your congregation?

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YES
NO

IF STAFF PERSON #5 IS LAST MENTIONED FULL-TIME MINISTERIAL PERSON, GO TO Q26 ON PAGE 15. IF ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME MINISTERIAL STAFF CONTINUE WITH Q24a.

24a. Thinking of [STAFF PERSON #6 JOB TITLE], is this person male or female?

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MALE
FEMALE

24b. In what year did this person start this job at this congregation? _____

24c. Did this person graduate from a seminary or theological school?

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YES [C
NO

24c1. Is this person currently attending a seminary or theological school?

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24d. Is this person ordained to full clergy status in your congregation, church, or religious group?

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YES
NO

24e. Was this person a member or regular participant in *this congregation* before starting this job at your congregation?

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YES
NO

* * * * * **GO TO Q26** * * * * *

25a. Of these [NUMBER FROM Q18a OR Q18b], how many are men? _____

25b. Of these [NUMBER FROM Q18a OR Q18b], how many have graduated from a seminary or theological school? _____

25c. How many are currently attending a seminary or theological school? _____

25d. How many are ordained to full clergy status in your congregation, church, or religious group? _____

25e. How many were members or regular participants in your congregation before they started their jobs at this congregation? _____

ALL RESPONDENTS SHOULD BE ASKED Q26

26. Within the past 12 months has the number of full-time paid staff in your congregation increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

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27. Is your congregation currently searching for a full-time staff person of any sort?

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YES
 NO [G

27a. What full-time position are you currently trying to fill?

[IF MORE THAN ONE SEARCH GOING ON ASK R FOR JOB TITLE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POSITION FOR WHICH THERE IS A SEARCH.]

27b. When did this search begin? MONTH AND YEAR: _____
MONTH YEAR

28. How many people currently are *part-time paid employees* of this congregation, including people who receive regular fees for singing or other work? _____

INTERVIEWER: CONFIRM THAT ANSWER TO 28 INCLUDES R, IF R WORKS PART-TIME AT THE CONGREGATION.

SECTION 4: WORSHIP

I'd like to ask you some questions about how worship is conducted in your congregation.

29. In a *typical* week, how many worship services does your congregation hold? _____

30. Thinking just of *this past* week--Monday through Sunday--how many worship services were there for this congregation?

.....NONE

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ONE [GO TO Q30c ON PAGE 17].....01
OTHER [WRITE IN NUMBER AND GO TO Q30b]_____

30a. I'd like to ask you some questions about your congregation's most recent worship service. When was your most recent worship service? [FOR DATE, SEE JOB AID CALENDAR AND WRITE IN MONTH AND DAY OF THE SERVICE. EXAMPLE: 01/14]

DAY OF WEEK: _____ TIME: _____ DATE: _____
MONTH / DAY

30a1. Were you present for that service?

..... YES [C
..... NO

30a2. When was the most recent service at which you were present? [FOR DATE, SEE JOB AID CALENDAR AND WRITE IN MONTH AND DAY OF THE SERVICE. EXAMPLE: 01/14]

DAY OF WEEK: _____ TIME: _____ DATE: _____
MONTH / DAY

GO TO Q31

30b. Which one of these services would you say was the main service of the week for your congregation? [FOR DATE, SEE JOB AID CALENDAR AND WRITE IN MONTH AND DAY OF THE SERVICE. EXAMPLE: 01/14]

DAY OF WEEK: _____ TIME: _____ DATE: _____
MONTH / DAY

30b1. Were you present for that service?

..... YES [C
..... NO

30b2. When was the most recent main service at which you were present? [FOR DATE, SEE JOB AID CALENDAR AND WRITE IN MONTH AND DAY OF THE SERVICE. EXAMPLE: 01/14]

DAY OF WEEK: _____ TIME: _____ DATE: _____
MONTH / DAY

GO TO Q31

30c. I'd like to ask you some questions about the worship service that took place this past week. What was the day and time of this service? [FOR DATE, SEE JOB AID CALENDAR AND WRITE IN MONTH AND DAY OF THE SERVICE. EXAMPLE: 01/14]

DAY OF WEEK: _____ TIME: _____ DATE: _____/_____/_____
 MONTH / DAY

30c1. Were you present for that service?

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YES [C
 NO

30c2. When was the most recent main service at which you were present? [FOR DATE, SEE JOB AID CALENDAR AND WRITE IN MONTH AND DAY OF THE SERVICE. EXAMPLE: 01/14]

DAY OF WEEK: _____ TIME: _____ DATE: _____/_____/_____
 MONTH / DAY

31. How long did this service last? _____ HOURS _____ MINUTES

32. Was there a sermon or a speech of some sort at this service?

YES 1
 NO [GO TO Q33] 2

32a. How long did the sermon or speech last? _____ HOURS _____ MINUTES

32b. Did the speaker come down from the altar, podium, chancel, or stage during the sermon?

YES 1
 NO 2

33. Was there singing by the congregation at this service?

YES 1
 NO 2

34. Was there singing by a choir at this service?
 YES 1
 NO 2

35. Counting all the musical parts of this service, how many minutes would you say were taken up by music? _____ [IF ZERO--NO MUSIC AT SERVICE--GO TO Q38]

36. Was a guitar used at this service?
 YES 1
 NO 2

37. Were drums used at this service?
 YES 1
 NO 2

38. Was there a time during the service in which people in the congregation greeted each other by shaking hands or some other way?
 YES 1
 NO 2

39. Was there a time during the service for silent prayer or meditation?
 YES 1
 NO 2

40. Did people join hands at any point during the service, such as during a prayer or at other moments?
 YES 1
 NO 2

41. Did the leader of this service wear a robe or other special garments?
 YES 1
 NO 2

42. Did anyone call out "amen" or other expressions of approval?
 YES
 NO

43. Was there applause at any point in this service?

44. Was there a written order of service or program that people could follow, either in book form or as a handout?
 YES 1
 NO 2
45. Was any visual projection equipment used in this service?
 YES 1
 NO 2
46. Did the people speak or read or recite something together at any point?
 YES 1
 NO 2
47. Did any adults jump, shout, or dance spontaneously during this service?
 YES 1
 NO 2
48. Did anyone besides the leader raise their hands in praise during the service?

 NO 2
49. Was a monetary offering collected at this service?
 YES 1
 NO 2
50. For about how long would you say that people in this congregation usually mingle and socialize informally with each other before and after the service?

 HOURS MINUTES
51. Still thinking about [the worship service/the main service] that we've been talking about, how many people, including both adults and children, would you say attended? _____

YES
NO

YES

<p>INTERVIEWER: DID THE CONGREGATION HAVE MORE THAN ONE SERVICE IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK? THAT IS, DOES Q30 EQUAL TWO OR MORE?</p> <p>YES 1</p> <p>NO [GO TO Q55] 2</p>

52. What was the total attendance, including both adults and children, at *all* of the worship services that took place this past weekend, including services on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday? _____

53. Are there important differences between any of the worship services your congregation has on a typical weekend, or are they all about the same?

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53a. Thinking about the worship service on a typical weekend that is *most different in terms of worship style* from the service we've been talking about, how would you describe the main difference between these two services?

54. Of the regularly participating adults in this congregation, how many would you say attended *more than one* of the services held during the previous seven days? _____

55. In a typical week, does your congregation have a worship service in which the primary language is Spanish, or which is bilingual in Spanish and English?

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NO 2

YES

56. Within the past 12 months, has the number of worship services in a *typical week* increased, decreased, or remained the same?

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56a. Why was the number of services [increased/decreased]?

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57. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation participated in a joint worship service with any other congregation?

YES.....1
NO [GO TO Q58].....2

57a. Were any of these services with congregations whose racial or ethnic make-up is different than your congregation's?

YES.....1
NO.....2

******* IF CONGREGATION IS JEWISH, SKIP TO Q57c *******

57b. Were any of these services with Jewish congregations?

..... YES 1
..... NO 2

******* IF CONGREGATION IS MUSLIM, SKIP TO Q58 *******

57c. Were any of these services with Muslim congregations?

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..... NO 2

58. Within the past 12 months, have people at worship services been told of opportunities for political activity, including petition campaigns, lobbying, or demonstrating?
- YES 1
 NO 2
59. Within the past 12 months, have people at worship services been told of opportunities to volunteer to provide assistance for people outside your congregation who are in need?
- YES 1
 NO 2
60. At any service during the past 12 months was there a time for people other than the leaders of the service to testify or speak about their own religious experience?
- YES 1
 NO 2
61. Does your congregation display an American flag in your main sanctuary or worship space?
- YES 1
 NO 2

<p>INTERVIEWER: IF CONGREGATION IS JEWISH, MUSLIM, HINDU, OR BUDDHIST, GO TO SECTION 5.</p>
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62. Did people speak in tongues at any service within the past 12 months?
- YES 1
 NO 2
63. Does your congregation consider the Bible to be the literal and inerrant word of God?
- YES 1
 NO 2

SECTION 5: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Now I'd like to ask you about some other organized groups, activities, or programs that your congregation may or may not have.

- 64. Does your congregation have religious education classes for *children 12 years and younger* that meet at least weekly?
YES 1
NO 2

- 65. Other than regular youth group meetings, does your congregation have religious education *classes* for *younger teenagers*, those who are 13 or 14 years old, that meet at least weekly?
YES 1
NO 2

- 66. Other than regular youth group meetings, does your congregation have religious education *classes* targeted at *older teens*, those between the ages of 15 and 19, that meet at least weekly?
YES 1
NO 2

- 67. Other than regular youth group meetings, does your congregation have religious education *classes* targeted at *young adults or college students* that meet at least weekly?
YES 1
NO 2

- 68. Does your congregation have religious education classes for adults of any age that meet at least weekly?
YES 1
NO 2

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about how your congregation serves teenagers.

- 69. How many teenagers, between 13 and 19 years old, are regular participants in your congregation? _____ **IF ZERO GO TO Q70 ON PAGE 25**

- 69a. Do you have a youth minister or other leader specially designated to coordinate activities for youth?
- YES 1
..... NO 2
- 69b. An organized youth group for teenagers?
- YES 1
..... NO 2
- 69c. Choirs or other musical groups comprised primarily of teens?
- YES 1
..... NO 2
- 69d. Within the past 12 months, have teens participated through your congregation in any youth retreats, conferences, or camps composed primarily of teenagers?
- YES 1
..... NO 2
- 69e. Within the past 12 months, have teens participated through your congregation in any service or volunteer projects composed primarily of teenage volunteers?
- YES 1
..... NO 2
- 69f. Within the past 12 months, have there been any regular worship services in which teens participated by speaking or reading in front of the congregation?
- YES 1
..... NO 2
- 69g. Within the past 12 months, have there been any congregational events other than worship services that teens planned, led, or at which they gave presentations or speeches?
- YES 1
..... NO 2
- 69h. Do any teenagers serve on any of your congregation's governing committees, commissions, or boards?
- YES 1

- NO 2
70. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation organized any events or programs whose primary purpose was to meet the needs of teenagers who are *not* part of your congregation?
- YES 1
- NO 2
71. Within the past two years, has anyone from your congregation entered seminary, theological school, or other kinds of training or preparation for full-time religious work?
- YES 1
- NO 2

SECTION 6: GROUPS

Now I have a few questions about other groups and activities within your congregation.

72. Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups or meetings or classes or events specifically focused on the following purposes or activities?
- | | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
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| 72a. To discuss politics? | 1 | 2 |
| 72b. To discuss a book people have read other than the Bible? | 1 | 2 |
| 72c. To discuss parenting issues? | 1 | 2 |
| 72d. A class for married couples on enriching or improving their marriages? | 1 | 2 |
| 72e. An effort to get people registered to vote? | 1 | 2 |
| 72f. A class for people in your congregation to learn English? | 1 | 2 |
| 72g. To receive or practice gifts of the spirit such as tongues or prophesying? | 1 | 2 |
| 72h. A class for prospective or new members? | 1 | 2 |
| 72i. A class to train new religious | | |

	education teachers?	1	2
		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
72j.	To discuss or learn about a religion other than your own?	1	2
72k.	To discuss or learn about religious or charitable work in other countries?	1	2
72l.	To participate in a service project or volunteer activity in which people from your congregation worked with people from another faith?	1	2
72m.	To plan or conduct an assessment of community needs?	1	2
72n.	To do strategic planning or discuss the future goals of your congregation?	1	2
72o.	To travel to another part of the United States to provide assistance to people in need?	1	2
72p.	To travel to another country to provide assistance to people in need?	1	2
72q.	To get out the vote during an election?	1	2
72r.	To organize or participate in efforts to lobby elected officials of any sort?		
 YES		1
 NO [GO TO Q72s]		2

72r1. On what issue or issues did a group from your congregation lobby elected officials?

Issue #1: _____

Issue #2: _____

Issue #3: _____

IF MORE THAN 3 ISSUES ASK R TO NAME 3 ISSUES ON WHICH GROUPS FROM THE CONGREGATION WERE MOST INVOLVED.

72s. Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups or meetings or classes or events specifically to organize or participate in a demonstration or march either in support of or opposition to some public issue or policy?

..... YES 1
..... NO [GO TO Q73] 2

72s1. What was the issue or policy about which a group from your congregation demonstrated or marched?

Issue #1: _____

Issue #2: _____

Issue #3: _____

IF MORE THAN 3 ISSUES ASK R TO NAME 3 ISSUES
ON WHICH GROUPS FROM THE CONGREGATION WERE MOST
INVOLVED.

73. Does your congregation have any other groups, meetings, or classes besides those you've already mentioned?

YES 1
NO [GO TO Q74] 2

73a. What are the three best attended groups that you haven't already mentioned?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

74. Does your congregation have any organized effort, designated person, or committee whose purpose is to coordinate or provide help *to members*, for example by cooking meals for a new mother or someone just home from the hospital, or providing financial assistance to someone who needs it?

YES 1
 NO [GO TO Q75] 2
 74a. Within the past 12 months, how many of your members or regular participants received this sort of help from the congregation?
 NUMBER _____

75. Does your congregation have any organized effort, designated person, or committee whose purpose is to provide your members with health-focused programs such as blood pressure checks, health education classes, or disease prevention information?

YES 1
 NO 2

76. Have voter guides been distributed through your congregation within the past 2 years?

..... YES
 NO [GO TO Q77] 2

76a. Who wrote or produced the voter guide that was distributed?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

77. Does your congregation have an elementary or high school?

YES 1
 NO

78. Does your congregation provide any materials or have programs or activities specifically aimed at families who home-school their children?

YES 1
 NO

SECTION 7: SOCIAL SERVICES

79. Has your congregation participated in or supported social service, community development, or neighborhood organizing projects of any sort within the past 12 months? Please *don't* include projects that use or rent space in your building but have no other connection to your congregation.

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No.....2

Yes [G

79a. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation engaged in *any* human service projects, outreach ministries, or other activities intended to help people who are *not* members of your congregation?

.....
No [GO TO Q84 ON PAGE 34].....2

Yes [G

79b. What projects or programs have you sponsored or participated in?

WRITE ON PROGRAM CHART. GET SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO KNOW THE PURPOSE OF EACH PROJECT.

79c. For each of these please tell me whether it is a program or project completely run by your congregation, or whether it is a program that is run by or in collaboration with other groups or organizations. CIRCLE ON PROGRAM CHART.

79d. ASK ONLY ABOUT PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOT PROGRAMS OF JUST THIS CONGREGATION:

With what other organizations does your congregation collaborate on this program? IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK FOR MOST IMPORTANT TWO COLLABORATORS. GET SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO KNOW THE KIND OF ORGANIZATION EACH COLLABORATOR IS.

Program Chart

Social Service and Other Programs that Congregation Sponsors or Contributes To

79b. Program Purpose:

79c. Completely Run by
Congregation?

79d. Two Most Important
Collaborators on Program

YES NO

Program 1. _____

Program 2. _____

Program 3. _____

79b. Program Purpose:

79c. Completely Run by
Congregation?

79d. Two Most Important
Collaborators on Program

YES NO

Program 4. _____

Program 5. _____

Program 6. _____

Program 7. _____

79b. Program Purpose:

79c. Completely Run by

79d. Two Most Important

Congregation?

Collaborators on Program

YES NO

Program 8. _____

Program 9. _____

Program 10. _____

Program 11. _____

80. How much money, overall, did your congregation directly spend on all of these projects or programs within the past 12 months? Here, I'm asking about direct cash donations from your congregation, not counting staff time or volunteer time.

\$ _____ , _____ , _____ . _____

INTERVIEWER: IF CONGREGATION HAS NO PAID STAFF (Q17a OR 17b EQUAL ZERO AND Q28 EQUALS ZERO), SKIP TO Q82.

81. Within the past 12 months, has anyone who is paid by your congregation spent more than 25% of their work time on one or more of these projects?

.....
 NO.....2

YES

82. Has anyone from your congregation done any volunteer work for one or more of these programs within the past 12 months?

YES.....1
 NO [GO TO Q83].....2

82a. Of the regularly participating adults in your congregation, how many of them would you say did volunteer work at least once for one or more of these programs within the past 12 months? _____

83. Are any of these programs that you've mentioned supported by outside funds directly provided to your congregation by other agencies or organizations?

YES.....1
 NO [GO TO Q84].....2

83a. Did any of these funds come from local, state, or federal government?

YES.....1
 NO [GO TO Q84].....2

83b. How much money did your congregation receive from the government in grants, contracts, or fees during your most recent fiscal year?

\$ _____ , _____ , _____ . _____ [GO TO Q87]

84. Does your congregation have a policy *against* receiving funds from local, state, or federal government?

YES [GO TO Q87].....1
 NO.....2

85. Do you think your congregation would apply for government money to support your human services programs if it was available?

YES 1
NO 2

86. Within the past two years, has your congregation applied for a grant from any government agency at the local, state, or federal level?

YES 1
NO 2

87. Does your congregation engage in any other human service projects or outreach ministries besides those you've already mentioned?

YES 1
NO [GO TO Q88] 2

87a. What are the three most important?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

88. Does your congregation currently have any program or activity specifically intended to serve persons with HIV or AIDS?

YES 1
NO 2

89. Is there anyone in your congregation who has publicly acknowledged his or her infection with the virus that causes AIDS? That is, is there anyone who is openly HIV-positive?

YES 1
NO 2

SECTION 8: CONNECTIONS

We're interested in other ways that the people in your congregation may connect with your community and each other.

90. Within the past 12 months, have any visiting speakers come to your congregation to give a talk at a meeting or event or worship service?

YES 1
 NO [GO TO Q91] 2

90a. Were any of these visiting speakers:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
90a1. Elected government officials?	1	2
90a2. Official representatives of your denomination or religious group?	1	2
90a3. Representatives of social service organizations in your community?	1	2
90a4. Someone running for office?	1	2

91. Within the past 2 years, has your congregation intentionally planted or helped start any new congregations?

YES 1
 NO 2

92. Within the past 2 years, has your congregation established a separate nonprofit organization to conduct human service projects or outreach ministries?

YES 1
 NO 2

93. Does your congregation use e-mail to communicate with members?

YES 1
 NO 2

94. Does your congregation have a website on the internet?

YES 1
 NO 2

95. Is your congregation able to accept donations by credit card or electronic transfer of funds?

YES 1
 NO 2

96. Within the past 12 months, have any people from your congregation attended meetings or served on committees of your denomination or religious group?

YES 1
 NO 2

97. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation made use of any type of services offered by a denomination, another religious organization, or an outside consultant of any sort?

YES 1
 NO [GO TO SECTION 9] 2

97a. What services did you use, beginning with the most important?

Service #1 _____

Service #2 _____

Service #3 _____

PROBE FOR UP TO 3 MENTIONS. IF R MENTIONS MORE THAN THREE SERVICES ASK WHICH THREE WERE MOST IMPORTANT TO THE CONGREGATION.

97a1. Thinking of [SERVICE #1], was this service provided by an office of your own denomination or religious group, or not?

..... YES 1
 NO 2

IF ONLY ONE SERVICE MENTIONED GO TO SECTION 9.

97a2. Thinking of [SERVICE #2], was this service provided by an office of your own denomination or religious group, or not?

..... YES 1

..... NO 2

IF ONLY TWO SERVICES MENTIONED GO TO SECTION 9.

97a3. Thinking of [SERVICE #3], was this service provided by an office of your own denomination or religious group, or not?

..... YES 1
..... NO 2

SECTION 9: FINANCES

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about your congregation's finances.

98. Does your congregation operate with a formal, written annual budget?

YES 1
NO 2

99. What is the total amount of money your congregation received in income from all sources during your most recent fiscal year?

\$ _____ , _____ , _____ . _____ [IF ZERO SKIP TO Q101]

100. Of this amount, how much came from individuals' donations, dues, or contributions?

\$ _____ , _____ , _____ . _____

101. During your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation receive any income from the sale or rent of your building or property?

YES 1
NO [GO TO Q102] 2

101a. How much? \$ _____ , _____ , _____ . _____

102. What was your total congregational budget for the most recent fiscal year--the total amount that your congregation spent for all purposes, including standard operating costs, salaries, money sent to your denomination or other religious organizations, and all other purposes?

\$ _____ , _____ , _____ . _____

103. In your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation give any money to your denomination or convention?

YES.....1
 NO [GO TO Q104].....2

103a. How much? \$ _____ , _____ , _____ . _____

104. Does your congregation have an endowment, savings account, or other reserve fund?

YES.....1
 NO [GO TO SECTION 10].....2

104a. How much is in it? \$ _____ , _____ , _____ . _____

SECTION 10: SOCIAL COMPOSITION

Now I would like to ask a few questions about the regular adult participants in your congregation.

QUESTION	a. ENTER NUMBER OR PERCENT	b. CIRCLE DESCRIPTION
105. Thinking of the [NUMBER FROM Q14] regular adult participants, what percent would you say are female?		Number 1 Percent 2
106. Of the regular adult participants, about what percentage would you say are over 60 years old?		Number 1 Percent 2
107. What percentage of the regular adult participants would you say are under 35 years old?		Number 1 Percent 2
108. About what percentage would you say have four-year college degrees or more?		Number 1 Percent 2
109. What percent would you say live within a ten-minute drive away?		Number 1 Percent 2
110. What percent live more than a 30-minute drive away?		Number 1 Percent 2
QUESTION	a. ENTER NUMBER OR PERCENT	b. CIRCLE DESCRIPTION

111.	Still thinking about the [NUMBER FROM Q14] regular adult participants, what percent would you say live in households with income under \$25,000 a year?	Number 1 Percent 2
112.	What percent would you say live in households with income higher than \$100,000 a year?	Number 1 Percent 2
113.	What percent of the regular adult participants in your congregation are white and non-hispanic?	Number 1 Percent 2
114.	What percent are black or African American?	Number 1 Percent 2
115.	Hispanic or Latino?	Number 1 Percent 2
116.	Asian or Pacific Islander?	Number 1 Percent 2
117.	American Indian?	Number 1 Percent 2
118.	Of the [NUMBER FROM Q14] regular adult participants in your congregation, what percent would you say have come to the United States within the past five years?	Number 1 Percent 2
119.	Of the regular adult participants in your congregation, about what percent live in households in which there are two married adults with children living at home?	Number 1 Percent 2
QUESTION	a. ENTER NUMBER OR PERCENT	b. CIRCLE DESCRIPTION

120. Of the [NUMBER IN Q14] regularly participating adults, how many would you say have served in some sort of <i>leadership</i> role in this congregation--such as chairing a committee, serving as an officer, teaching a class, or other leadership roles--within the past 12 months?		Number..... 1 Percent..... 2
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SECTION 11: EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS AND LEADERS

Now I'd like to ask questions about some of your congregation's expectations of members.

121. Would the following types of people be permitted to be full-fledged members of your congregation:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>DK</u>
121a. Someone who drinks alcohol in moderation?	1 2	3	
121b. An unmarried couple who live together?	1	2	3
121c. An openly gay or lesbian couple in a committed relationship?	1	2	3
121d. Someone who publicly supported a woman's right to choose with regard to abortion?	1	2	3
121e. Someone who publicly supported a right-to-life position on abortion?	1	2	3

122. Regarding leadership, if they were otherwise qualified, would the following types of people be permitted to hold all of the volunteer leadership positions open to other members:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>DK</u>
122a. Someone who drinks alcohol in moderation?	1 2	3	
122b. An unmarried couple who live together?	1	2	3
122c. An openly gay or lesbian couple in a committed relationship?	1	2	3
	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>DK</u>

- 122d. Someone who publicly supported a woman’s right to choose with regard to abortion? 1 2 3
- 122e. Someone who publicly supported a right-to-life position on abortion? 1 2 3
123. Some congregations have adopted *written statements* that officially welcome gays and lesbians. Has your congregation adopted such a statement?
- YES1
- NO2
124. If they are otherwise qualified, are women in your congregation permitted to:
- | | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>DK</u> |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 124a. Hold all of the volunteer leadership positions that men can hold? | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 124b. Serve as full-fledged members of your congregation’s main governing body or coordinating committee? | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 124c. Teach by themselves a class with adult men in it? | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 124d. Preach at a main worship service? | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 124e. Be the head clergyperson or primary religious leader of your congregation? | 1 | 2 | 3 |
125. *Politically speaking*, would your congregation be considered more on the conservative side, more on the liberal side, or right in the middle?
- MORE ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE1
- RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE2
- MORE ON THE LIBERAL SIDE.....3
126. *Theologically speaking*, would your congregation be considered more on the conservative side, more on the liberal side, or right in the middle?
- MORE ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE1
- RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE2
- MORE ON THE LIBERAL SIDE.....3

IF R IS CATHOLIC, JEWISH, MUSLIM, HINDU, OR BUDDHIST, SKIP TO Q128.

OTHERWISE ASK Q127.

127. When it comes to the overall religious identity or culture of your congregation, would you say that your congregation tends to be fundamentalist, evangelical, mainline, liberal, or do none of those terms describe your congregation well?

FUNDAMENTALIST 1

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EVANG
MAINL
LIBER
NONE

128. In every congregation, disagreements and conflicts occasionally arise. Within the last two years, has your congregation experienced a conflict for which a special meeting was called specifically to deal with the disagreement?

Yes 1

No [GO TO Q129] 2

128a. What was this conflict about?

129. Within the last two years, has your congregation experienced a conflict that led some people to leave the congregation?

Yes 1

No [GO TO Q130] 2

129a. What was this conflict about?

129b. Did the people who left start a new congregation of their own?

.....Yes 1
.....No 2

130. Within the last two years, has your congregation experienced a conflict that led to the departure of a clergy person or other religious leader?

Yes 1
No [GO TO END]..... 2

130a. What was this conflict about?

END TIME: _____

That's it! Thank you very much for participating in the National Congregations Study!

Results from this study should be available sometime in 2007. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the progress of this research, please don't hesitate to call us at any of the numbers we have given you. Thanks again for your time.

