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Variable names and value labels are listed in CAPS. The question numbers (labeled Q5, Q6, etc.) refer to item numbers in the National Congregations Study questionnaire. The questions are reproduced here exactly as they appeared in the questionnaire. Comments on items or coding, if necessary, are in *italics*. Variable names generally appear on the left, but they sometimes appear on the right.

CASEID Case number

REGION 1=NEW ENGLAND
 2=MIDDLE ATLANTIC
 3=EAST NORTH CENTRAL
 4=WEST NORTH CENTRAL
 5=SOUTH ATLANTIC
 6=EAST SOUTH CENTRAL
 7=WEST SOUTH CENTRAL
 8=MOUNTAIN
 9=PACIFIC

Q5. What is your position in this congregation?

POS1 1=PASTOR-COPASTOR
 2=SENIOR PASTOR-MINISTER
 3=ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR-ADMINISTRATOR
 4=INTERIM PASTOR-ADMINISTRATOR
 5=PASTORAL COORDINATOR
 6=ASSOCIATE-ASSISTANT-JUNIOR PASTOR
 7=BISHOP
 8=VICAR
 9=RECTOR
 10=RABBI
 11=PRIEST
 12=DIRECTOR-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 13=PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
 14=DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS-CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
 15=OTHER MINISTERIAL STAFF
 16=SECRETARY-CLERK-RECEPTIONIST
 17=OFFICE MANAGER-ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

18=BUSINESS-OPERATIONS MANAGER
 19=VICE PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS
 20=OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE-MANAGERIAL STAFF
 21=ELDER-OVERSEER
 22=CONGREGATION PRESIDENT'
 23=MEMBER-CHAIR-TRUSTEE OF EXECUTIVE BOARD-
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY-TREASURER
 24=OTHER CONGREGATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
 25=LAY LEADER
 26=CONGREGATION MEMBER
 27=PASTOR'S-MINISTER'S SPOUSE
 28=INTERN-SEMINARIAN
 29=MINISTER-IN-RESIDENCE
 30=IMAM
 31=MINISTER-CLERGY-REVEREND
 32=STATE REPRESENTATIVE-OTHER
 CONGREGATIONREGIONAL CLERGY-ADMINISTRATOR
 33=BISHOPS COUNSELOR
 34=WARDEN
 35=OTHER
 36=CANT TELL
 37=DEACON
 38=ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
 39=ASSISTANT TO PASTOR

Q6. In what year was your congregation officially founded?

FOUNDED 4 digit year

Q7. In what year did your congregation begin worshiping at its current location?

STRTWRSH 4 digit year

Q8. Is your congregation formally affiliated with a denomination, convention, or some similar kind of association?

HAVEDEN 1=YES
 2=NO

Q8a. Please tell me the names of *all* denominations or other associations that your congregation belongs to.

[Several denomination variables were constructed from the verbatim responses to Q8a. Note that DENCOD3 places congregations in a category if the religious tradition of the

congregation was clear, even if Q7=2. This coding mainly affected independent Baptist congregations, which are in the Baptist category on DENCODE3 even if they report no formal affiliation on Q8. TRAD2 is not simply a collapsing of DENCODE3.]

DENCODE3 Denomination of first mention

0=NO IDENTIFIABLE TRADITION
 1=ROMAN CATHOLIC
 2=BAPTIST
 6=METHODIST
 9=LUTHERAN
 12=PRESBYTERIAN / REF.
 14=PENTECOSTAL
 17=OTHER MAINSTREAM / LIBERAL PROTESTANTS
 18=EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 22=OTHER CONSERVATIVE / EVANGELICAL / SECTARIAN PROTESTANTS
 23=OTHER SECTARIAN, NEC
 24=NON-SECTARIAN

TRAD2 Religious Tradition in terms of liberal / conservative

0=NO IDENTIFIABLE TRADITION
 1=ROMAN CATHOLIC
 2=WHITE CONSERVATIVE / EVANGELICAL / FUNDAMENTAL / SECTARIAN
 3=BLACK CHRISTIAN
 4=WHITE LIBERAL / MAINSTREAM
 5=OTHER CHRISTIAN
 6=NON-CHRISTIAN

Q9. Is your congregation affiliated with any local association of congregations such as a local council of churches?

LOCALAFF 1=YES
 2=NO

Q10. Does your congregation meet in a [church/temple/mosque], or some other kind of building?

Q10a. What type of building does your congregation currently use for the primary worship services?

[Responses to Q10 and Q10a were consolidated into one variable.]

BLDGTYPE 20=CHURCH/SYNAGOGUE/TEMPLE/MOSQUE
 1=SCHOOL
 7=STORE FRONT
 21=OTHER

Q11. Do visitors ever come to view the building or the worship space to look at its architecture, or at artwork like stained glass windows or statues?

VIEWBLDG 1=YES
 2=NO

Q12. Does this building belong to your congregation, or does it belong to another group that loans or rents space to you?

OWNBLDG 1=BELONGS TO CONGREGATION OR DENOMINATION
 2=BELONGS TO ANOTHER GROUP

Q13. 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?

NUMTOTAL Number of persons

Q14. 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?

NUMREGLR Number of persons

Q15. How many *adults*--people 18 years or older--would you say regularly participate in the religious life of your congregation?

NUMADLTS Number of adults

[NUMADLTS was used to create the weighting variable, WEIGHT2. Values were imputed for cases with missing data on NUMADLTS. The variable IMPSIZE is coded 1 for cases for which size data were imputed.]

Q16. Is there one person who is the head or senior clergy person or religious leader in your congregation?

CLERGONE 1=YES
 2=NO

Q16a. Is this person male or female?

CLERGSEX 1=MALE
 2=FEMALE

Q16b. What race or ethnicity [are you/is this person]?

CLERRACE 1=WHITE
 2=BLACK-AFRICAN AMERICAN
 3=HISPANIC
 4=ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER
 5=OTHER

Q16c. In what year did [you/this person] become the head or senior clergy person or religious leader?

CLERYEAR 4 digit year

Q16d. How old [are you/is this person]?

CLERGAGE 2 digit age

Q16e. What is the highest level of education [you have/this person has] received?

CLEREDUC 1=LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL
 2=HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
 3=SOME COLLEGE BUT NO FOUR YEAR DEGREE
 4=FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE
 5=GRADUATE DEGREE
 6=OTHER

Q17. How many people currently work in this congregation as *full-time paid staff*?

FTSTAFF Number of persons

Q18. How many people currently are *part-time paid employees* of this congregation, including people who receive regular fees for singing or other work?

PTSTAFF Number of persons

Q19. In a *typical* week, how many worship services does your congregation hold?

NUMSERV1 2 digit number

Q22. How long did this service last?

LENGTH Time in minutes

Q23. Was there a sermon or a speech of some sort at this service?

SERMON 1=YES
 2=NO

Q23a. How long did the sermon or speech last?

SERMTIME Time in minutes

Q24. What language or languages were spoken or sung at this service?

SERVLNG1 First mention
SERVLNG2 Second mention
SERVLNG3 Third mention

1=AFRICAN DIALECT
2=AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE
3=ARABIC
4=ARAMAIC
5=ARMENIAN
6=BANGLADESHI
7=BULGARIAN
8=CHINESE
9=CANTONESE
10=MANDARIN

11=CREOLE
12=FRENCH CREOLE
13=KRIO-ENGLISH CREOLE
14=DIGALO
15=DUTCH
16=ENGLISH
17=ETHIOPIAN
18=FIJIAN
19=FILIPINO
20=PAMPANGO
21=FINNISH
22=FRENCH
23=GERMAN
24=TEE GAA
25=GREEK
26=CLASSICAL GREEK
27=GUJARATI'
28=HAITIAN
29=HAKHA
30=HEBREW
31=NIGERIAN
32=HINDI
33=HUNGARIAN
34=ICELANDIC
35=INDONESIAN
36=ITALIAN
37=JAPANESE
38=KENYAN
39=KOREAN
40=LAKOTA
41=LATIN
42=LATIN AND GREEK
43=LITHUANIAN
44=NATIVE AMERICAN-AMERICAN INDIAN
45=NATIVE AMERICAN, CHEROKEE-CHOCTAW
46=NORWEGIAN
47=OLD CHURCH SLYVONIC
48=PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH
49=PERSIAN
50=POLISH
51=PORTUGESE
52=PUNJABI
53=ROMANIAN

54=RUSSIAN
55=SAMOAN
56=SLOVAK
57=SLOVENIAN
58=SOUTH AFRICAN
59=SPANISH
60=SUMAN
61=SWAHILI
62=TAGALOG
63=TONGAN
64=VIETNAMESE
65=WELSH
66=YIDDISH
67=ZULU
68=GURUMAABI
69=ASIAN
70=SWEDISH
71=INDIAN
72=EUROPEAN
73=SANSKRIT
74=TURKISH
75=FRENCH AFRICAN
76=CUED SPEECH
77=ALTERNATES
78=EQUAL
79=TRANSLATED
80=SWEDISH
81=LEBANESE
82=TAMIL
83=KANADRA
84=PAKISTANI
85=COPTIC
86=HAWAIIAN
87=UKRAINIAN

Q24a. Which one of these was the primary language in which the service was conducted?

MAINLANG

Coding same as Q24

Q25. Were languages other than [INSERT LANGUAGES NAMED IN Q24] spoken or sung at any service in the past 12 months?

OTHLANG 1=YES
 2=NO

Q25a. What other languages were spoken or sung?

OTHLANG1 First mention
OTHLANG2 Second mention
OTHLANG3 Third mention

Coded the same as Q24

Q26. Still thinking about [the worship service/the main service] that took place this past week, how many people, including both adults and children, would you say attended?

NUMATTND Number of persons

Q27. 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?

ATTMORE Number of persons

Q28. Still thinking about [the worship service/the main service] that took place this past week, how many different individuals spoke or read to the group at some point in this service? Please don't include those who made brief announcements or informally shared a concern.

NUMSPOKE Number of persons

Q28a. IF Q28 = 1: Was this person male or female?

SEXSPKR 1=MALE
 2=FEMALE

Q28b. IF Q28 = 2 OR MORE: How many of these readers or speakers were male and how many were female?

MALESPKR Number of men

FEMSPKR Number of women

Q29. Was there singing by the congregation at this service?

SINGING 1=YES
 2=NO

Q30. Was there singing by a choir at this service?

CHOIR 1=YES
 2=NO

Q31. Was there singing by a soloist at this service?

SOLOIST 1=YES
 2=NO

Q32. Counting all the musical parts of [this/the main] service this past week, how many minutes would you say were taken up by music?

MUSICMIN 1-3 digit minutes

Q33 - Q47. 1=YES
 2=NO

Q33. Was there a time during the service in which people in the congregation greeted each other by shaking hands or some other way?

GREET

Q34. Was there a time during the service for silent prayer or meditation?

MEDITATE

Q35. Was there a part of this service specifically directed at children?

KIDTIME

Q36. Did any teens participate in this service by speaking, reading, singing, or performing, not including participating just by being part of the congregation or the choir?

TEENPART

Q37. Did anyone call out "amen" or other expressions of approval?

AMEN

Q38. Was there applause at any point in this service?

APPLAUSE

Q39. Did people laugh out loud at any point in this service?

LAUGH

Q40. Was there a written order of service or program that people could follow, either in book form or as a handout?

PROGRAM

Q41. Was any visual projection equipment used in this service?

OVERHEAD

Q42. Did the people speak or read or recite something together at any point?

CONGREGATION

Q43. Was incense used in this service?

INCENSE

Q44. Did any adults jump, shout, or dance spontaneously during this service?

JUMP

Q45. Did anyone besides the leader raise their hands in praise during the service?

RAISEHANDS

Q46. Were any musical instruments used in this service?

INSTMENT

Q46a. Was a piano used? PIANO

Q46b. Organ? ORGAN

Q46c. Drums? DRUMS

Q46d. Electric guitar? ELECGTR

Q47. Was communion or the Lord's Supper celebrated at this service?

COMMUN

Q48. 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?

SOCLTIME Time in minutes

Q49. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation participated in a joint worship service with any other congregation?

JOINTWOR

Q49 - Q49d: 1=YES
2=NO

Q49a. Were any of these services with Protestant congregations? PROTWOR

Q49b. Were any of these services with Roman Catholic congregations? CATHWOR

Q49c. Were any of these services with Jewish congregations? JEWWOR

Q49d. Were any of these services with congregations other than Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish? OTHWOR

Q49d1. With what other type of congregations have you had joint worship in the past 12 months?

OTHWOR1 First mention
OTHWOR2 Second mention
OTHWOR3 Third mention

3=BAPTIST
4=PENTECOSTAL
5=LUTHERAN
6=GREEK ORTHODOX
7=SALVATION ARMY
8=BYZANTINE
9=BLACK INDEPENDENT
10=MORMON-LDS
11=BUDDHIST
12=MUSLIM
13=UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
15=CHURCH OF CHRIST
16=REFORM JUDAISM
17=CONGREGATIONAL
18=SIKH
19=SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
20=NON-DENOMINATIONAL
21=EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
22=QUAKERS-FRIENDS
23=JEHOVAHS WITNESS
24=RUSSIAN ORTHODOX
25=MASONIC LODGE
26=ANABAPTIST
27=METHODIST
28=ECUMENICAL CHURCH
29=CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
30=BAHAI
31=HINDU
32=EPISCOPALIAN
33=BLACK PROTESTANT
34=CALVARY
35=INDEPENDENT BAPTIST
36=UNITED METHODIST
37=ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
38=ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
39=CHARISMATIC
40=ARMENIAN ORTHODOX
41=PRESBYTERIAN
50=OTHER CONGREGATION SAME DENOMINATION

Q49e. Were any of these services with congregations whose racial or ethnic make-up is different than your congregation's?

RACEWOR 1=YES
 2=NO

Q50. Within the past 12 months, was there dance performed by teens or adults at any worship service of your congregation?

EVERDANC 1=YES
 2=NO

Q51. Within the past 12 months, was an acting skit or play performed by teens or adults at any worship service of your congregation?

EVERSKIT 1=YES
 2=NO

Q52. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation hired any singers or other musicians to perform at a worship service?

EVERHIRE 1=YES
 2=NO

Q53. Within the past 12 months, have people at worship services been told of opportunities for political activity, including petition campaigns, lobbying, or demonstrating?

POLOPPS 1=YES
 2=NO

Q54. 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?

TESTIFY 1=YES
 2=NO

Q55. Did people speak in tongues at any service within the past 12 months?

TONGUES 1=YES
 2=NO

Q56. Does your congregation encourage people to use the New International Version of the Bible rather than other translations?

NIV 1=YES

2=NO

Q57. Does your congregation consider the Bible to be the literal and inerrant word of God?

INERRANT 1=YES
 2=NO

Q58. Within the past 12 months, have there been groups, programs, or events that have *no connection* to your congregation but that have *used or rented space in your building*? This might include other congregations, AA groups, day-care centers, or once-a-year events like fairs, concerts, or art shows.

USEBLDG 1=YES
 2=NO

Q58a. Please tell me how many such groups or programs have met in your building within the past 12 months.

NUMUSE 1-2 digit number

Q58b. Have any of these groups used your building for rehearsals or performances of musical or theatrical works?

REHEARSE 1=YES
 2=NO

Q58c. Have any of these groups used your building for exhibits of works of art like paintings, photography, or sculpture?

EXHIBIT 1=YES
 2=NO

Q59. Does your congregation have religious education classes for children, teens, or adults?

RELED 1=YES
 2=NO

Q59a. How many different classes meet at least once a month?

NUMCLASS 1-2 digit number

Q59b. How many children age 12 or younger would you say attend at least one of these classes in a

typical week?

NUMKIDS Number of kids

Q59c. How many teenagers--those aged 13 to 18--would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week?

NUMTEENS Number of teens

Q59d. How many adults would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week?

NUMADULT Number of adults

Q60. Does your congregation have any choirs, choruses, or other musical groups that sing or perform on a regular basis?

ANYCHOIR 1=YES
 2=NO

Q60a. How many different musical groups are there?

NUMCHOIR 1-2 digit number

Q60b. How many people--adults and children--would you say are in [this group/at least one of these groups]?

INCHOIR Number of persons

Q61. Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups of people from your congregation meeting *once a month or more* for religious, social, recreational, or other purposes? Please do not include governing or administrative committees here, and please do not include groups you already have mentioned.

GRPX 1=YES
 2=NO

Q61a. How many such groups have met within the past 12 months?

NUMGRPX 1-3 digit number

Q61b. How many people--adults and children--would you say have participated at least once in one of these groups within the past 12 months?

INGRPX Number of persons

Q61c. For what purpose or purposes do these groups meet?

GROUP61A	First mention
GROUP61B	Second mention
GROUP61C	Third mention
GROUP61D	Fourth mention
GROUP61E	Fifth mention

[The coding scheme that follows represents an initial pass through the verbatim replies recorded in response to Q61c. There are several ambiguities in these codes that make using them problematic. Please do not use these codes for any purpose without consulting the NCS Principal Investigator about the relevant issues.]

1=FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL
2=RELIGIOUS-SPIRITUAL
3=RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP-SOCIAL
4=RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
5=RELIGIOUS AND FELLOWSHIP-SOCIAL
6=RELIGIOUS, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP-SOCIAL
7=ACTIVITIES-RECREATION
8=FELLOWSHIP, COUPLES
9=FELLOWSHIP, SINGLES
10=MISSIONARY-EVANGELISM-FAITH SHARING
11=COMMON MEAL
12=FUNDRAISING
13=PLANNING
14=COMMUNITY SERVICE-ORGANIZING VOLUNTEERS
15=RELIGIOUS DEVOTIONAL-EDUCATION
16=HOMEOWNERS-NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS
17=PARENTS-FAMILY GROUP
18=SUPPORT GROUP, ADDICTION
19=WEIGHT LOSS-EXERCISE
20=SUICIDE-DEPRESSION
21=MARRIAGE PREPARATION-ENRICHMENT
22=SUPPORT GROUP, UNSPECIFIED
23=ETHNIC MADE UP OF ONE GROUP
24=SOCIAL ACTION, POLITICAL
25=OUTREACH
26=RETREAT
27=REVIVAL
28=PRISON MINISTRY

29=SUPPLIES-SERVICES FOR CONGREGATION
 30=SMALL BUSINESS-BUSINESS ORGANIZATION
 31=KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-LADIES AUXILIARY
 32=GROUPS FOR NEW MEMBERS
 33=SUPPORT GROUP, DIVORCE
 34=ACTIVITIES IN HOMES
 35=HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
 36=ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
 37=SCOUTS
 38=LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
 39=BIBLE-SCRIPTURE STUDY
 40=EDUCATION-ENRICHMENT-TRAINING
 41=BIBLE-SCRIPTURE STUDY AND SOCIAL
 42=HIV-AIDS
 43=MINISTRY
 44=PROMISE KEEPERS
 45=HEALTH-HEALING-WELLNESS-SELF-IMPROVEMENT
 46=DISCUSSION-CONCERNS-SPECIAL INTEREST
 47=EDUCATION AND SOCIAL
 48=SPEAKER-LECTURE-CONFERENCE
 49=SUPPORT GROUP, GRIEF
 50=PRO-LIFE
 51=INTERFAITH DIALOGUE
 52=OTHER
 53=TOO VAGUE

Q62. Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups of people from your congregation who met together besides the ones that meet once a month or more?

GRPY 1=YES
 2=NO

Q62a. How many such groups have met within the past 12 months?

NUMGRPY 1-3 digit number

Q62b. How many people--adults and children--would you say have participated at least once in one of these groups within the past 12 months?

INGRPY Number of persons

Q62c. For what purpose or purposes have these groups met?

GROUP62A	First mention
GROUP62B	Second mention
GROUP62C	Third mention
GROUP62D	Fourth mention
GROUP62E	Fifth mention

Coding same as Q61c.

[See the comment about the coding scheme under Q61c.]

Q63. Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups or meetings or classes or events specifically focused on the following purposes or activities?

Codes Q63a-Q63aa: 1=YES
2=NO

Q63a. To discuss politics?	POLITICS
Q63b. To discuss a book people have read other than the Bible?	BOOKS
Q63c. To discuss parenting issues?	PARENTS
Q63d. An event for cleaning or maintenance of your building?	CLEAN
Q63e. For physical healing?	HEALING
Q63f. An effort to get people registered to vote?	VOTERREG
Q63g. A class for people in your congregation to learn English?	LRNENGL
Q63h. To discuss pollution or other environmental issues?	ENVIRON
Q63i. An event to organize or encourage people to do volunteer work?	ORGVOLS
Q63j. To discuss people's problems or concerns at work?	WORKPROB
Q63k. To receive or practice gifts of the spirit such as tongues or prophesying?	SPRGIFTS
Q63l. A class for current members about the history or practice of your own religious tradition?	OWNTRAD

Q63m. A class for prospective or new members?	NEWMEMS
Q63n. A meeting specifically to pray or meditate?	TOPRAY
Q63o. To put on a musical or theatrical performance, not including the choirs you've already mentioned?	PERFORM
Q63p. To attend a live musical or theatrical performance elsewhere?	SPECTATE
Q63q. A class to train new religious education teachers?	TRAIN
Q63r. To discuss race relations in our society?	RACEREL
Q63s. To discuss how best to preserve your congregation's own racial or ethnic heritage?	HERITAGE
Q63t. To discuss or learn about a religion other than your own?	OTHTRAD
Q63u. Twelve-step groups such as alcoholics anonymous or similar self-help groups?	SELFHELP
Q63v. To organize or participate in efforts to lobby elected officials of any sort?	LOBBY
Q63w. To discuss or learn how to manage one's personal finances?	OWNMONY
Q63x. To organize or participate in a demonstration or march either in support of or opposition to some public issue or policy?	MARCH
Q63y. To discuss how to improve the management of your congregation's money?	CONGMONY
Q63z. To take a trip somewhere that required an overnight stay?	OVERNITE

Q63aa. To plan or conduct an assessment of community needs?

ASSESS

Q64. Have voter guides ever been distributed to people through your congregation?

VOTRGDS1 1=YES
 2=NO

Q64a. Who wrote or produced the voter guide that was distributed?

VOTRGDS2 1=CITY-STATE GOVERNMENT
 2=CANDIDATE-PARTY, UNSPECIFIED
 3=CONGREGATION MEMBER-CLERGY-OTHER
 CONGREGATION
 4=LOCAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES-ECUMENICAL
 ORGANIZATION
 5=PROLIFE GROUPS
 6=LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
 7=NAACP
 8=CATHOLIC CHURCH, REGIONAL-DIOCESAN
 OFFICE/NEWSPAPER
 9=FLARE
 10=CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR THE CONSTITUTION
 11=OHIO ROUNDTABLE
 12=CHRISTIAN COALITION
 13=700 CLUB-PAT ROBERTSON
 14=FOCUS ON THE FAMILY-DR. JAMES DOBSON
 15=DR. JAMES KENNEDYS GROUP
 16=CITIZENS FOR TRADITIONAL VALUES-LOU SHELDON
 17=FAMILY FORUM
 18=REGIONAL CHURCH OFFICE, UNSPECIFIED
 DENOMINATION
 19=OTHER
 20=CANT TELL
 21=COMMON CAUSE
 22=MORAL MAJORITY
 23=STATEWIDE FAMILY ORGANIZATIONS

Q65. Does your congregation have an elementary or high school?

HAVESCHL 1=YES
 2=NO

Q66. Does your congregation give money directly to any college, university, or seminary?

COLLEGE 1=YES
 2=NO

Q67. 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.

SOCLSERV 1=YES
 2=NO

Q67a. What projects or programs have you sponsored or participated in?

[Each congregation was able to describe up to 20 projects or programs, and these descriptions were recorded verbatim. An initial coding of these descriptions is too problematic to include in this quasi-public dataset. The fully public dataset probably will include the verbatim responses to this question.]

Q67b. 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.

COL1PG - 1=COMPLETELY RUN BY CONGREGATION
COL1PG20 2=RUN IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER GROUPS /
 ORGANIZATIONS

Q67c. With what other organizations does your congregation collaborate on this program?

[Congregations were able to name up to two collaborators for each project or program for which they have collaborators.]

P1COL1 -P20COL1 Collaborator #1 for programs 1 through 20

P1COL2 -P20COL2 Collaborator #2 for programs 1 through 20

1=OTHER CONGREGATIONS
2=GOVERNMENT SOCIAL-HUMAN SERVICE
DEPARTMENTS-AGENCIES
3=NON-GOVERNMENT SOCIAL-HUMAN SERVICE
DEPARTMENTS-AGENCIES
4=LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS, PRIVATE

PRGSTAF2 Number of persons

Q70. Has anyone from your congregation done any volunteer work for one or more of these programs within the past 12 months?

PRGVOL1 1=YES
 2=NO

Q70a. 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?

PRGVOL2 Number of persons

Q71. Are any of these programs that you've mentioned supported by outside funds directly provided to your congregation by other agencies or organizations?

OUTFUNDS 1=YES
 2=NO

Q71a. Did any of these funds come as donations from foundations, businesses, or United Way?

FOUND1 1=YES
 2=NO

Q71b. How much did your congregation receive from foundations, businesses, or United Way in your most recent fiscal year?

FOUND2 Amount of money

Q71c. Did any of these funds come from local, state, or federal government?

GOVFUND1 1=YES
 2=NO

Q71d. How much money did your congregation receive from the government in grants, contracts, or fees during your most recent fiscal year?

GOVFUND2 Amount of money

Q72. Have you heard about legislation in Congress that would enable religious congregations to apply for public money to support their human services programs?

LEGARE 1=YES
 2=NO

Q74. Does your congregation make any efforts to recruit new participants?

RECRUIT 1=YES
 2=NO

Q75. Within the past 12 months have you done any of the following?

Q75a. - Q75f. 1=YES
 2=NO

Q75a. Placed a paid ad in a newspaper?

ADVERT

Q75b. Encouraged people already in the congregation to invite a new person?

INVITE

Q75c. Conducted or used a survey of your community?

SURVEY

Q75d. Mailed or distributed a flyer to people in the community?

FLYER

Q75e. Followed up by phone or face-to-face with people who visit your congregation?

FOLLOWUP

Q75f. Have a special formal committee to work on recruitment?

FORMCOMM

Q76. Does your congregation use electronic mail to communicate with members?

EMAIL 1=YES
 2=NO

Q77. Does your congregation have a website on the Internet?

WEBSITE 1=YES
 2=NO

Q78. 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?

CONSULT1 1=YES
 2=NO

Q78a. How many times in the past 12 months did your congregation make use of such services?

CONSULT2 Number of Consultations

Q78b. What [three most important] services did you use?

SERVICE1 First mention
SERVICE2 Second mention
SERVICE3 Third mention

- 1=CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH
- 2=CONGREGATIONAL PLANNING
- 3=PERSONNEL SEARCHES
- 4=SUBSTITUTE/TEMPORARY PERSONNEL
- 5=STAFF EDUCATION/SUPPORT/IN SERVICE
- 6=WORSHIP/MUSIC
- 7=CONGREGATIONAL EDUCATION-EVENTS/ACTIVITIES, RELIGIOUS
- 8=CONGREGATIONAL EDUCATION-EVENTS/ACTIVITIES, SECULAR
- 9=CONGREGATIONAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ADMINISTRATION
- 10=SCHOOL MANAGEMENT
- 11=YOUTH ACTIVITIES/MINISTRIES
- 12=ARCHITECTURE, REAL ESTATE CONSTRUCTION/ENGINEERING
- 13=FUND RAISING
- 14=GRANT APPLICATIONS
- 15=FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/ACCOUNTANT/TAXES-INSURANCE
- 16=LEGAL ADVICE
- 17=COMMUNITY ORGANIZING/RELATED ISSUES CONSULTING
- 18=MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS/SOCIAL WORK
- 19=HEALTH RELATED ACTIVITIES
- 20=CHURCH LAW/RECORDS
- 21=COMPUTER/NETWORKING CONSULTATION
- 22=OTHER
- 23=CONGREGATIONAL EDUCATION/EVENTS/ACTIVITIES, UNSPECIFIED
- 24=CANT TELL

- 25=STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS
- 26=MISSIONARY PROGRAMS
- 27=SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM DELIVERY/ADVOCACY
- 28=GENERAL MINISTRY PROGRAMS
- 29=SERVICE DELIVERY, GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

Q78c. Who provided these services to you?

SOURCE1 First mention
 SOURCE2 Second mention
 SOURCE3 Third mention

- 1=PRIVATE SECULAR FIRM-SOLE PRACTITIONER
- 2=PRIVATE FIRM-SOLE PRACTITIONER, UNSPECIFIED
- 4=PROFESSOR
- 5=CLERGY/EVANGELIST
- 7=PUBLISHING HOUSES, RELIGIOUS
- 9=COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AGENCY
- 10=IAF
- 11=CONGREGATIONS (OWN DENOMINATION)
- 12=CONGREGATIONS (OTHER DENOMINATION)
- 13=OWN DENOMINATION REGIONAL OFFICE
- 14=OTHER DENOMINATION REGIONAL OFFICE
- 15=OWN DENOMINATION NATIONAL OFFICE
- 16=OTHER DENOMINATION NATIONAL OFFICE
- 17=OWN DENOMINATION OFFICE, UNSPECIFIED
- 18=OTHER DENOMINATION OFFICE, UNSPECIFIED
- 19=OTHER RELIGIOUS FIRM/ORGANIZATION/
SOLE PRACTITIONER
- 20=OTHER
- 21=CAN'T TELL
- 22=CONGREGATION, UNSPECIFIED DENOMINATION
- 23=GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE/AGENCY
- 24=ACCREDITING OFFICER

Q79. Does your congregation operate with a formal, written annual budget?

BUDGET 1=YES
 2=NO

Q80. What is the total amount of money your congregation received in income from all sources during your most recent fiscal year?

INCOME Amount in dollars.

Q81. Of this amount, how much came from individuals' donations, dues, or contributions?

INCIND Amount in dollars

Q82. During your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation receive any income from the sale or rent of your building or property?

INCBLDG1 1=YES
 2=NO

Q82a. How much?

INCBLDG2 Amount in dollars

Q83. During your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation receive any income from your denomination or religious group?

INCDEN1 1=YES
 2=NO

Q83a. How much?

INCDEN2 Amount in dollars

Q84. 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?

SPEND Amount in dollars

Q85. In your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation give any money to your denomination or convention?

SPNDDEM1 1=YES
 2=NO

Q85a. How much?

SPNDDEM2 Amount in dollars

Q86. In the most recent fiscal year, did your congregation give any money to any other religious organizations or agencies, whether or not they are affiliated with your denomination?

SPNDREL1 1=YES
 2=NO

Q86a. How much?

SPNDREL2 Amount in Dollars

Q87. Does your congregation have an endowment, savings account, or other reserve fund?

ENDOW 1=YES
 2=NO

Q87a. How much is in it?

ENDOWAMT Amount in Dollars

Q88. Has your congregation filed with the Internal Revenue Service for its own official 501(c)(3) status?

IRS 1=YES, BUT ONLY THROUGH DENOMINATION
 2=YES, ON OUR OWN
 3=NO

Q89. In the past 12 months, has your congregation tried to obtain any sort of permit or license from a government authority or office?

PERMIT 1=Yes
 2=No

Q89a. For what purpose did you need this permit or license?

PERMPURP 1=KITCHEN
 2=BUILDING/REMODELING
 3=LIQUOR LICENSE
 4=DAY CARE LICENSE
 5=BINGO/GAMBLING/RAFFLE LICENSE
 6=SIGNAGE/STATUE
 7=BURNING
 8=FESTIVAL/BAZAAR
 9=PARADE/MARCH
 10=BOILER
 11=MAILING
 12=ZONING
 13=TAX EXEMPTION
 14=CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
 15=FOOD LICENSE
 16=WORKER'S COMPENSATION
 17=SOUP KITCHEN
 18=FIRE DEPARTMENT
 19=RE-ZONING

20=EXPAND CEMETERY
 21=VEHICLE LICENSE
 22=SCHOOL REGISTRATION
 23=BUILD HOUSES
 24=HANDICAPPED PERMIT
 25=HEALTH PERMIT
 26=VISA
 27=ELEVATOR
 28=RESALE PERMIT
 29=HISTORIC SITE STATUS
 30=RADIO STATION

Q89b. What was the outcome of your effort to obtain the necessary permit or form?

GETPERM1 1=PERMIT/LICENSE WAS GRANTED
 2=PERMIT/LICENSE WAS REFUSED
 3=DISCONTINUED THE PROCESS BECAUSE WE EXPECTED
 THE PERMIT TO BE REFUSED
 4=APPLICATION PROCESS IS ONGOING
 5=OTHER

Q90. Thinking of the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants in your congregation, about what percent would you say are new to this congregation in the past year? That is, how many have become involved since [month/last year]?

NEWPCT Percent of regular adult participants

Q91. Thinking again of these [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants, what percent would you say are female?

FEMPCT Percent of regular adult participants
 [This variable is not yet included in the dataset.]

Q92. About what percentage would you say have four-year degrees or more?

BAPCT Percent of regular adult participants

Q93. About what percentage of the regular adult participants have less than a high school diploma?

NODIPPCT Percent of regular adult participants

Q94. Of the regular adult participants, about what percentage would you say are over 60 years old?

GT60PCT Percent of regular adult participants

Q95. What percentage of the regular adult participants would you say are under 35 years old?

- LT35PCT Percent of regular adult participants
- Q96. Still thinking about the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants, what percentage would you say live within a ten minute *walk* of the place where you meet?
- SHRTPCT Percent of regular adult participants
- Q97. What percent would you say live within a ten minute *drive* of the place where you meet?
- SHRTPCT Percent of regular adult participants
- Q98. What percent live more than a 30-minute drive away?
- LONGDPCT Percent of regular adult participants
- Q99. Of the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants, what percent would you say live in households with income under \$25,000 a year?
- POORPCT Percent of regular adult participants
- Q100. What percent would you say live in households with income higher than \$100,000 a year?
- RICHPCT Percent of regular adult participants
- Q101. What percent would you say own their own store or business?
- OWNPCT Percent of regular adult participants
- [This variable is not yet included in the dataset.]*
- Q102. What percent of the regular adult participants in your congregation are white and nonhispanic?
- WHITEPCT Percent of regular adult participants
- Q103. What percent are black or African American?
- BLACKPCT Percent of regular adult participants
- Q104. Hispanic or Latino?
- LATINPCT Percent of regular adult participants
- Q105. Asian or Pacific Islander?

ASIANPCT Percent of regular adult participants

Q106. Any other ethnic groups?

OTHRGRP 1=YES
 2=NO

Q106a-c Specify _____

ETHNIC1 First Mention
ETHNIC2 Second Mention
ETHNIC3 Third Mention

1=LATIN AMERICAN
2=ASIAN
3=AFRICAN
4=MIDDLE EASTERN
5=PACIFIC ISLANDER
6=NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN
7=EUROPEAN
8=EASTERN EUROPEAN
9=NORTH AMERICAN
10= MIXED/DIVERSE

Q107. Of the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants in your congregation, what percent would you say have come to the United States within the past five years?

IMMPCT Percent of regular adult participants

Q108. 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?

2PARPCT Percent of regular adult participants
 [This variable is not yet included in the dataset.]

Q109. What percent live in households in which there are children with just one parent?

1PARPCT Percent of regular adult participants

[This variable is not yet included in the dataset.]

Q110. Of the [NUMBER IN Q15] regularly participating adults, how many would you say have served in some sort of *leadership* 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?

LEADERS Number of Persons

Q110a. Of these [NUMBER FROM Q110] people who have served in leadership roles in the past 12 months, how many of them are male and how many are female?

MALELEAD Number of Persons

FEMLEAD Number of Persons

Q111. Have any official congregational committees or boards met in the past 12 months?

COMMITTEE 1=YES
 2=NO

Q111a. How many committees have met in the past 12 months?

NUMCOMM Number of Committees

Q112. Is there one committee that is the most important governing body or coordinating committee in your congregation?

MAINCOMM 1=YES
 2=NO

Q112a. How many people are currently on it?

MAINSIZE Number of Persons

Q112b. How many of the people currently on it are male and how many are female?

MAINMALE Number of Persons

MAINFEM Number of Persons

Q113 - Q121 1=YES
 2=NO

Q113. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding what people should eat?

DIET

Q114. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding dancing?

DANCING

Q115. Does your congregation prohibit smoking tobacco?

SMOKING

Q116. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding what sorts of groups outside the congregation people can join?

JOINING

Q117. Does your congregation prohibit the use of alcohol?

ALCOHOL

Q118. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding how much money people give to the congregation?

GIVING

Q119. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms about who single people date or become romantically involved with?

DATING

Q120. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding cohabitation of unmarried adults?

COHABIT

Q121. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms concerning homosexual behavior?

HOMOSEX

Q122. *Politically speaking*, would your congregation be considered more on the conservative side, more on the liberal side, or right in the middle?

LIBCON 1=MORE ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE
 2=RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE
 3= MORE ON THE LIBERAL SIDE

Q123. *Theologically speaking*, would your congregation be considered more on the conservative side, more on the liberal side, or right in the middle?

THEOLOGY 1=MORE ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE
 2=RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE
 3= MORE ON THE LIBERAL SIDE

Q124. 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?

CONFLCT1 1=YES
 2=NO

Q125. Within the last two years, has your congregation experienced a conflict that led some people to leave the congregation?

CONFLCT2 1=YES
 2=NO

Additional Variables:

MODE Mode of questionnaire administration

 1=OVER THE PHONE
 2=IN-PERSON
 3=COMBINATION

NOMINATE Number of General Social Survey respondents who nominated each congregation

WEIGHT1 A weight variable that takes into account the fact that some congregations were nominated by multiple General Social Survey respondents. It is the NOMINATE variable, adjusted so that the overall N is 1236 when the weight is applied. When this weight is applied, univariate distributions represent the distribution of religious service attenders across congregations of various types.

WEIGHT2 A weight variable that adjusts for the fact that a congregation's probability of appearing in the NCS sample is proportional to its size. It is the inverse of NUMADLTS, adjusted so that the overall N is 1236 when the weight is applied. When this weight is applied, univariate distributions represent the distribution of congregations without respect to how many people are in them.