



Our Journey 2025 Report, 2025

This is a report of the 2025 CRCNA congregational survey that **1,067** of your congregants completed. This report contains five sections.

Our Journey 2025 Milestones: The first section consists of Our Journey 2025 Milestones, along with a few matrix questions from the Individual Items.

Diaconal Ministry: The second section contains all of the questions about diaconal ministry within your congregation.

Multiple Choice: The third section contains all of the matrix questions from the Individual Items, along with church involvement, CRC loyalty and support, and financial contributions.

Demographics: The fourth section contains demographic information for your congregation compared with other participating congregations.

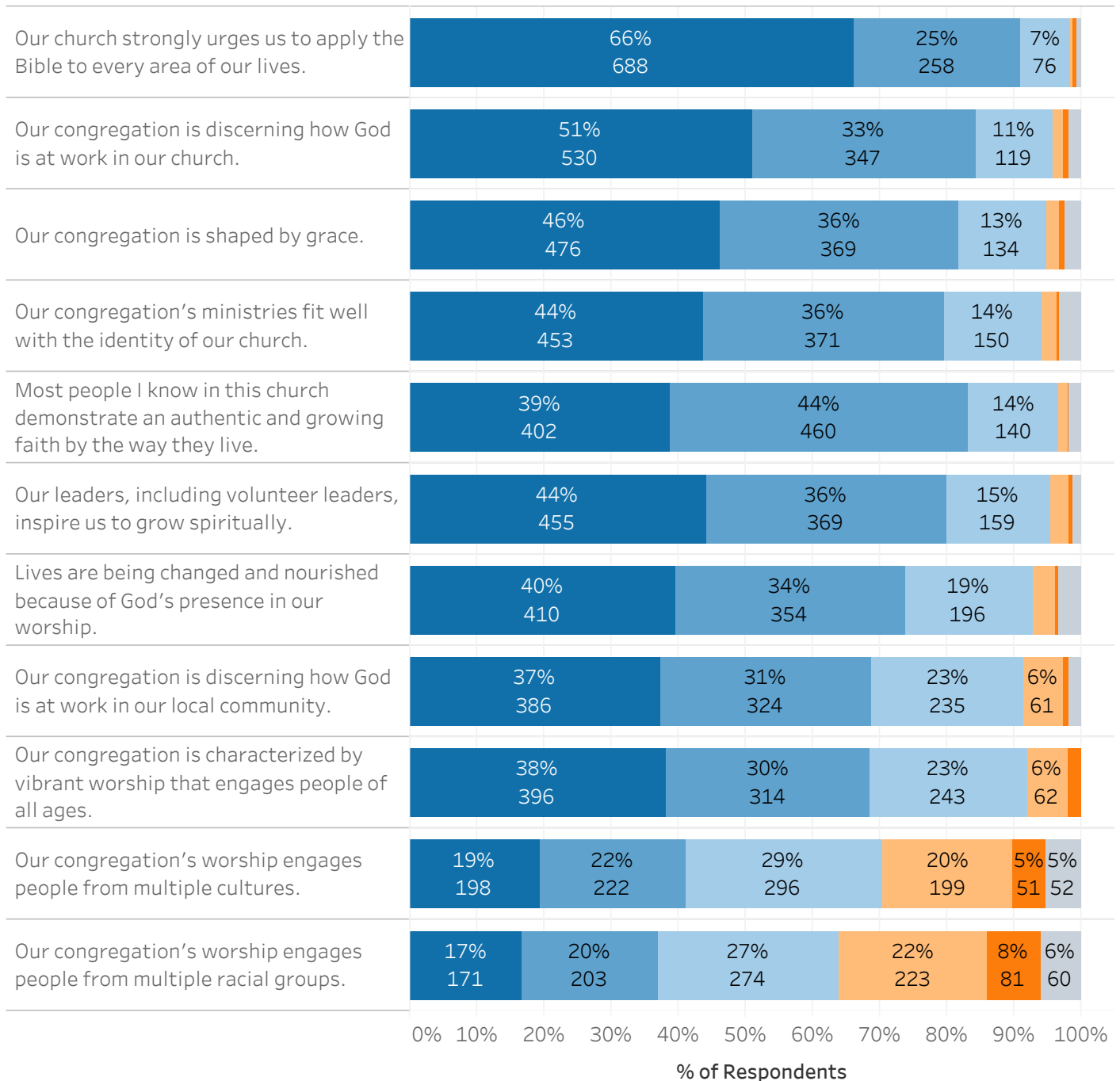
We hope this information is fruitful for you and your congregation.

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Cultivating Prayer and Spiritual Discipline

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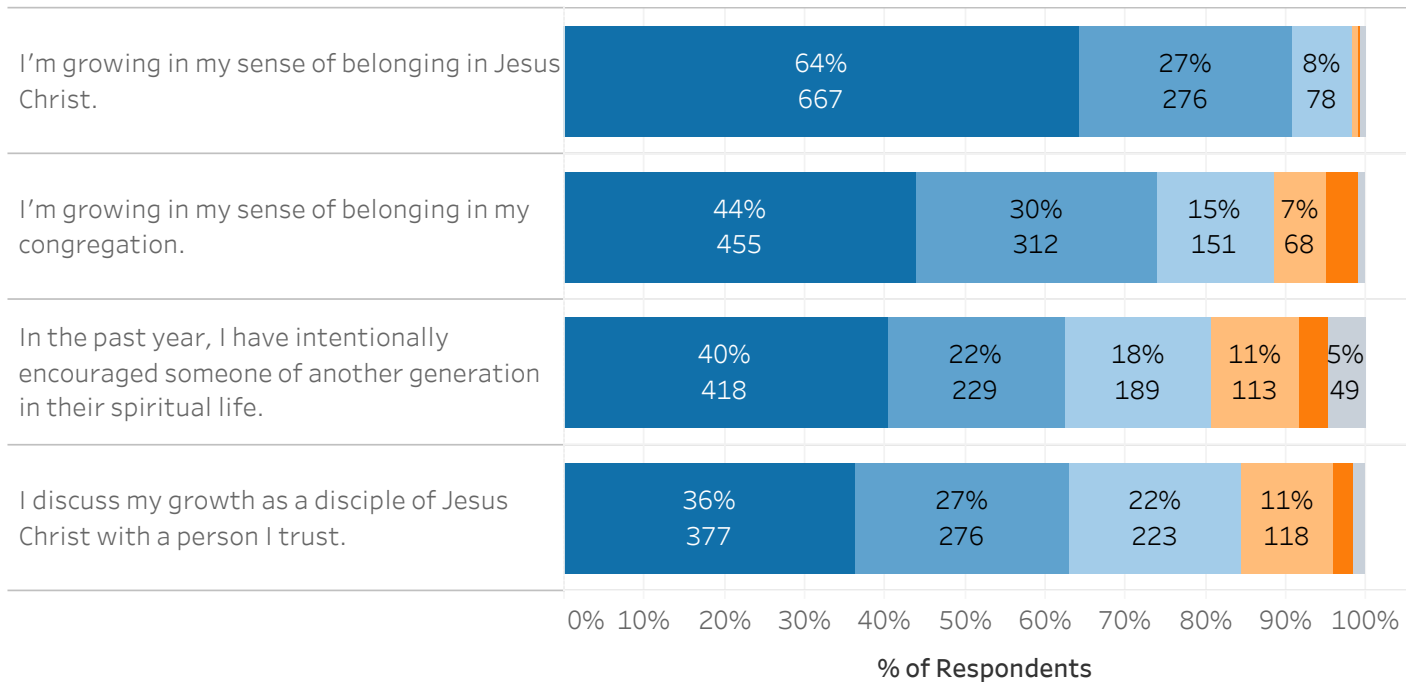


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Listening to All Voices

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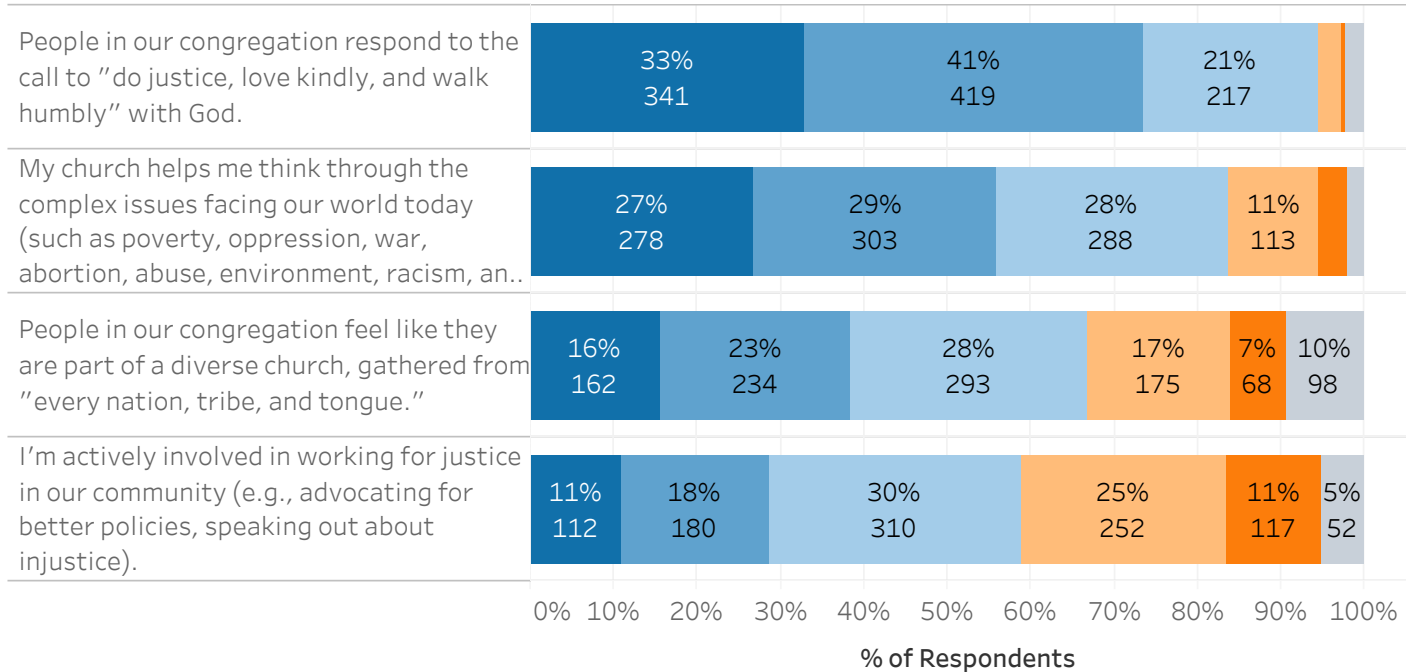
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Diversity and Unity

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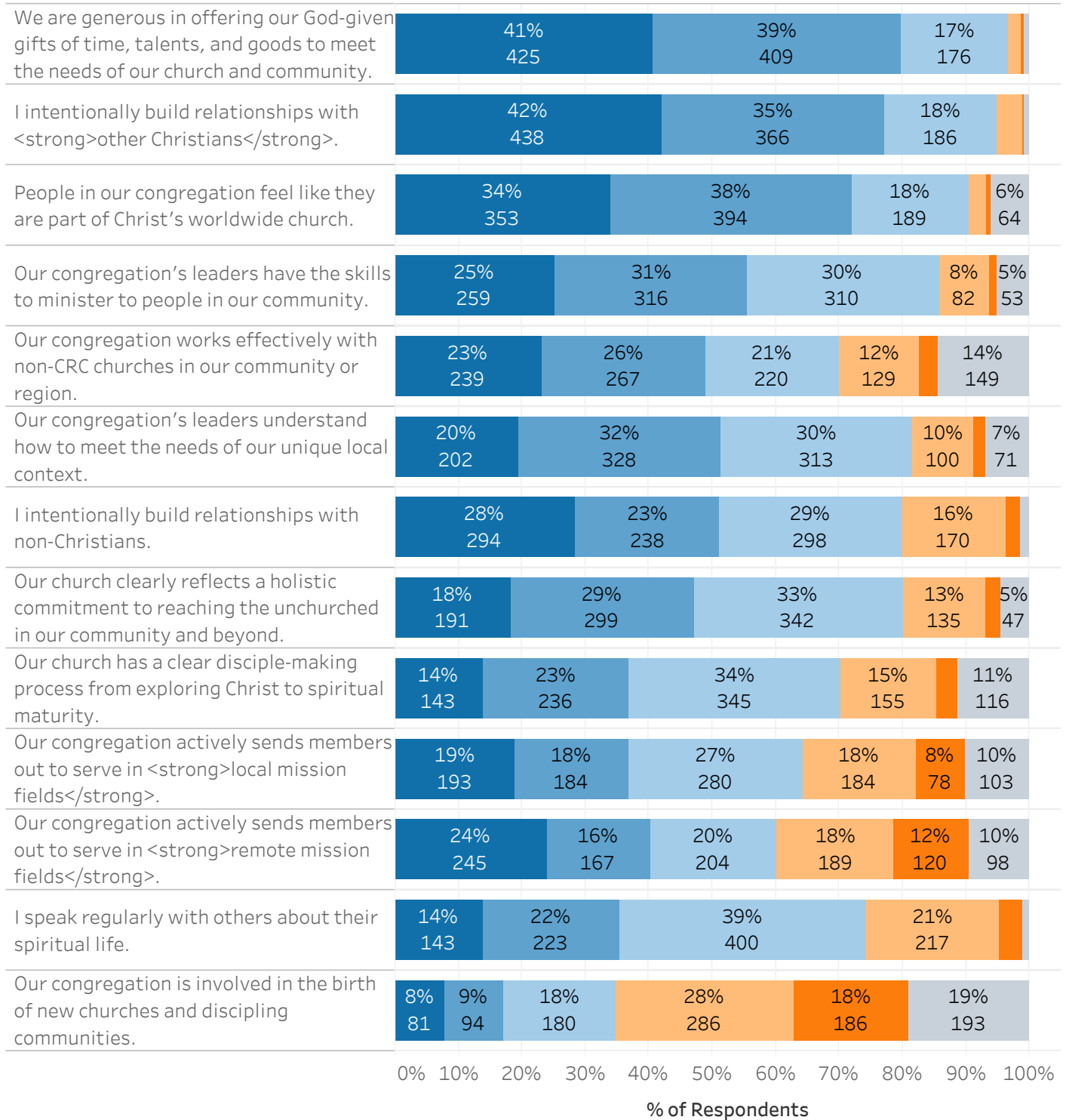
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Discovering the Gospel

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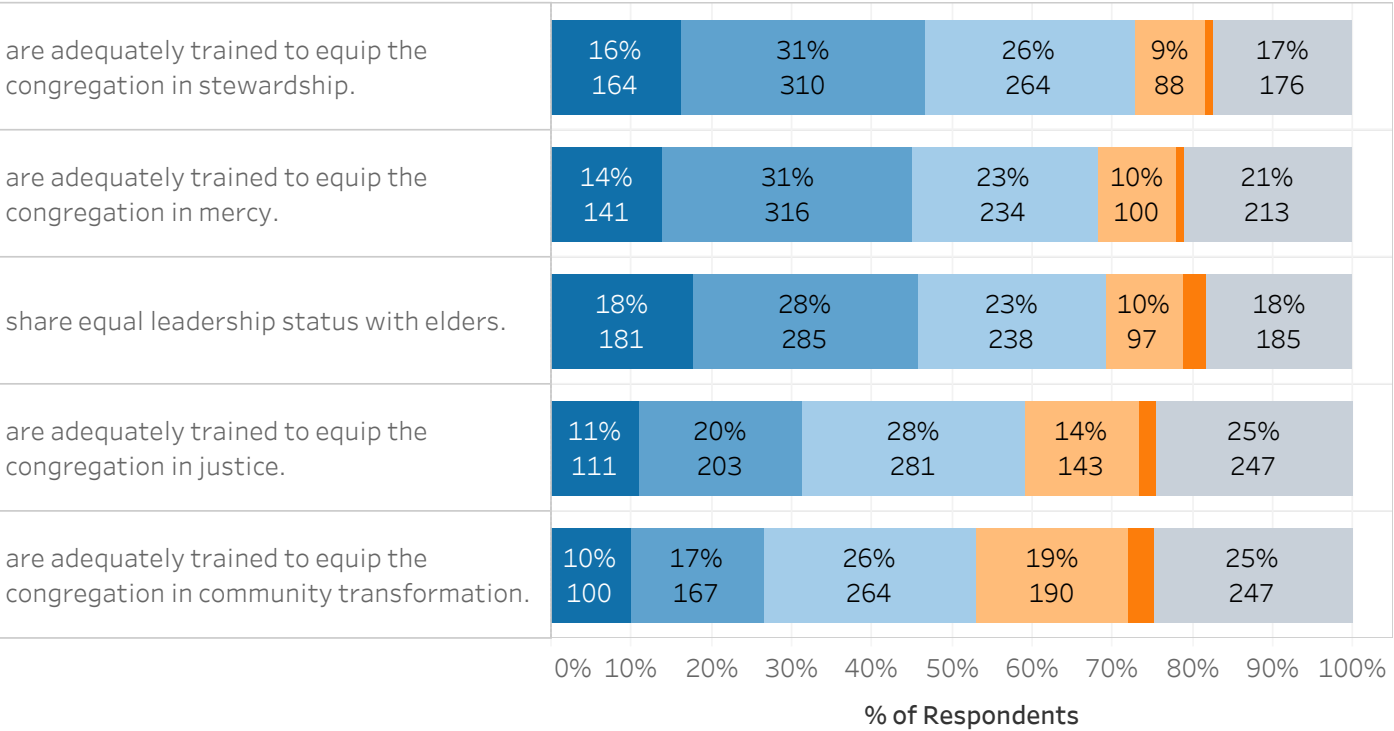
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Diaconal Ministry

Q317. Which of the following would you say is primarily responsible for equipping diaconal ministry at [your church]?	Deacons who are formally ordained congregational leaders.	31.6%				
	A pastor on the church staff.	10.5%				
	Non-ordained lay volunteers.	4.2%				
	Some other person or group.	2.8%				
	A non-ordained member of the church staff.	1.6%				
	An ordained elder(s).	1.8%				

Please indicate how true each statement is concerning your church:

Diaconal leaders...



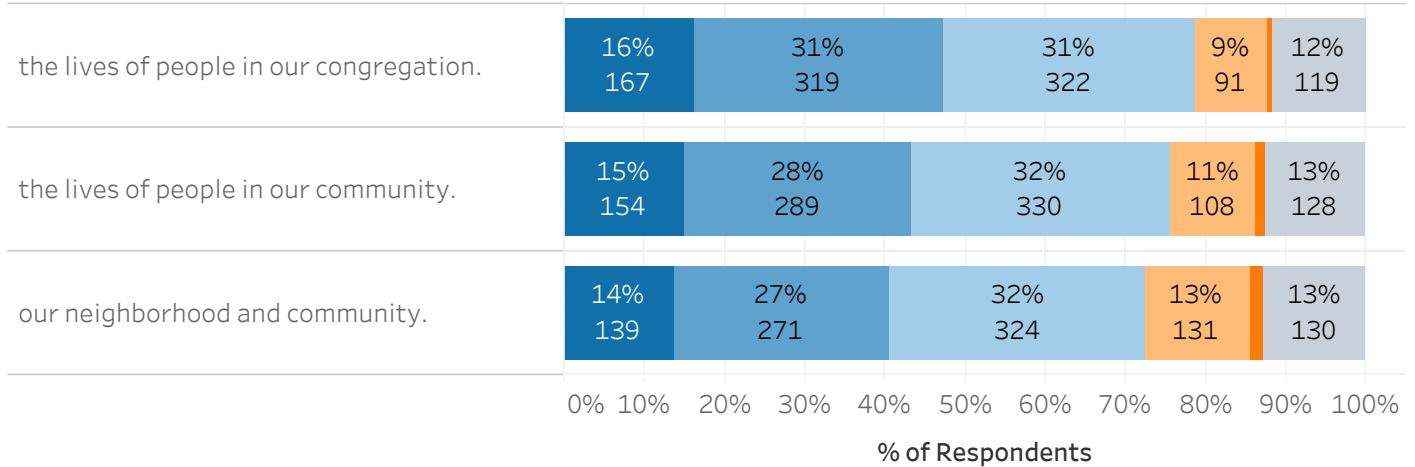
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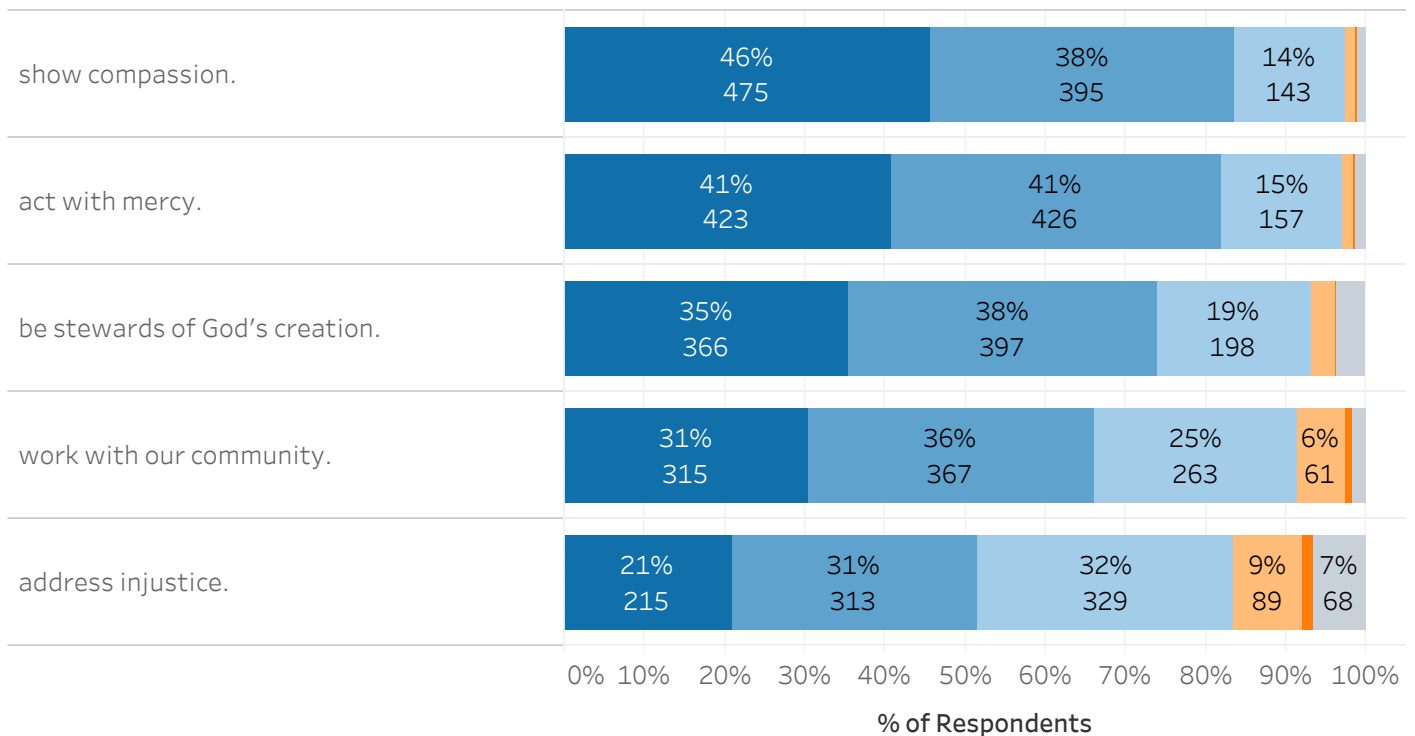
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Please indicate how true each statement is concerning your church:

Our diaconal work is transforming...



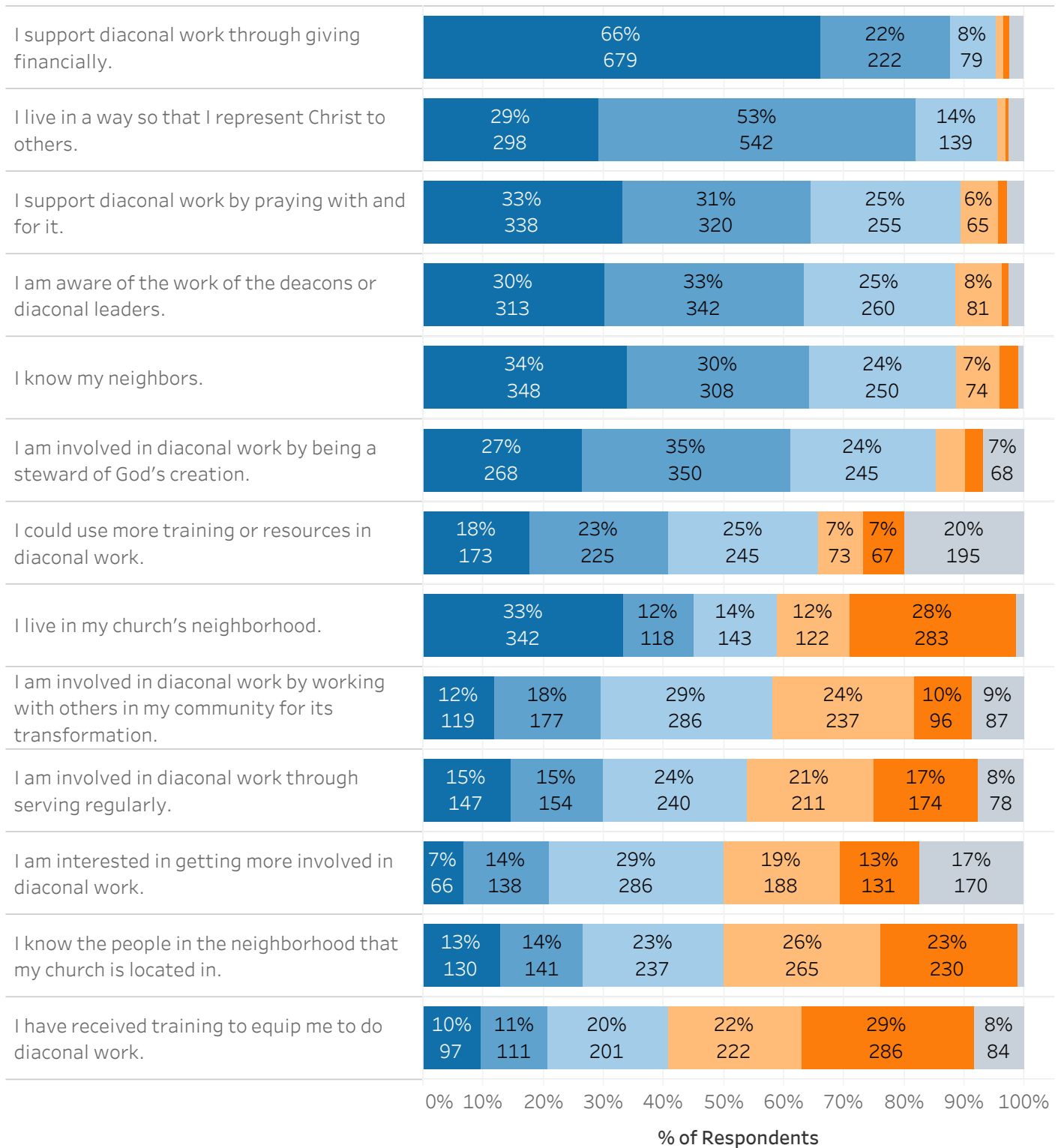
People in our congregation are equipped to...



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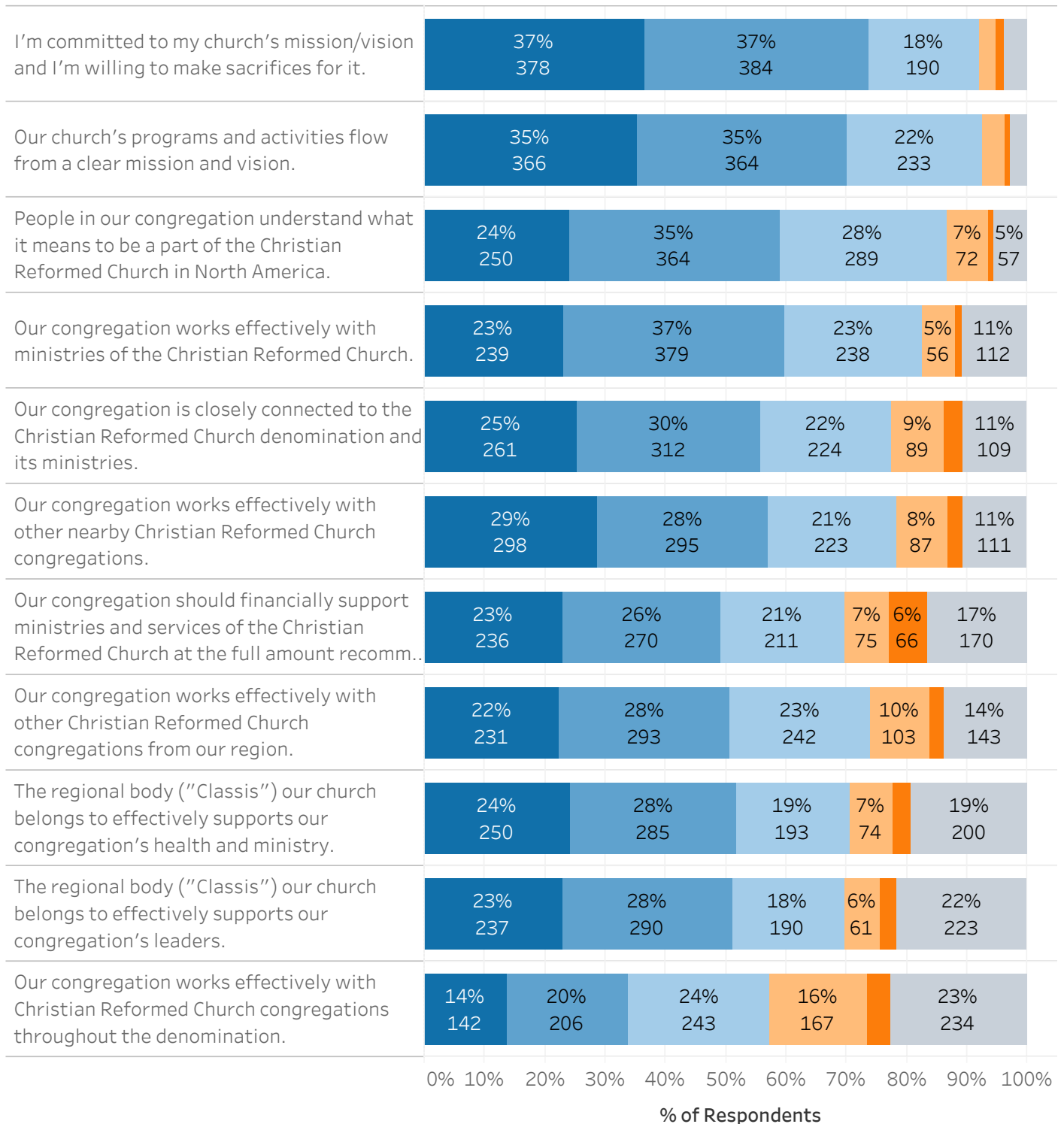
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Individual Items

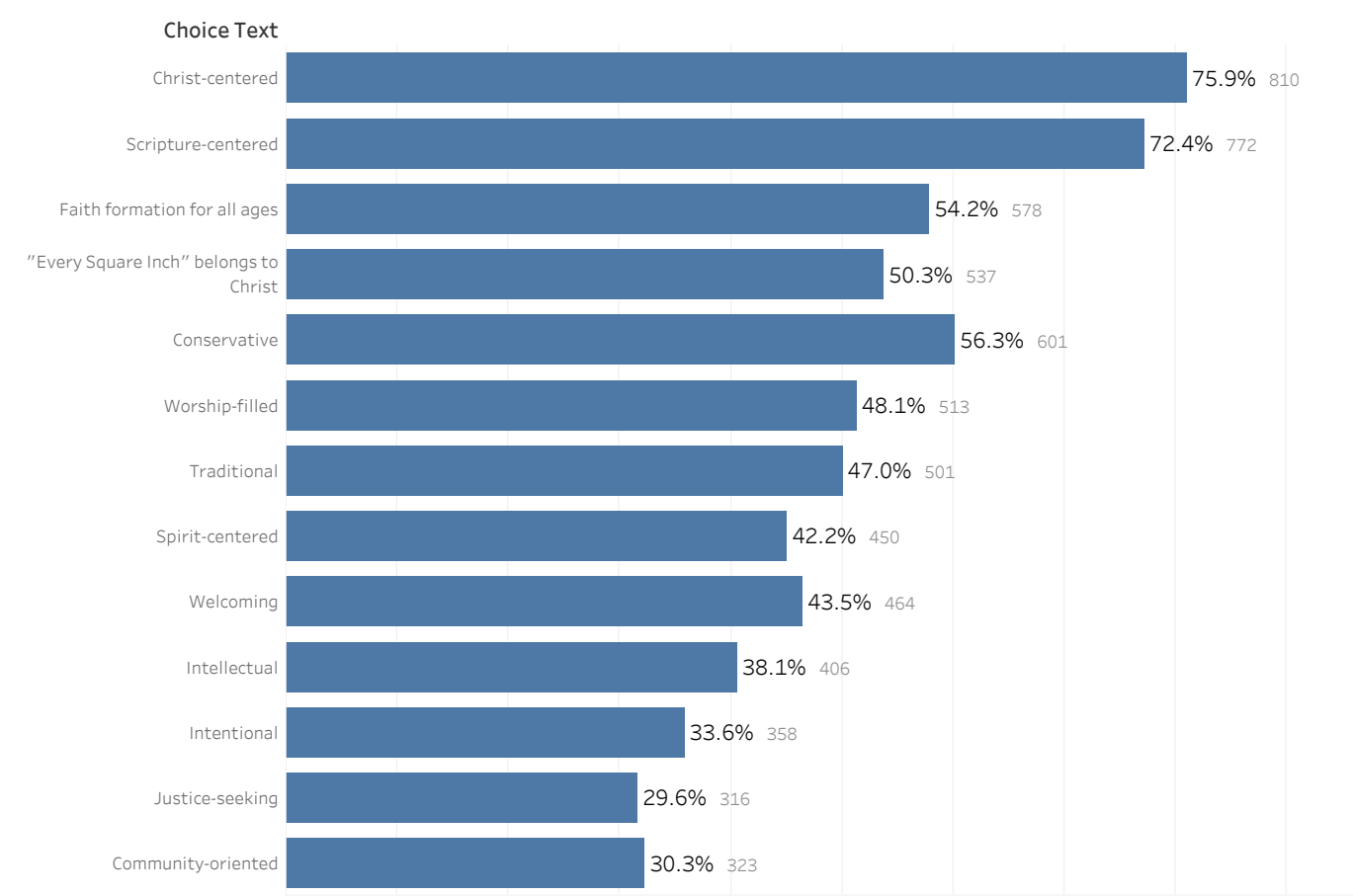
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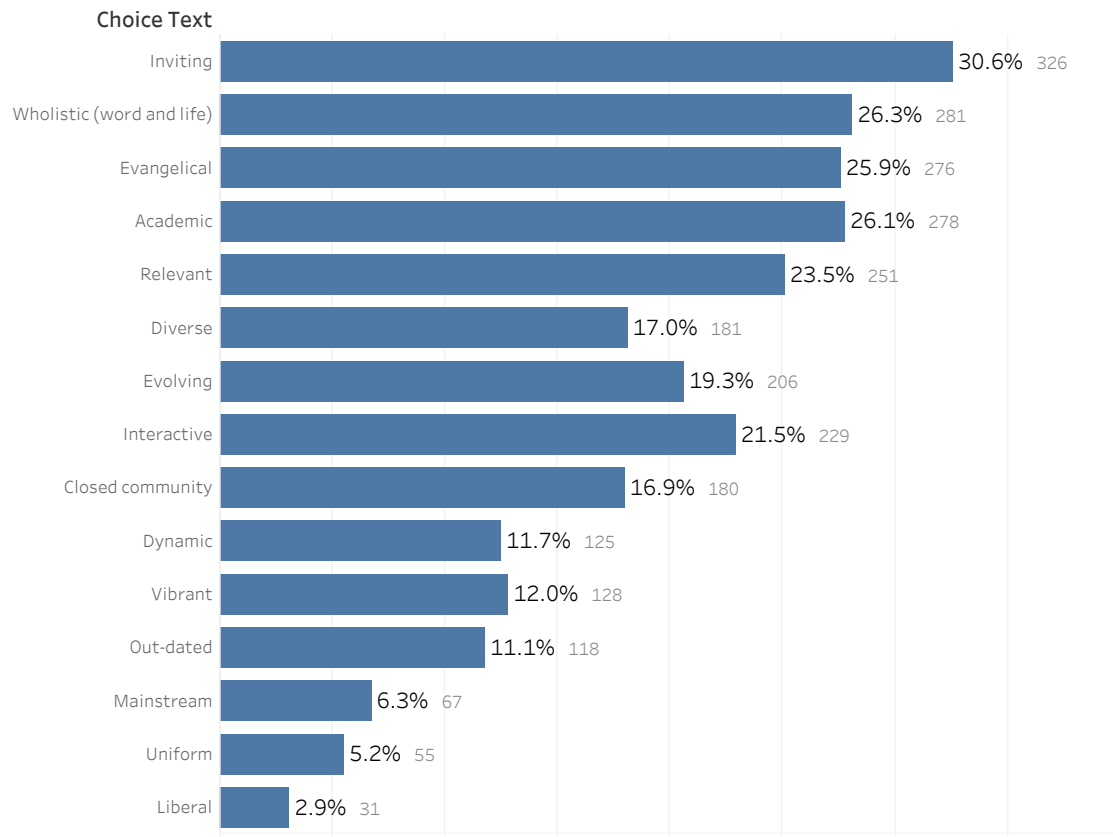
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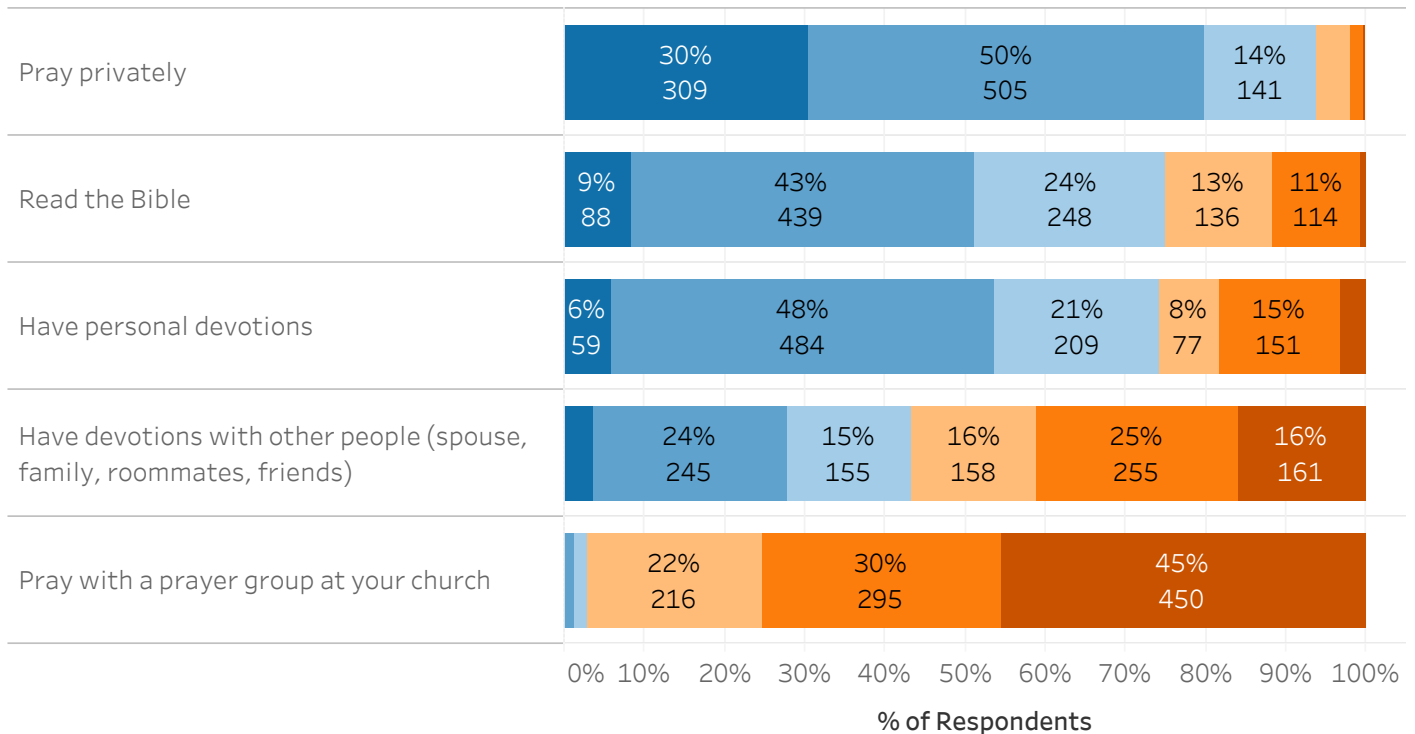
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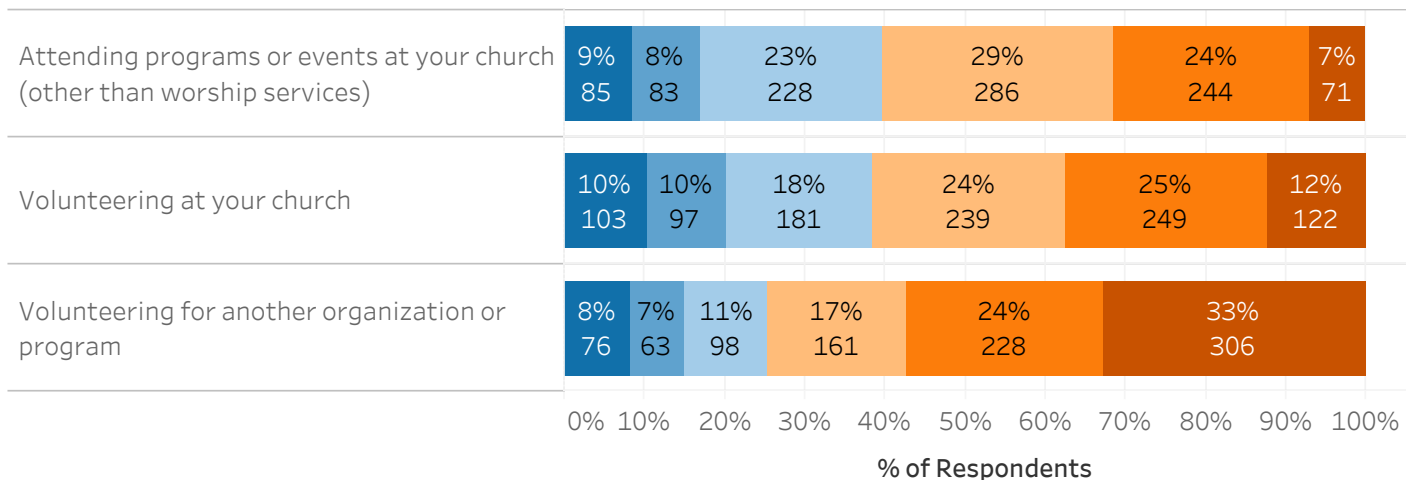
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How often do you:



■ More than once a day
 ■ Daily
 ■ Several times a week
 ■ Weekly
 ■ Less than weekly
 ■ Never



















Please indicate how many hours you spent during an average month over the last year in each of the following:



■ 20 plus
 ■ 11-20
 ■ 6-10
 ■ 3-5
 ■ 1-2
 ■ Zero

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Worship and Belonging

Q41. How much enthusiasm do you feel, in general, about the work and programs of [this church]?	Very high enthusiasm		16.4%				
	Moderately high enthusiasm				51.7%		
	Moderately low enthusiasm			21.1%			
	Very low enthusiasm		6.7%				
	Unsure		2.3%				
Q49. Do you have a strong sense of belonging to [this church]?	Yes, a strong sense of belonging tha..			26.4%			
	Yes, a strong sense—about the sam..				43.0%		
	Yes, but perhaps not as strong as in ..			19.2%			
	No, but I am happy as I am		1.7%				
	No, and I wish I did by now		4.9%				
	No, but I am new to \${e://Field/Chur..		1.5%				
	Unsure		1.6%				
Q51. Every individual and family has particular needs and gifts with which to serve. Do you prefer a long-term relationship with a particular congregation, even if some needs go unmet and gifts ..	Definitely prefer to meet needs and ..		11.5%				
	Lean toward going where needs are ..		15.4%				
	Neutral, don't lean either way		11.5%				
	Lean toward the long-term relation..			28.0%			
	Definitely prefer a long-term relatio..			25.9%			
	Unsure		5.5%				

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Financial Contribution

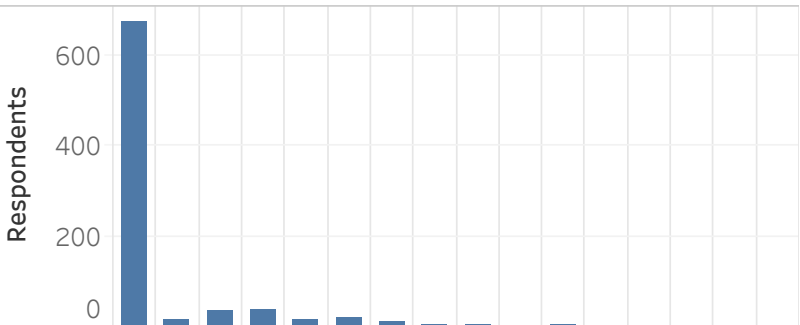
Q46. Approximately how much did your household contribute to [this church]?	Nothing	● 0.7%				
	\$1-\$499	● 4.5%				
	\$500-\$999	● 3.9%				
	\$1,000-\$1,499	● 5.1%				
	\$1,500-\$1,999	● 4.7%				
	\$2,000-\$2,499	● 4.7%				
	\$2,500-\$2,999	● 5.0%				
	\$3,000-\$3,499	● 4.8%				
	\$3,500-\$3,999	● 5.1%				
	\$4,000-\$4,499	● 4.8%				
	\$4,500-\$4,999	● 4.9%				
	\$5,000-\$7,499	● 17.1%				
	\$7,500-\$9,999	● 8.9%				
	\$10,000-\$14,999	● 8.7%				
	\$15,000 or more	● 5.8%				
	Unsure	● 2.9%				
Q47. Approximately how much did your household contribute to all other charitable causes (excluding what you reported in the previous question).	Nothing	● 2.2%				
	\$1-\$499	● 16.5%				
	\$500-\$999	● 13.1%				
	\$1,000-\$1,499	● 9.9%				
	\$1,500-\$1,999	● 6.6%				
	\$2,000-\$2,499	● 5.8%				
	\$2,500-\$2,999	● 3.6%				
	\$3,000-\$3,499	● 3.6%				
	\$3,500-\$3,999	● 2.0%				
	\$4,000-\$4,499	● 2.3%				
	\$4,500-\$4,999	● 1.8%				
	\$5,000-\$7,499	● 5.9%				
	\$7,500-\$9,999	● 3.1%				
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	Unsure	● 4.3%				

Spiritual Condition

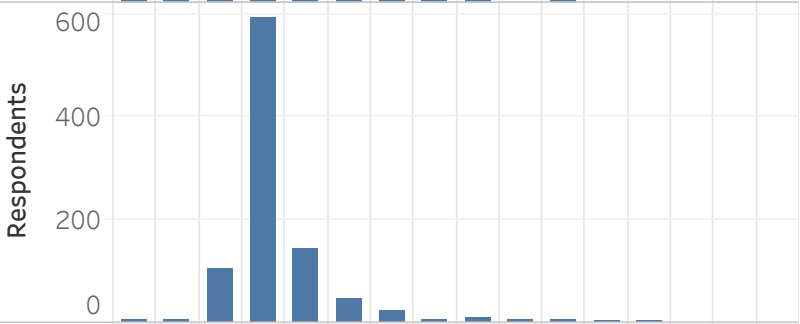
Q12. How would you say your spiritual life and faith has changed over the last 12 months?	Has grown significantly		<div><div></div></div> 23.5%			
	Has grown a little		<div><div></div></div> 40.2%			
	Has been stable		<div><div></div></div> 24.8%			
	Has declined a little	<div><div></div></div> 7.4%				
	Has declined significantly	<div><div></div></div> 1.4%				

Years of Age and Attendance

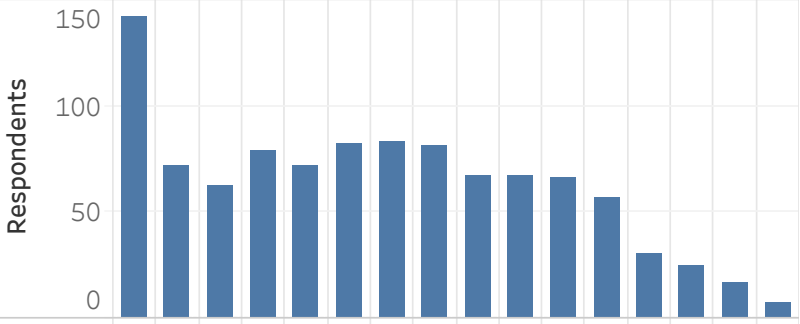
Q54. At what age were you baptized?



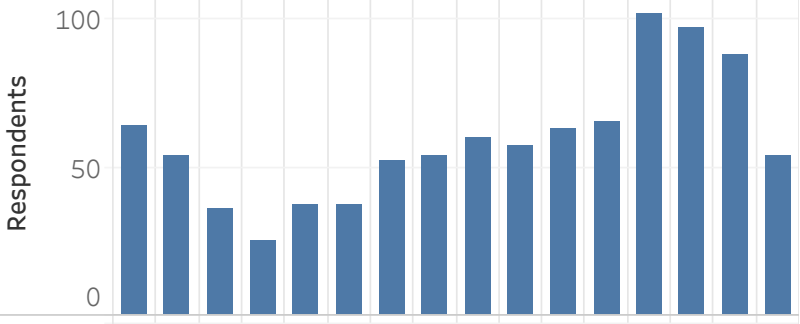
Q57. At what age did you make profession of faith?



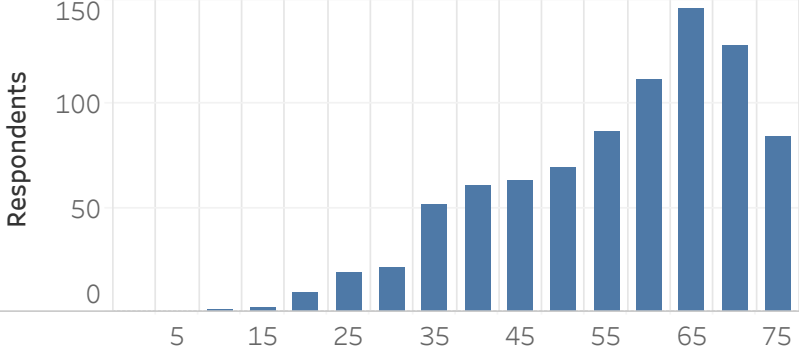
Q61. How many years have you attended [your church]?



Q62. How many years have you attended a CRC congregation, including [your church]?



Q74. What is your current age?



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Church Health

Q34. Please describe [this church's] current health:	Awful	1.6%				
	Poor	7.7%				
	Fair	19.4%				
	Good		44.2%			
	Great	20.3%				
Q35. Please describe [this church's] health five years ago:	Awful	1.3%				
	Poor	6.8%				
	Fair	25.3%				
	Good		43.0%			
	Great	11.9%				
Q36. The life cycle of a congregation can be likened to the life cycle of a person. From the following life cycle stages, select the one that comes closest to where you think your congregation is today.	Infancy/childhood	1.6%				
	Adolescence	2.3%				
	Young adulthood		24.9%			
	Maturing adulthood		31.1%			
	Empty nest/retirement		27.9%			
	Old age/dying	7.8%				

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Church Involvement

Q13. How often do you attend Sunday morning worship services?	Never	0.5%				
	Less than one Sunday a month	1.1%				
	One Sunday a month	0.9%				
	Two or three Sundays a month	11.9%				
	Every Sunday					82.8%
	No answer	1.2%				
Q14. How often do you attend Sunday evening worship services?	Never	10.1%				
	Less than one Sunday a month	5.8%				
	One Sunday a month	3.0%				
	Two or three Sundays a month	6.7%				
	Every Sunday	12.4%				
	No answer	1.6%				
	[This church] does not have evenin..				58.5%	
Q15. How often do you attend church education classes for adults at [this church] (aside from Bible studies)?	Never		27.7%			
	Less than once a month	12.9%				
	Once a month	4.5%				
	Two or three times a month	5.1%				
	Almost every week	4.4%				
	Every week	5.9%				
	[This church] does not have church..		31.9%			
Q52. Which of the following describes your connection with [this church]?	Professing member (have made p..				90.4%	
	Baptized member (have not made ..	1.4%				
	Regular attender	5.7%				
	Occasional visitor	0.3%				
	None of the above	0.6%				

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CRC Agencies and Ministries

Q66. Which of the following ministries and agencies of the CRCNA do you believe are making a positive, significant contribution to [your church]?	Partners Worldwide	0.0%				
	Calvin University				31.0%	
	Communications Resources (Faith ..				32.2%	
	Resonate Global Mission					47.0%
	Calvin Theological Seminary				39.9%	
	Canadian Indigenous Ministry	9.0%				
	Canadian Intercultural Ministry	5.4%				
	Centre for Public Dialogue (Canada)	5.8%				
	Dynamic Youth	0.0%				
	Ministry Planning (such as Our Jou..	6.6%				
	Raise Up Global Ministries (Timoth..	0.0%				
	ReFrame Ministries				29.1%	
	Thrive (Abuse Prevention and Resp..				21.8%	
	Thrive (Chaplaincy)	11.0%				
	Thrive (Disability Access)	13.7%				
	Thrive (Diversity)	8.9%				
	Thrive (Faith Formation)				21.1%	
	Thrive (Justice)	10.2%				
	Thrive (Pastors and Church Suppor..				22.4%	
	Thrive (Racial Justice)	10.2%				
Thrive (Worship)				17.7%		
World Renew					60.8%	
Q68. What are the best ways for the denomination to keep you informed about the ministries you support through your Ministry Shares, gifts and offerings? You may select more than one.	Church bulletins and newsletters				57.5%	
	Direct mail	4.2%				
	I prefer not to receive information	5.4%				
	Ministry videos				22.9%	
	Newsletters distributed at your c..				27.3%	
	Newsletters mailed to your home	8.3%				
	Personal appearances				23.1%	
	Social media (Facebook, Twitter, e..				17.4%	
	The Banner					53.4%
	E-mai				39.2%	
	Other	1.1%				

Decision-making

Q22. Which of the following statements best describes your involvement in the making of important decisions in [this church]?	I have been given the opportunity and often participate in decision-making.	38.1%
	I have been given the opportunity and occasionally get involved in decision-making.	27.9%
	I have been given the opportunity, but don't usually get involved in decision-making.	8.6%
	I have not been given an opportunity to be involved, and this is fine with me.	10.0%
	I have not been given an opportunity to be involved, and I am not happy with this.	5.3%
Q23. How much influence do you feel that church members have on the decision-making at your church?	Not enough	18.2%
	Just right	61.5%
	Too much	2.8%
Q44. How much do you trust the leaders of your church?	Low level of trust	6.2%
	Medium level of trust	28.2%
	High level of trust	61.8%













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Participation

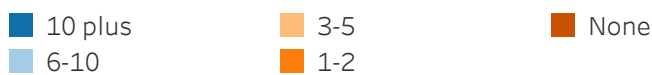
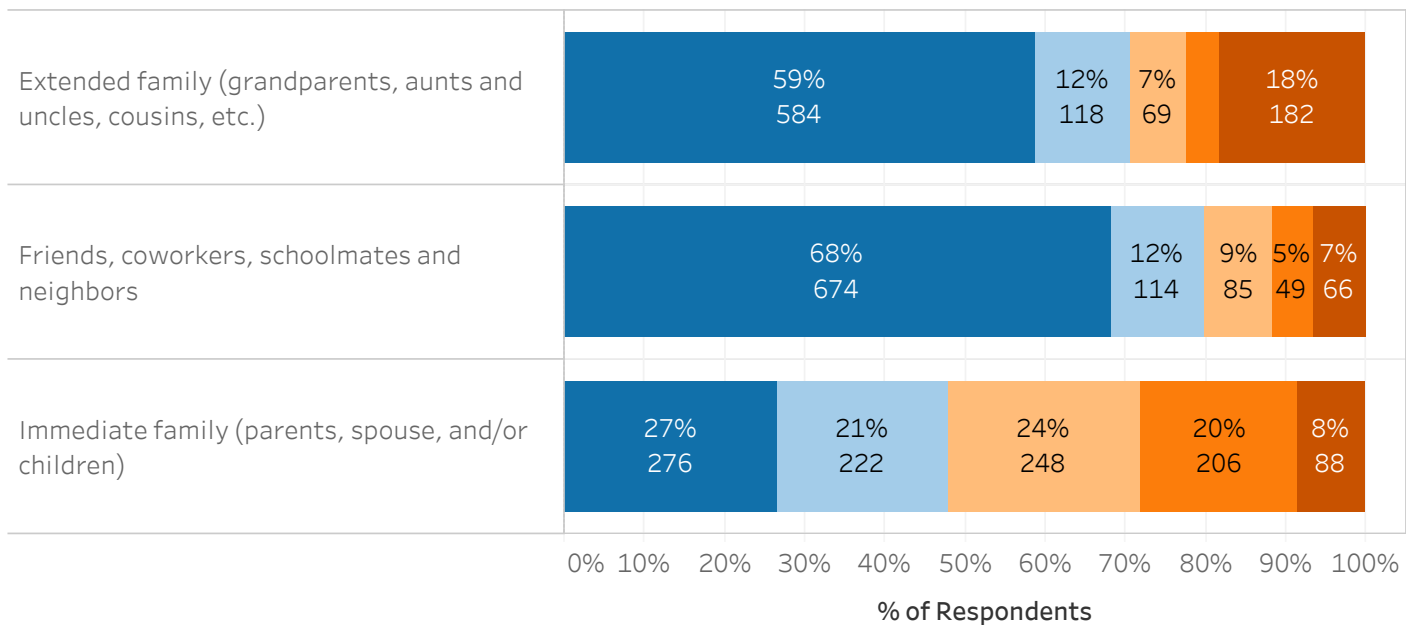
Q20. Which of the following is closest to describing the situation at [this church]?	We have more than enough volunteers	13.0%				
	Recruiting volunteers is challenging				63.9%	
	Not enough volunteers	12.7%				
Q21. In what ways have you been involved in [your church]? Check as many as apply, including both former and current activities.	Administrator	6.8%				
	Choir member		29.6%			
	Church committee chairperson		29.0%			
	Church committee member				60.9%	
	Council or consistory officer		26.0%			
	Custodian	5.0%				
	Deacon		27.5%			
	Elder		35.1%			
	None of the above	3.7%				
	Organist or pianist	7.4%				
	Other instrumentalist	7.5%				
	Pastor (senior, associate, youth, etc.)	2.9%				
	Praise team		20.9%			
	Small group leader		31.6%			
	Small group member				65.8%	
	Sunday or church school teacher			44.6%		
	Usher or greeter		33.0%			
	Worship leader	9.9%				
	Youth leader	18.1%				
	Other (specify):	11.7%				

Christian Day Schools

Q70. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with this statement: "Personal support for Christian day schools is a requirement to be part of a covenant community of believers."	Strongly agree		15.3%				
	Agree		18.2%				
	Neutral		19.9%				
	Disagree		21.1%				
	Strongly disagree		18.4%				
Q71. In the past year, how have you supported one or more Christian day schools?	Gave a financial gift				54.5%		
	Paid tuition		20.2%				
	Participated in a fundraiser				40.7%		
	Prayer support				46.5%		
	Volunteered time		24.0%				
	Other, specify		2.3%				
	None of the above		17.0%				

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About how many people do you know in each category below who are in the Christian Reformed Church?



Demographics: Gender and Marital Status

Q73. Are you:	Female					54.2%	
	Male					43.3%	
Q75. Please check any marital status that currently applies to you.	Single, never married					4.9%	
	Married once						74.6%
	Remarried					8.2%	
	Separated or divorced					3.1%	
	Widowed					7.1%	
	Other					0.3%	

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Demographics: Race (US)

Q87. How would you describe yourself? Check as many as apply.	Asian/Asian American	● 5.9%				
	Black/African American	● 1.2%				
	Hispanic/Latino	● 0.5%				
	Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islan..	● 0.0%				
	White/Caucasian/Anglo				86.5% ●	
	North American Indian/Indigenous	● 0.5%				
	Other	● 0.8%				
	Prefer not to say	● 2.1%				
Q88. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?	Cuban	● 0.0%				
	Mexican, Chicano, etc.	● 0.2%				
	Puerto Rican	● 0.5%				
	Another Hispanic, Latino, etc.	● 0.2%				
	No				92.8% ●	
Q89. What is your race or nationality?	American Indian or Alaska Native	● 0.3%				
	Asian Indian	● 0.3%				
	Filipino	● 0.2%				
	Guamanian or Chamorro	● 0.2%				
	Japanese	● 0.2%				
	Korean	● 5.9%				
	Native Hawaiian	● 0.2%				
	Samoan	● 0.2%				
	Vietnamese	● 0.2%				
	Black or African American	● 1.4%				
	Other Asian	● 0.5%				
	Other Pacific Islander	● 0.2%				
	White				87.7% ●	

Demographics: Race (Canada)

Q92. Are you:	Arab	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%					
Check all that apply	Black	<div><div></div></div> 0.2%					
	Chinese	<div><div></div></div> 2.7%					
	Filipino	<div><div></div></div> 1.7%					
	Japanese	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%					
	Korean	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%					
	Latin American	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%					
	White				89.6%	<div><div></div></div>	
	Other, please specify:	<div><div></div></div> 0.1%					
	No answer	<div><div></div></div> 3.0%					
	South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%					
	Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Laotian, etc.)	<div><div></div></div> 0.2%					
	West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Afghan, etc.)	<div><div></div></div> 0.0%					
Q93. Are you a member of an Indian Band/First Natio..	No	<div><div></div></div> 0.2%					

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Demographics: Education

Q80. Which of the following schools have you attended? Check as many as apply.	Christian day school (primary or secondary)					63.4%
	Public school (primary or secondary)					52.8%
	Secular private school (primary or secondary)	3.6%				
	Calvin University		21.5%			
	Other denominationally-related college(s): Dordt, Trinity, Kuyper Co..	15.5%				
	Public college(s) or university(ies)					52.7%
	Other private or church-related college(s)	9.9%				
	Other	2.2%				
	None of the above	1.0%				

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Demographics: Employment

Q84. What is your current employment situation? Check as many as apply.	Full-time employment		● 29.1%			
	Part-time employment		● 12.8%			
	Full-time student	● 0.8%				
	Part-time student	● 0.3%				
	Homemaker or primary caregiver	● 8.3%				
	Self-employed	● 9.8%				
	Own a business with employees	● 3.8%				
	Own an agricultural business	● 5.2%				
	Retired		● 45.1%			
	Unemployed	● 0.8%				
	Actively looking for new work	● 0.7%				
	Disabled or otherwise unable to wo..	● 0.9%				
	Volunteer or unpaid position	● 4.4%				
	None of the above	● 0.1%				
	Other (specify):	● 1.1%				
Q85. How would you describe your current vocation? Please check all areas of your calling in which you are active, whether paid or voluntary.	Ordained Christian ministry	● 3.4%				
	Lay Christian ministry	● 8.6%				
	Church leadership	● 17.2%				
	For-profit business	● 14.2%				
	Non-profit organization	● 17.0%				
	Farming or agriculture	● 8.3%				
	Entrepreneurship	● 4.7%				
	Social or political activism	● 5.2%				
	Missions and evangelism	● 5.4%				
	Environmental stewardship	● 6.0%				
	Technology and social media	● 3.8%				
	Engagement with children or youth		● 19.5%			
	Cross-cultural/racial reconciliation	● 2.6%				
	None of the above		● 24.3%			
	Other (specify):	● 3.9%				

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Demographics: Your Children's Education

Q76. How many dependent children under age 18 do you have living with you?	None					● 73.0%	
	One	● 6.2%					
	Two	● 8.4%					
	Three	● 6.2%					
	Four	● 2.9%					
	Five or more	● 0.9%					
Q77. How many dependent children under age 18 do you have living with you who attend a private Christian school?	None	● 10.5%					
	One	● 4.4%					
	Two	● 4.8%					
	Three	● 3.1%					
	Four	● 1.2%					
	Five or more	● 0.4%					
Q78. Do your children regularly attend Children's Ministry/catechism classes?	No	● 1.8%					
	Yes, through sixth grade	● 3.5%					
	Yes, through junior high	● 1.7%					
	Yes, through high school	● 11.0%					
	Does not apply - I have no children of that age	● 3.1%					
	Does not apply - My church does not offer classes for my children's age	● 1.8%					
	Other (specify)	● 1.3%					

Demographics: Disability, Residential Setting

Q81. Is there anyone living in your household with any of the following disabilities?	Physical disability (e.g., blindness, deafness, M.S., paralysis)	<div><div></div></div> 5.3%				
	Cognitive disability	<div><div></div></div> 3.8%				
	Mental health diagnosis	<div><div></div></div> 6.6%				
	Learning disability	<div><div></div></div> 3.0%				
	Drug or alcohol addiction	<div><div></div></div> 2.1%				
	None of the above				<div><div></div></div> 76.9%	
Q82. How would you describe the area in which you live?	A large city (750,000 or more)	<div><div></div></div> 8.2%				
	The suburbs of a large city	<div><div></div></div> 13.4%				
	A medium-sized city (150,000 to 749,000)	<div><div></div></div> 12.5%				
	The suburbs of a medium-sized city	<div><div></div></div> 6.6%				
	A small city (50,000 to 149,000)	<div><div></div></div> 11.4%				
	A large town (10,000 to 49,000)	<div><div></div></div> 12.6%				
	A small town (less than 10,000)	<div><div></div></div> 16.1%				
	Open country, not a farm	<div><div></div></div> 8.8%				
	A farm	<div><div></div></div> 7.5%				

Demographics: Income

Q94. What was your total household income last year (2021) before taxes and deductions? This includes income from all sources.

Less than \$10,000

0.8%

\$10,000 to \$14,999

1.0%

\$15,000 to \$19,999

1.0%

\$20,000 to \$29,999

3.2%

\$30,000 to \$39,999

4.6%

\$40,000 to \$49,999

5.6%

\$50,000 to \$59,999

6.8%

\$60,000 to \$69,999

6.4%

\$70,000 to \$79,999

7.6%

\$80,000 to \$99,999

11.4%

\$100,000 to \$149,999

16.1%

\$150,000 to \$199,000

5.8%

\$200,000 or more

5.9%

Don't know or unsure

3.2%