

## Our Journey 2020 Report of CRCNA Members

This is a report of the 2017 CRCNA congregational survey that **1,590** of participating congregation members completed. The report is divided into four sections.

**Desired Futures:** The first section consists of Desired Futures, along with a few matrix questions from the Individual Items.

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

**Demographics:** The third section contains demographic information for all participating members.

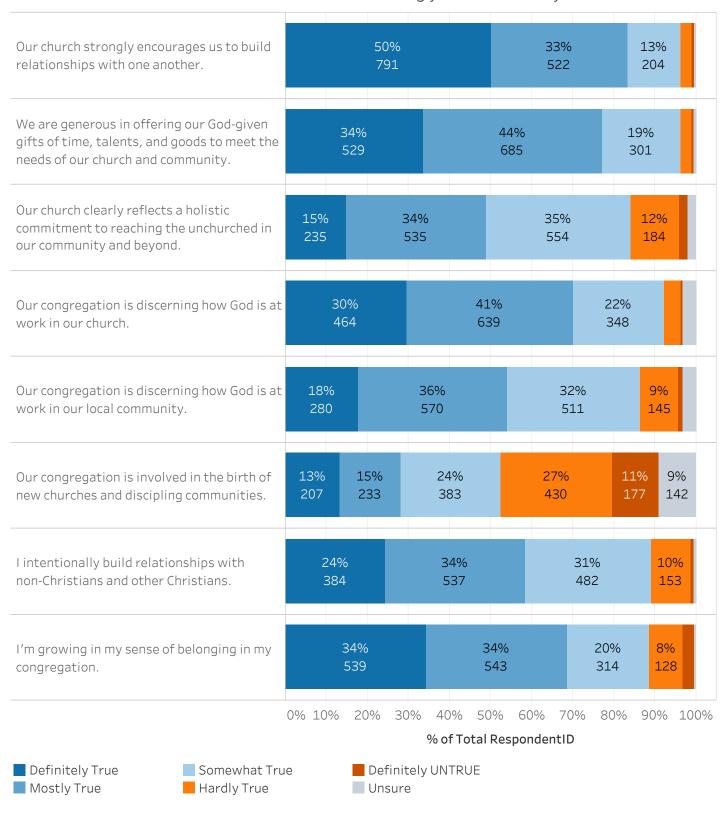
We hope this information is fruitful for you.

Peace and Blessings,
Calvin College Center for Social Research



## **Church and Community**

Please indicate how true each statement is concerning your church and yourself:

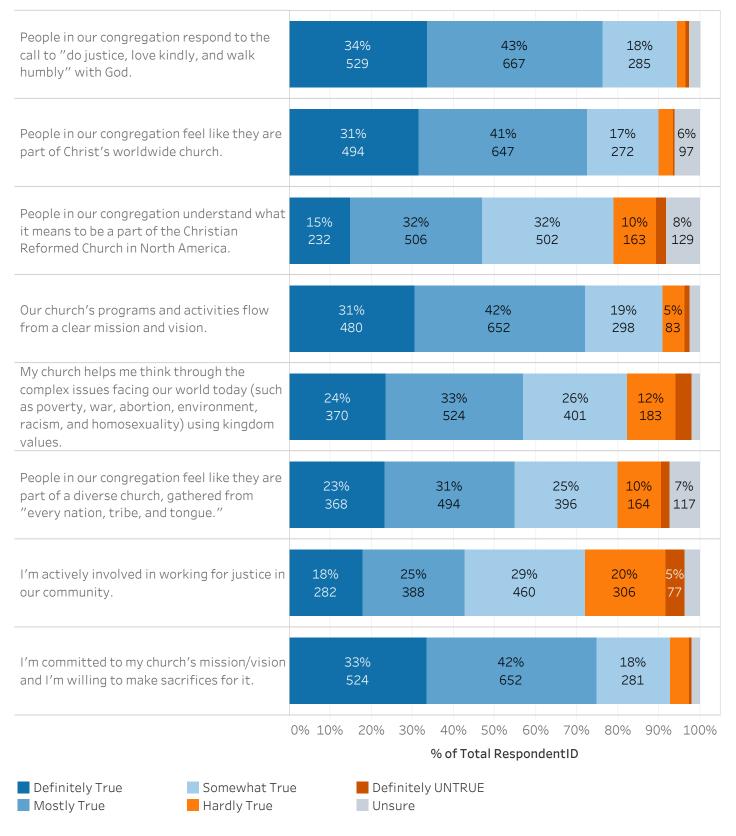


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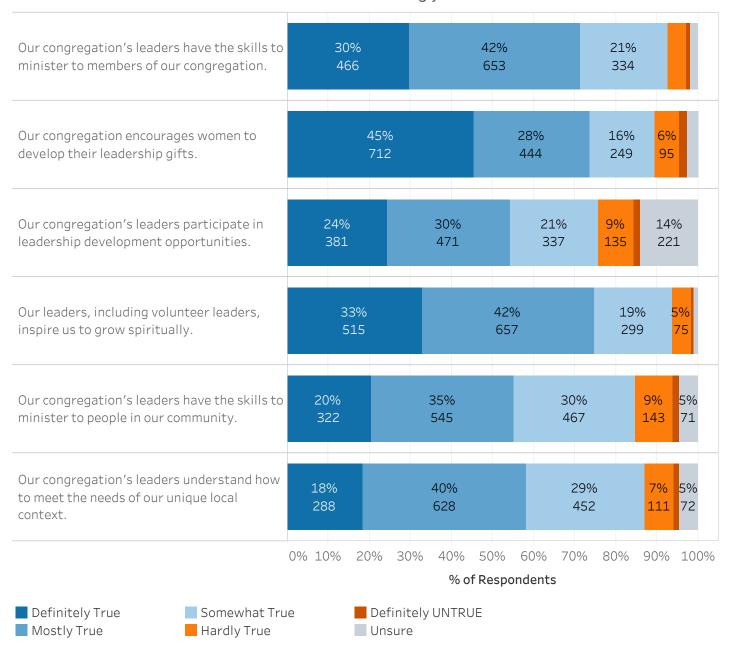
Please indicate how true each statement is concerning your church:



**Identity**Please indicate how true each statement is concerning your church and yourself:

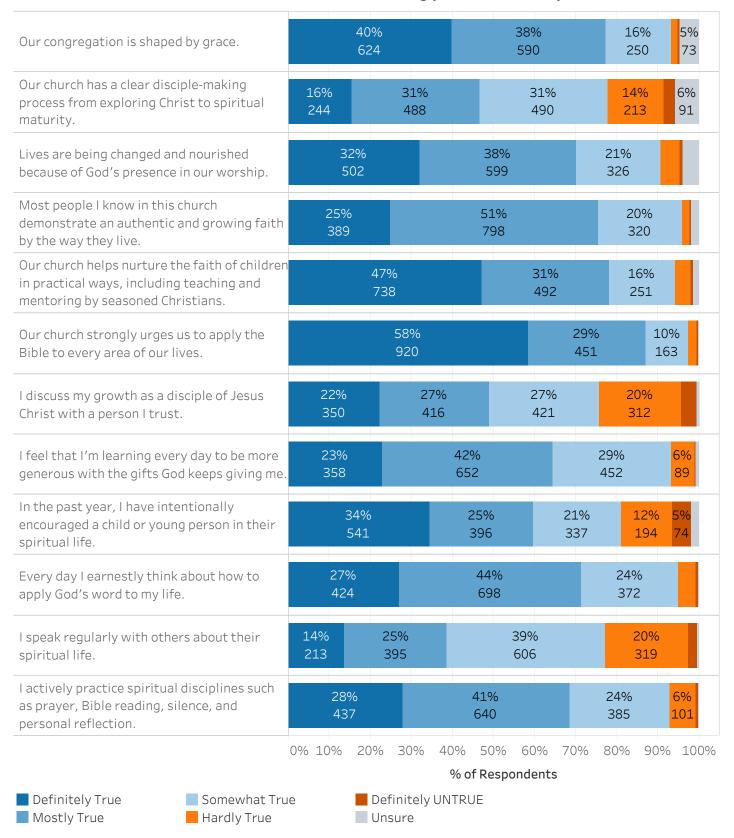


**Leadership**Please indicate how true each statement is concerning your church:



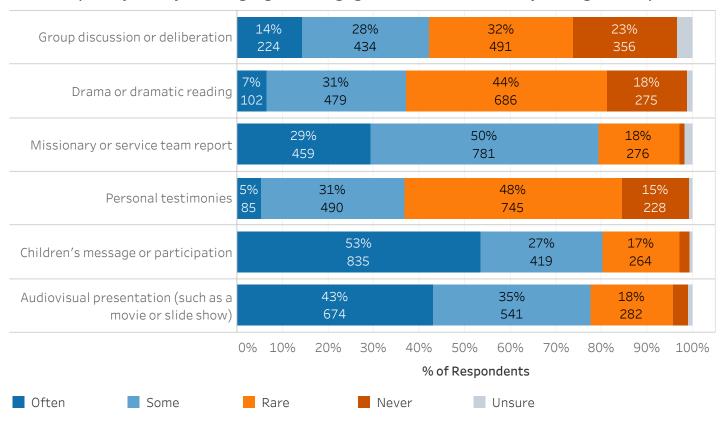
### Discipleship

Please indicate how true each statement is concerning your church and yourself:

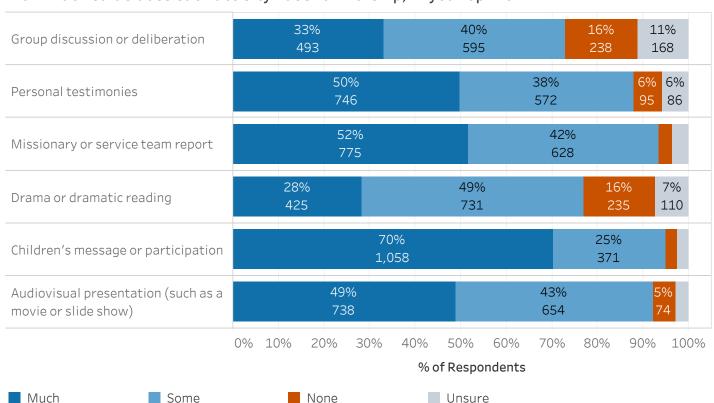


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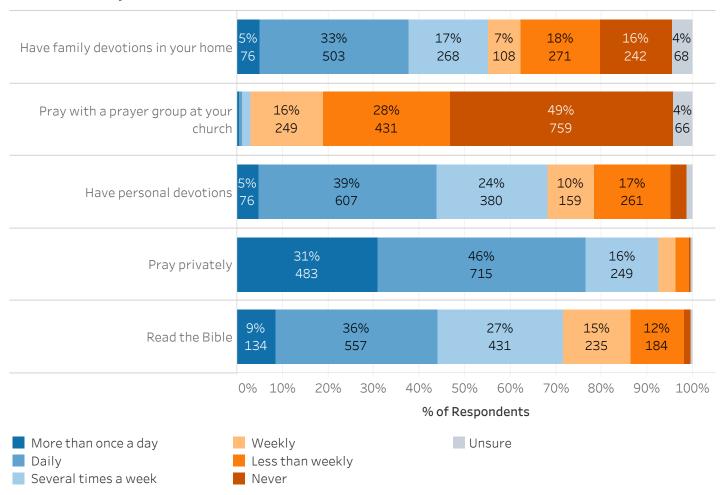
## How frequently does your congregation engage in this kind of activity during worship?



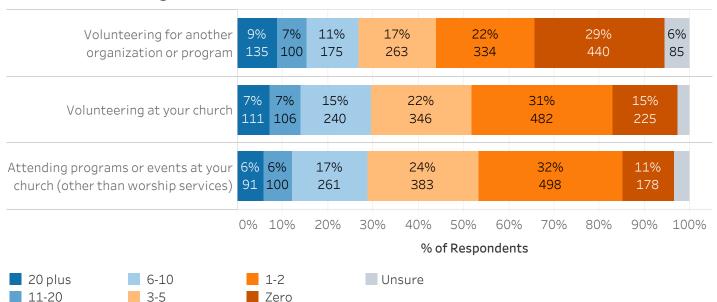
### How much value does each activity have for worship, in your opinion?



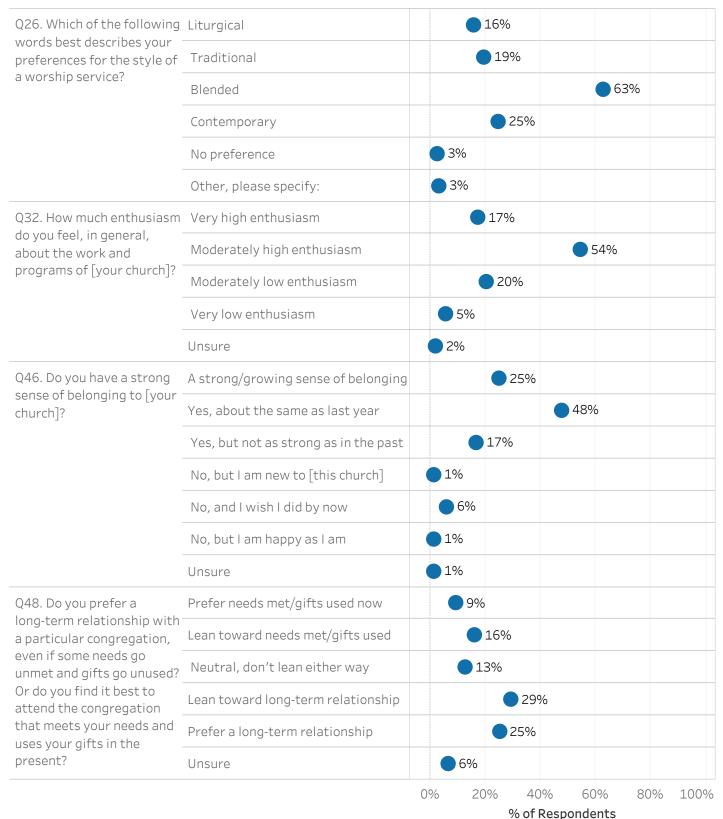
### How often do you:



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



### Worship and Belonging



## **Financial Contribution**

Q43. Approximately how	Nothing	● 1%
much did your household	\$1-\$499	● 6%
contribute to [your church]?	\$500-\$999	• 4%
	\$1,000-\$1,499	● 6%
	\$1,500-\$1,999	• 7%
	\$2,000-\$2,499	● 6%
	\$2,500-\$2,999	● 6%
	\$3,000-\$3,499	● 6%
	\$3,500-\$3,999	• 6%
	\$4,000-\$4,499	• 4%
	\$4,500-\$4,999	● 5%
	\$5,000-\$7,499	● 16%
	\$7,500-\$9,999	• 8%
	\$10,000-\$14,999	• 7%
	\$15,000 or more	• 5%
	I prefer not to disclose.	• 4%
	Unsure	● 3%
Q44. Approximately how	Nothing	● 2%
much did your household	\$1-\$499	<b>1</b> 9%
contribute to all other charitable causes	\$500-\$999	<b>1</b> 5%
(excluding what you	\$1,000-\$1,499	● 11%
reported in the previous question)?	\$1,500-\$1,999	• 7%
	\$2,000-\$2,499	• 6%
	\$2,500-\$2,999	• 4%
	\$3,000-\$3,499	● 3%
	\$3,500-\$3,999	<b>2</b> %
	\$4,000-\$4,499	<b>2</b> %
	\$4,500-\$4,999	<b>2</b> %
	\$5,000-\$7,499	● 5%
	\$7,500-\$9,999	● 3%
	\$10,000-\$14,999	• 4%
	\$15,000 or more	• 5%
	I prefer not to disclose.	● 5%
	Unsure	• 4%

0%

20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

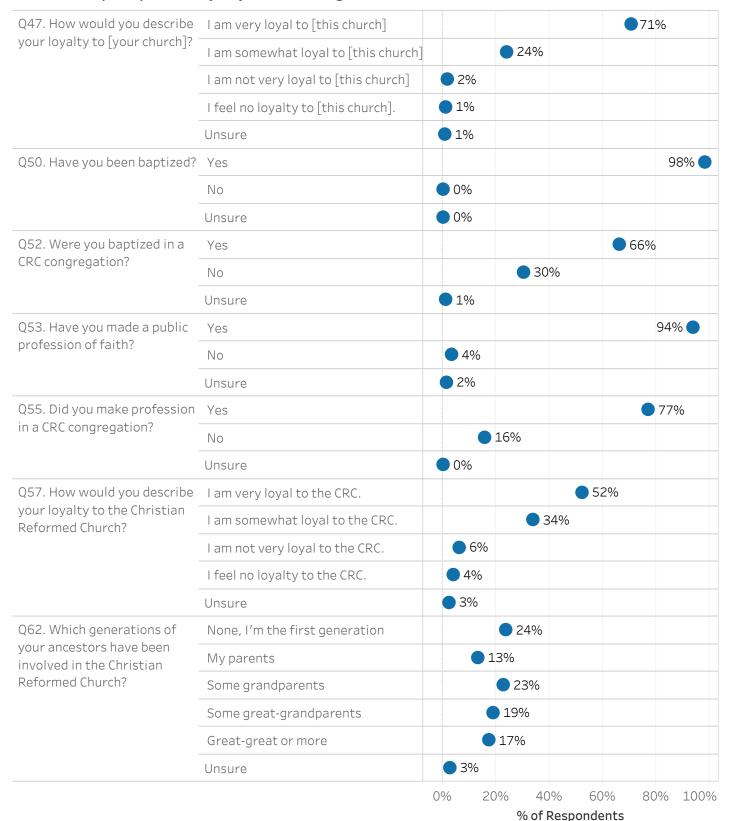
% of Respondents

## **Spiritual Condition**

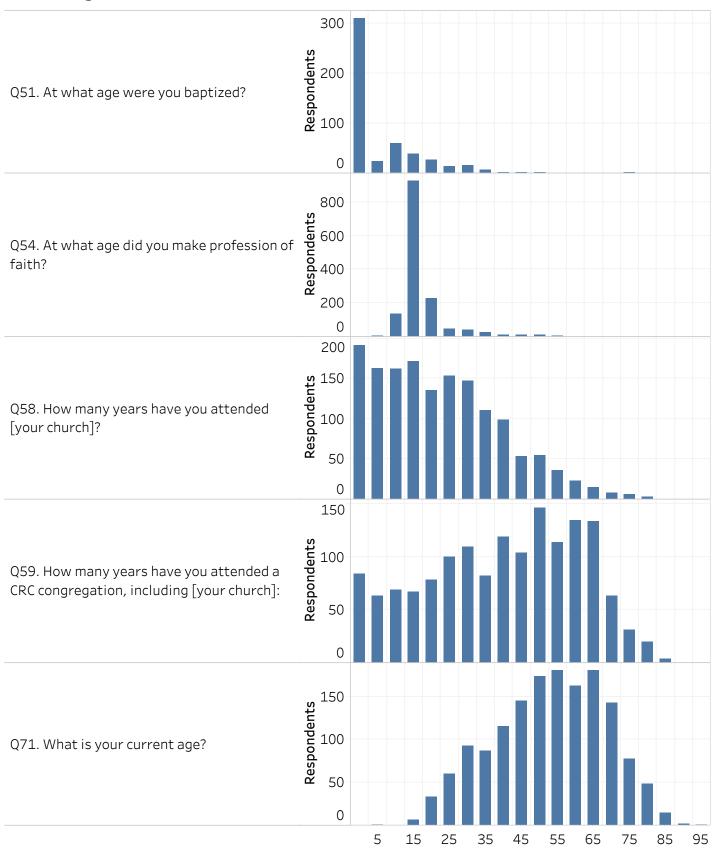
Q27. Which option below best describes your current spiritual condition?	I am not a Christian.	0%					
	I am not yet a Christian but am seeki	0%					
	I am a Christian but quite new at livi	2%					T
	I am a committed Christian but still				59%		T
	I am a mature Christian.			37%			
	Unsure	1%					
Q28. How would you say your spiritual life and faith has changed over the last 12 months?	Has declined significantly	1%					
	Has declined a little	8	%				
	Has been stable		<b>2</b> 69	%			
	Has grown a little			<b>45</b> %			
	Has grown significantly		<b>1</b> 9%				
	Unsure	1%					
		0%		10% 60 Respond		0% 100	)%

■ % for all participants

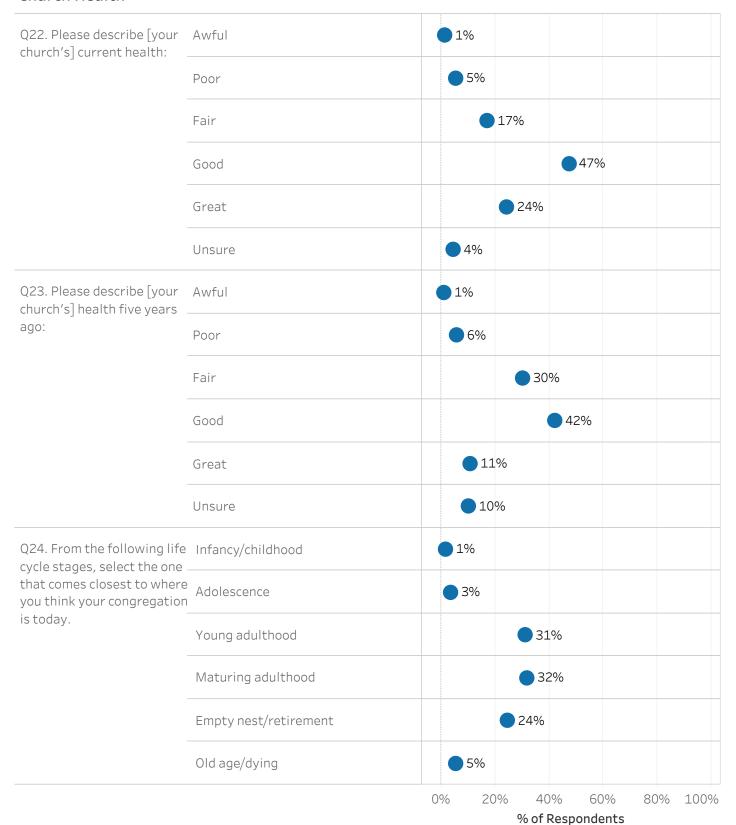
### Membership, Baptism, Loyalty, and Heritage



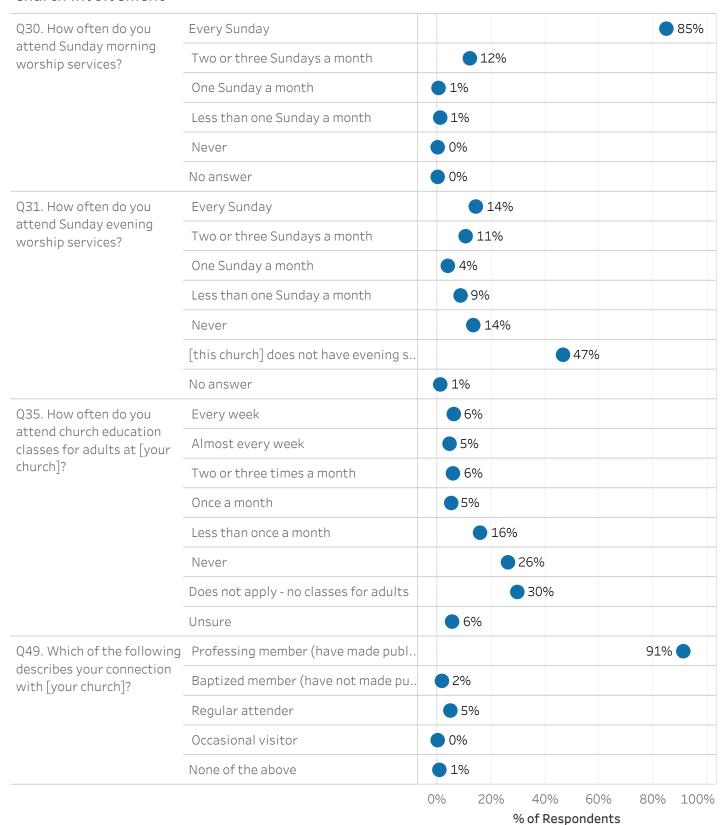
## Years of Age and Attendance



#### Church Health



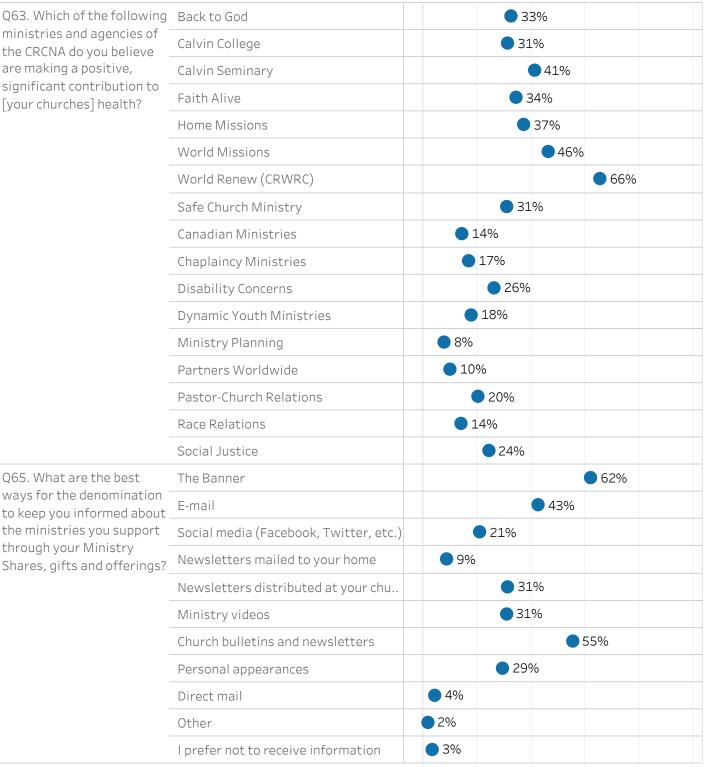
#### Church Involvement



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### **CRC Agencies and Ministries**

Q63. Which of the following Back to God ministries and agencies of the CRCNA do you believe are making a positive, significant contribution to [your churches] health?



0%

20%

40%

% of Respondents

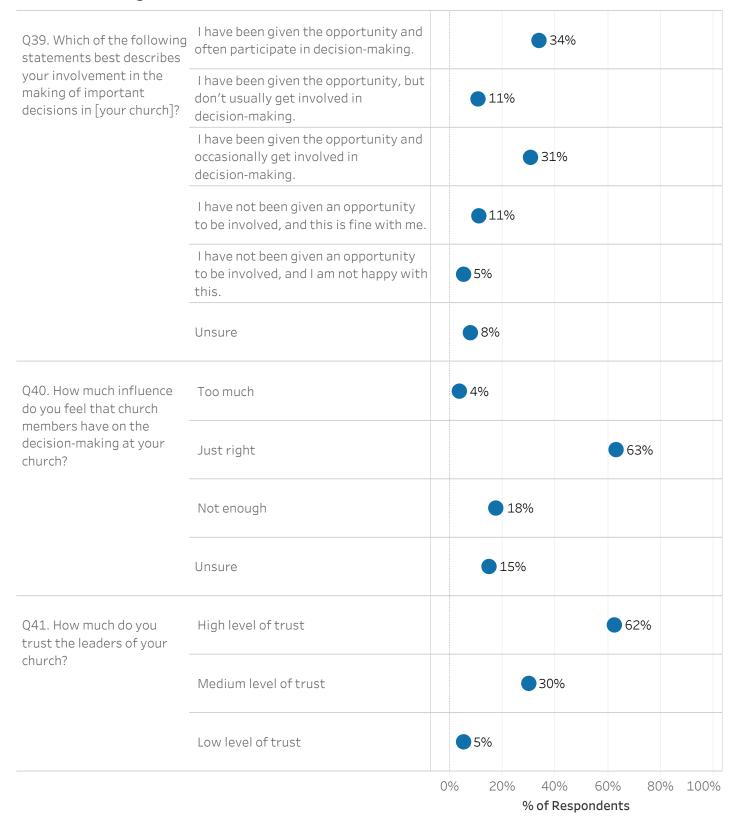
60%

80% 100%

Q65. What are the best

through your Ministry

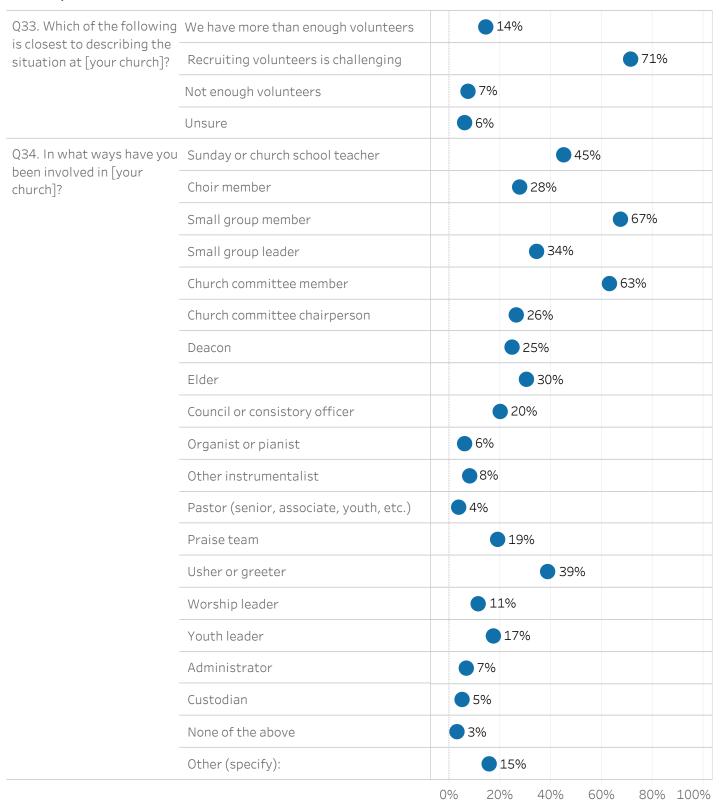
### **Decision-making**



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% of Respondents

### Participation

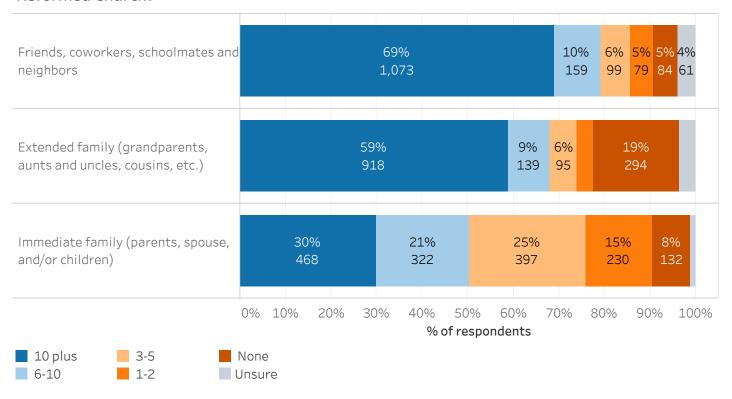


## Christian Day Schools

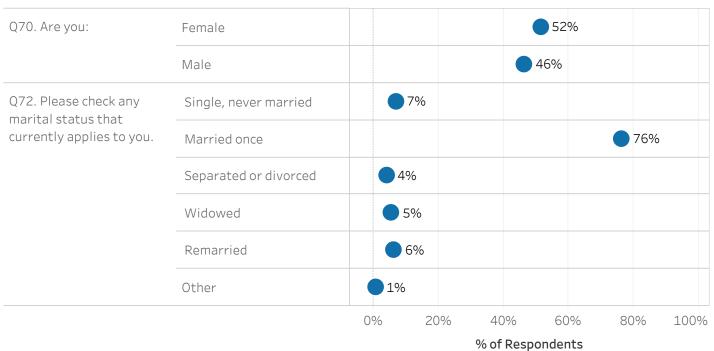
Q67. Please indicate your	Strongly disagree	20%
agreement or disagreement with this statement: "Personal support for Christian day schools is a requirement to be part of a covenant community of believers."	Disagree	22%
	Neutral	21%
	Agree	16%
	Strongly agree	14%
	Unsure	5%
Q68. In the past year, how have you supported one or more Christian day schools?	Paid tuition	26%
	Gave a financial gift	58%
	Participated in a fundraiser	43%
	Volunteered time	29%
	Prayer support	45%
	None of the above	22%
	Other, specify	3%
		0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100 % of Respondents

% for all participants

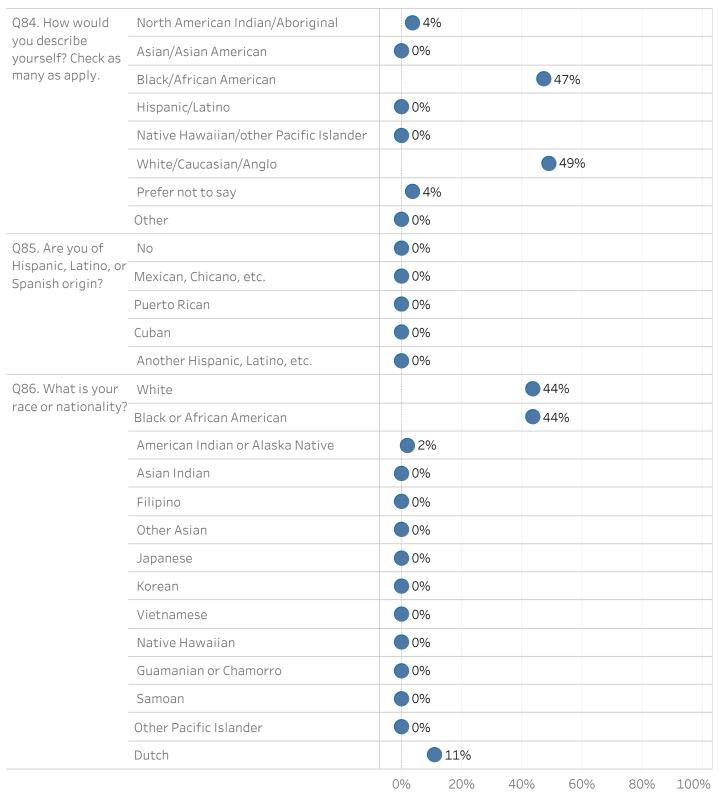
## About how many people do you know in each category below who are in the Christian Reformed Church?



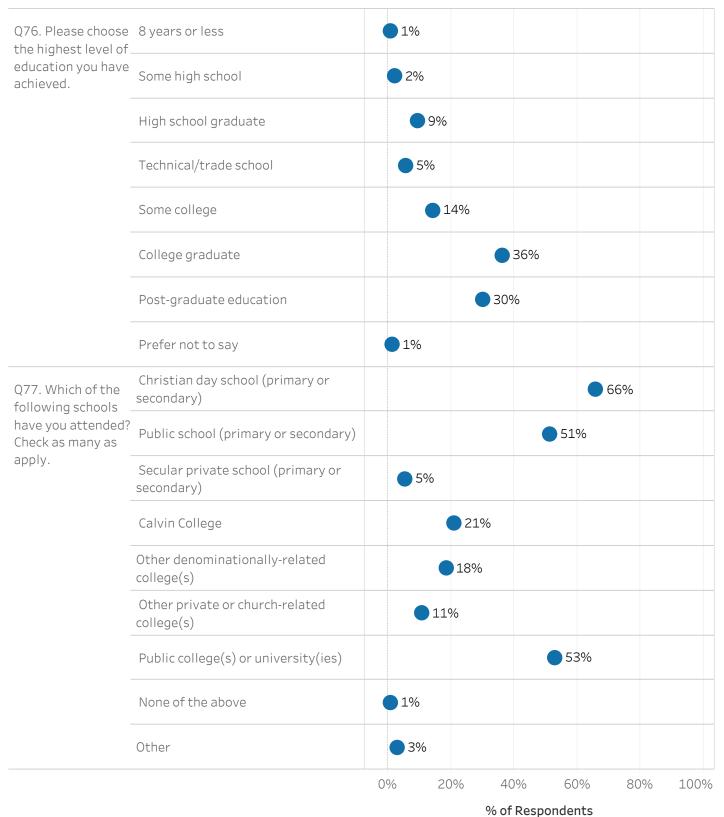
## Demographics: Gender and Marital Status



## Demographics: Race



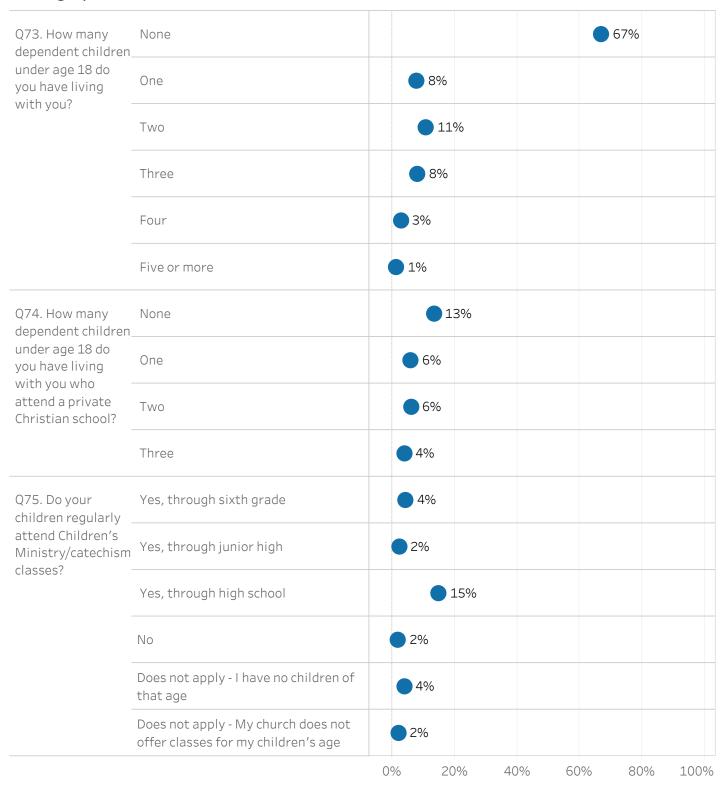
## **Demographics: Education**



## Demographics: Employment and Vocation

-	Full-time employment		<b>3</b> 9%
current employment	Part-time employment	•	17%
situation? Check as many as apply.	Full-time student	2%	
	Part-time student	1%	
	Homemaker or primary caregiver	<b>1</b> 09	%
	Self-employed	<b>1</b> 2	%
	Own a business with employees	<b>4</b> %	
	Own an agricultural business	<b>5</b> %	
-	Retired		<b>2</b> 9%
	Unemployed	1%	
	Actively looking for new work	2%	
	Disabled or otherwise unable to work	1%	
	Volunteer or unpaid position	<b>5</b> %	
	None of the above	0%	
	Other (specify):	1%	
Q82. How would	Ordained Christian ministry	<b>4</b> %	
you describe your current	Lay Christian ministry	9%	
vocation?Please	Church leadership	• 1	L5%
check all areas of	For-profit business		19%
your calling in which you are active, whether paid or voluntary.	Non-profit organization		<b>24</b> %
	Farming or agriculture	9%	
	Entrepreneurship	<b>5</b> %	
	Social or political activism	<b>6</b> %	
	Missions and evangelism	<b>6</b> %	
	Environmental stewardship	<b>5</b> %	
	Technology and social media	<b>6</b> %	
	Engagement with children or youth		20%
	Cross-cultural/racial reconciliation	<b>5</b> %	
	None of the above	•	18%
	Other (specify):	8%	

## Demographics: Your Children's Education



### Disability, Residential Setting

Physical disability (e.g., blindness, Q78. Is there 5% deafness, M.S., paralysis) anyone living in your household Cognitive disability 3% with any of the following disabilities? 7% Mental health diagnosis Learning disability 4% 2% Drug or alcohol addiction None of the above 77% Q79. How would A large city (750,000 or more) 7% you describe the area in which you The suburbs of a large city 12% live? A medium-sized city (150,000 to 19% 749,000) 6% The suburbs of a medium-sized city A small city (50,000 to 149,000) 13% A large town (10,000 to 49,000) 11% A small town (less than 10,000) 18% 6% Open country, not a farm A farm 6% Unsure 1% 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% % of Respondents

## Demographics: Income

