

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church Congregational Survey

SURVEY INTRODUCTION

This survey is being initiated by the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) of Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church for two purposes:

- a) collect information that will help us complete the Church Information Form / job description required to select our next associate pastor.
- b) help us learn more about the congregation so we can better inform prospective candidates about who we are.

All who are involved in Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church (hereafter referred to as "our church") are encouraged to complete the survey. We want to hear from all ages and perspectives; from official members and non-members who participate in any church activities; from those who have been associated with our church for a long time and from those who are new.

The survey is available in both web-based and print versions.

- Check the church web site -- <http://www.svpc.us> -- for a link to the web survey. The online survey has been set up so that multiple people can complete the survey from the same computer.
- Printed copies are available in the church office and after each church service during the survey period.

You may complete the survey in either format, but please complete only one survey per person. Individual survey responses are confidential. A summary of collective responses will be publicly available.

The survey opens Tuesday, September 8 and closes at 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 25. Completed print-based surveys should be returned to the Church Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 25.

The APNC thanks you for taking the time to provide your feedback.

APNC Members

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| <i>Pam Leitterman, Chair</i> | <i>Rachel Beck</i> | <i>Jack Cole</i> | <i>Ron Sato</i> |
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Click Next or turn the page to begin answering questions.

1. How long have you been involved with our church?

less than 6 months

1-3 years

10-25 years

6-12 months

3-10 years

More than 25 years

2. How did you first learn about our church? (Check all that apply.)

Phone Book / Yellow Pages

Heard about it from a family member

Web site

Through The Music School.

Saw the church in the neighborhood

Through the Presbyterian Early Learning Center or Mothers Day Out

Heard about it from a friend

Through its work in the community (e.g. Rotating Shelter, Thanksgiving dinners, Volunteer work at Sunnyvale Community Services, etc.)

Other (please specify)

3. What prompted you to begin attending our church? (Check all that apply.)

My parents brought me up in this church.

I was previously attending another church in the area but wanted a change.

I was new in town and looking for a church.

A major life change or crisis in my life prompted me to look for a church.

Another family member invited me to attend.

A friend invited me to attend.

A spiritual hunger brought me to church.

Other (please specify)

4. What worship service do you primarily attend at our church?

Early Light (7:50 am)

Traditional Morning (10:00 am)

Intersections (5:00 pm)

5. What is your affiliation with our church?

Member

Non-member / Friend

6. What do you value about our church?

7. List the *church activities* in which you participate (P) or help lead (L). Please mark each activity with a "P" or "L" to designate your role. For example, "Bible study group - P" means you are part of the group; "Bible study group - L" means you lead or co-lead the group.

8. Select up to 5 of the following areas about which you are passionate or excited. You may also specify other areas not listed on the form, but please limit your total number of choices to 5.

- Children
- Youth
- College/Young Adults
- Singles
- Families
- Seniors
- Community Service
- Cooking
- Creating /Making /Building
- Design / Decorating
- Ecology / Environment
- Ending poverty / homelessness
- Fitness / health
- Gardening
- Growing your faith
- Helping people in need
- Learning about other cultures / countries
- Meeting people
- Mission
- Music / Drama
- Nutrition
- Outdoor activities
- Peacemaking and justice
- Planning activities
- Sharing your faith
- Sports
- Travel
- Welcoming people

Other (please specify)

9. *Outside of church*, what volunteer activities do you participate in (P) or help lead (L)? Please list, and mark with a "P" or "L" to designate your role in each.

10. Rate the degree to which to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

| | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Not applicable |
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| I feel welcome at our church. | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn |
| I have many close friends at church. | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn |
| The church is helping me grow spiritually. | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn |
| It's important that our church reflect the ethnic makeup of our local community. | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn |
| I feel comfortable discussing my faith with others in the church. | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn |
| The church is helping me with my family. | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn |
| The church is helping me experience positive transformation in my life. | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn |
| I feel comfortable discussing my faith with friends who don't attend church. | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn |
| I feel comfortable inviting others to attend worship. | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn |
| I feel energized to serve God. | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn |
| The church is helping me think critically about community and world issues from a perspective of faith. | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn |
| I feel comfortable inviting others to attend a special drama or music event at our church. | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn | jn |

Optional Comments

11. What *local/state* needs is God bringing to your attention and stirring your heart in some way? Consider spiritual, physical, and social needs.

12. What *national/world* needs is God bringing to your attention and stirring your heart in some way? Consider spiritual, physical, and social needs.

13. Select up to 7 skills from the list below which you would like to see in the next associate pastor. (Skill list is an excerpt from the Church Information Form of the Presbyterian Church USA.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecumenical and Interfaith Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Problem solving/Decision Making |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication (Written/Oral) | <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service and Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Process Facilitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Management/Mediation Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Involvement in Mission Beyond Local Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregational Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Training Volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregational Fellowship | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership of Staff/Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregational Home Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Older Adult Leadership & Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Worship/Sacraments | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Leadership & Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Cultural Collaboration/Cultural Proficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defining Program Needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Preaching | |

Optional comments

14. What is your gender?

Female

Male

15. What is your marital status?

Single

Married

16. What is your age range?

11 or younger

21-35

51-70

12-20

36-50

71 or older

17. What group best describes you? Select all that apply.

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Asian

Black or African American

Hispanic or Latino

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

White / Caucasian

Other (Please specify below.)

Specify other here.

18. What is your zip code?

ZIP/Postal Code:

19. Are there any other comments you would like to make?