

St. Mark's Congregational Survey, 2017

The St. Mark's search committee is beginning to build a congregational profile for St. Mark's. As part of this process, the search committee would like to invite you and your family to fill out the following survey. The first page is collecting demographic information about the congregation. Please fill the first page out only once per household. The second page is regarding pastoral skills and worship preferences. Please take enough copies of the second page for each member of your household. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, St. Mark's Search Committee

Family Information:

of years at St. Mark's: _____

Household size: _____

Ages (please indicate for each member of the household):

0-5 Years _____

6-14 Years _____

15-24 Years _____

25-44 Years _____

45-64 Years _____

65+ Years _____

Housing:

Apartment _____

Private home _____

Other _____

Occupation (please indicate for each member of the household):

___ Management

___ Business and Financial Operations

___ Art/Design/Entertainment/Media/Sports

___ Farming/Fishing/Forestry Worker

___ Military and Protective Service

___ Community and Social Service

___ Education/Training/Library

___ Construction/Installation/Repair/Cleaning/Maintenance

___ Food Preparation/Serving

___ Production/Manufacturing

___ Elementary/Secondary School Student

___ Other (please specify): _____

___ Office/Administrative Support

___ Architecture/Engineering

___ Computer/Mathematical

___ Life/Physical/Social Sciences

___ Healthcare

___ Legal Occupations

___ Transportation

___ Personal Care and Service

___ Sales

___ University/College Student

___ Unemployed

Ethnicity (e.g. East Indian, Irish, Guyanese, Italian etc.)

Please indicate all that apply: _____

Pastoral Skills and Worship Preferences

Please fill out this page (**front and back**) once per person over the age of 12 in your household.

1. What are the pastoral skills especially needed in the ministry and program of our church? Rank in order of priority from 1 to 18 -- **1 to 6 being the areas you most wish a minister to exercise.**

- _____ Administration (Managing the affairs of the congregation and other organizations)
- _____ Christian Education (Writing or selecting appropriate curricula for the educational ministry, and planning activities for groups of all ages)
- _____ Community Leadership (In areas like drug problems, schools, community organizations)
- _____ Counselling (On a regular basis)
- _____ Crisis Visiting (Serving people at times of illness, death, trauma, family crisis, job loss)
- _____ Denominational Service (Sharing in the work of all the courts of the church)
- _____ Equipping Church Members (For integrating Christian faith with life)
- _____ Evangelism (Relating the gospel to people outside the church and helping the congregation to do the same)
- _____ Home Visiting (On a regular basis)
- _____ Inter-Church Co-operation (Working in inter-denominational programs and activities)
- _____ Leadership Development (Planning for and sharing in the training of leaders for the church's program)
- _____ Leading Worship and Preaching (Planning and conducting worship services)
- _____ Mission Outreach (Evangelism and social justice in the community, the country, and the world)
- _____ Personal and Spiritual Development (Providing resources and guidance for people's devotional life, and for prayer groups, retreats and other small group experiences)
- _____ Program Development (Establishing goals, and organizing programs in church and community)
- _____ Stewardship (Faithful use of our time, gifts and money in response to the generosity of God)
- _____ Work with Seniors
- _____ Work with Youth

2. How often do you attend worship? (circle one)
 - a. Once a week
 - b. Once or twice a month
 - c. A few times a year
 - d. Seldom
 - e. Never
3. Which music style do you most prefer? (circle one)
 - a. Traditional (Choir, music from the hymn book, use of organ)
e.g. How great thou art
 - b. Contemporary (Music printed in bulletin or on a screen, praise music, use of guitar/drums)
e.g. Lord I lift your name on high
 - c. Global music (Music from a variety of cultures)
e.g. We are marching in the light of God
 - d. Blended (A mixture of all of the above)
4. What is the purpose of preaching for you? (circle one)
 - a. Teaching (To learn about God)
 - b. Inspiration (To be motivated in your faith journey)
 - c. Transformation (To be changed by God)
 - d. Pastoral (To feel God's comfort and peace)
 - e. Conversion (To be called into a relationship with God)
5. What style of preaching do you prefer? (circle one)
 - a. Narrative (story-telling)
 - b. Expository (verse by verse)
 - c. Inductive (showing instead of telling)
 - d. Topical (addressing a specific topic)
6. How important to you is lay (non-clergy) leadership in worship? (circle one)
 - a. Very important
 - b. Somewhat important
 - c. Not important
7. How important is your active participation in worship (congregational singing, responsive prayers and readings)? (circle one)
 - a. Very important
 - b. Somewhat important
 - c. Not important
8. If given the opportunity, what changes would you make in the worship service at St. Mark's?
