

National Congregations Study, 1998

Generosity Questions

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NATIONAL CONGREGATIONS STUDY
Questionnaire

FACE SHEET

DATE OF INTERVIEW: | ___ / ___ / ___ |

GSS ID NUMBER: _____

NCS ID NUMBER (PROVIDED BY FM): _____

INTERVIEWER'S NAME: _____

Obtain this information from the NCS Information Form or from your Field Manager

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONGREGATION:

PHONE NUMBER OF CONGREGATION: _____

NAME OF RESPONDENT: _____

PHONE NUMBER OF RESPONDENT: _____

Purpose 2 _____

Purpose 3 _____

Purpose 4 _____

Purpose 5 _____

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

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
63a. To discuss politics?	1	2
63b. To discuss a book people have read other than the Bible?	1	2
63c. To discuss parenting issues?	1	2
63d. An event for cleaning or maintenance of your building?	1	2
63e. For physical healing?	1	2
63f. An effort to get people registered to vote?	1	2

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
63g.	A class for people in your congregation to learn English?	1	2
63h.	To discuss pollution or other environmental issues?	1	2
63i.	An event to organize or encourage people to do volunteer work?	1	2
63j.	To discuss people's problems or concerns at work?	1	2
63k.	To receive or practice gifts of the spirit such as tongues or prophesying?	1	2
63l.	A class for current members about the history or practice of your own religious tradition?	1	2
63m.	A class for prospective or new members?	1	2
63n.	A meeting specifically to pray or meditate?	1	2
63o.	To put on a musical or theatrical performance, not including the choirs you've already mentioned?	1	2
63p.	To attend a live musical or theatrical performance elsewhere?	1	2
63q.	A class to train new religious education teachers?	1	2
63r.	To discuss race relations in our society?	1	2
63s.	To discuss how best to preserve your congregation's own racial or ethnic heritage?	1	2
63t.	To discuss or learn about a religion other than your own?	1	2

63u. Twelve-step groups such as alcoholics
anonymous or similar self-help groups? 1 2

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
63v.	To organize or participate in efforts to lobby elected officials of any sort?	1	2
63w.	To discuss or learn how to manage one's personal finances?	1	2
63x.	To organize or participate in a demonstration or march either in support of or opposition to some public issue or policy?	1	2
63y.	To discuss how to improve the management of your congregation's money?	1	2
63z.	To take a trip somewhere that required an overnight stay?	1	2
63aa.	To plan or conduct an assessment of community needs?	1	2
64.	Have voter guides ever been distributed to people through your congregation?		
	YES		1
	NO [GO TO Q65]		2
	64a. Who wrote or produced the voter guide that was distributed?		

65.	Does your congregation have an elementary or high school?		
	YES		1
	NO.....		2
66.	Does your congregation give money directly to any college, university, or seminary?		
	YES		1
	NO.....		2

67. 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.

Yes.....1
No [GO TO Q72]2

67a. What projects or programs have you sponsored or participated in?

WRITE ON PROGRAM CHART. GET SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO KNOW THE PURPOSE OF EACH PROJECT.

67b. 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. CIRCLE ON PROGRAM CHART.

67c. ASK ONLY ABOUT PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOT PROGRAMS OF JUST THIS CONGREGATION:

With what other organizations does your congregation collaborate on this program? IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK FOR MOST IMPORTANT TWO COLLABORATORS. GET SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO KNOW THE KIND OF ORGANIZATION EACH COLLABORATOR IS.

Program Chart

Social Service and Other Programs that Congregation Sponsors or Contributes To

67a. Program Purpose:

67b. Completely Run by
Congregation?

67c. Two Most Important
Collaborators on Program

YES NO

Program 1. _____

1

2

Collaborator#1 _____

Collaborator#2 _____

Program 2. _____

1

2

Collaborator#1 _____

Collaborator#2 _____

Program 3. _____

1

2

Collaborator#1 _____

Collaborator#2 _____

67a. Program Purpose:

67b. Completely Run by Congregation?
67c. Two Most Important Collaborators on Program

YES NO

Program 4. _____

1

2

Collaborator#1 _____

Collaborator#2 _____

Program 5. _____

1

2

Collaborator#1 _____

Collaborator#2 _____

Program 6. _____

1

2

Collaborator#1 _____

Collaborator#2 _____

Program 7. _____

1

2

Collaborator#1 _____

Collaborator#2 _____

67a. Program Purpose:

67b. Completely Run by
Congregation?

67c. Two Most Important
Collaborators on Program

YES NO

Program 8. _____

1

2

Collaborator#1 _____

Collaborator#2 _____

Program 9. _____

1

2

Collaborator#1 _____

Collaborator#2 _____

Program 10. _____

1

2

Collaborator#1 _____

Collaborator#2 _____

Program 11. _____

1

2

Collaborator#1 _____

68. How much money, overall, did your congregation directly spend on all of these projects or programs within the past 12 months? Here, I'm asking about direct cash donations from your congregation, not counting staff time or volunteer time. \$ _____

INTERVIEWER: IF Q#17 AND Q#18 EQUAL ZERO (CONGREGATION HAS NO PAID STAFF), SKIP TO Q#70.

69. Within the past 12 months, has anyone who is paid by your congregation spent more than 25% of their work time on one or more of these projects?

YES1
 NO [GO TO Q70]2

69a. How many of your paid staff spent more than 25% of their work time on one or more of these projects? _____

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

YES1
 NO [GO TO Q71]2

70a. 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? _____

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

YES1
 NO [GO TO Q72]2

71a. Did any of these funds come as donations from foundations, businesses, or United Way?

YES1
 NO [GO TO Q71C]2

71b. How much did your congregation receive from foundations, businesses, or United Way in your most recent fiscal year? \$ _____

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

81. Of this amount, how much came from individuals' donations, dues, or contributions?
\$_____

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

YES1
NO [GO TO Q83]2

82a. How much? \$_____

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

YES1
NO [GO TO Q84]2

83a. How much? \$_____

84. 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?
\$_____

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

YES1
NO [GO TO Q86]2

85a. How much? \$_____

86. 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?

YES1
NO [GO TO Q87]2

86a. How much? \$ _____

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

YES1
NO [GO TO Q88]2

87a. How much is in it? \$ _____

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

YES, BUT ONLY THROUGH DENOMINATION1
YES, ON OUR OWN2
NO3

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

YES1
NO [GO TO Q90]2

89a. For what purpose did you need this permit or license?

89b. What was the outcome of your effort to obtain the necessary permit or form? [USE CATEGORIES AS PROBES IF NECESSARY.]

PERMIT/LICENSE WAS GRANTED.....1
PERMIT/LICENSE WAS REFUSED.....2
DISCONTINUED THE PROCESS BECAUSE WE EXPECTED THE
PERMIT TO BE REFUSED.....3
PERMIT PROCESS IS ONGOING.....4
OTHER. SPECIFY _____5

National Congregations Study, Wave II, 2006-2007

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From http://www.soc.duke.edu/natcong/wave_2.html

NATIONAL CONGREGATIONS STUDY, WAVE II
Questionnaire

NCS ID NUMBER: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

INTERVIEWER – BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE INTERVIEW YOU MUST READ VERBATIM THE FOLLOWING INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT TO THE RESPONDENT.

“Before we begin, I need to read you an introductory statement about the study. It’s a bit long, but please bear with me.

NORC, on behalf of Mark Chaves at the University of Arizona, is conducting the National Congregations Study in order to document the work, programs, and activities of America’s religious congregations. The information collected will be used by scholars, religious leaders, and students to better understand religious congregations and better meet their changing needs. The success of this study depends very much on your cooperation. We are very appreciative of your time.

The questions we will ask have to do with your congregation’s work, programs, and activities. You can decline to answer any question that you feel uncomfortable with. Most participants find the survey to be interesting, and they enjoy the opportunity to talk about their congregation and their work. Some of the questions might not apply to you, but I need to ask each question. We expect the interview to take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

Your participation is voluntary. You may terminate this interview at any time, or refuse to answer any or all questions. All information that you provide will be kept in strict confidence by NORC and University of Arizona researchers, and will only be released publicly in summary form. It is important to us to protect your privacy, and the privacy of your congregation.

Is it ok to proceed with the interview?”

IF RESPONDENT AGREES, INITIAL HERE: _____
AND PROCEED TO INTERVIEW.

IF RESPONDENT DISAGREES, PLEASE DIRECT THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION BASED UPON THEIR CONCERN AND INFORM YOUR SUPERVISOR.

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

.....
.....

YES
NO

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

YES 1
NO 2

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

YES 1
NO 2

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

YES 1
NO 2

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

YES 1
NO 2

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

.....
NO 2

YES

49. Was a monetary offering collected at this service?

YES 1
NO 2

50. 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?

HOURS MINUTES

51. Still thinking about [the worship service/the main service] that we've been talking about, how many people, including both adults and children, would you say attended? _____

58. Within the past 12 months, have people at worship services been told of opportunities for political activity, including petition campaigns, lobbying, or demonstrating?
- YES 1
 NO 2
59. Within the past 12 months, have people at worship services been told of opportunities to volunteer to provide assistance for people outside your congregation who are in need?
- YES 1
 NO 2
60. 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?
- YES 1
 NO 2
61. Does your congregation display an American flag in your main sanctuary or worship space?
- YES 1
 NO 2

<p>INTERVIEWER: IF CONGREGATION IS JEWISH, MUSLIM, HINDU, OR BUDDHIST, GO TO SECTION 5.</p>
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62. Did people speak in tongues at any service within the past 12 months?
- YES 1
 NO 2
63. Does your congregation consider the Bible to be the literal and inerrant word of God?
- YES 1
 NO 2

- NO 2
70. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation organized any events or programs whose primary purpose was to meet the needs of teenagers who are *not* part of your congregation?
- YES 1
- NO 2
71. Within the past two years, has anyone from your congregation entered seminary, theological school, or other kinds of training or preparation for full-time religious work?
- YES 1
- NO 2

SECTION 6: GROUPS

Now I have a few questions about other groups and activities within your congregation.

72. Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups or meetings or classes or events specifically focused on the following purposes or activities?
- | | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
|---|------------|-----------|
| 72a. To discuss politics? | 1 | 2 |
| 72b. To discuss a book people have read other than the Bible? | 1 | 2 |
| 72c. To discuss parenting issues? | 1 | 2 |
| 72d. A class for married couples on enriching or improving their marriages? | 1 | 2 |
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| 72f. A class for people in your congregation to learn English? | 1 | 2 |
| 72g. To receive or practice gifts of the spirit such as tongues or prophesying? | 1 | 2 |
| 72h. A class for prospective or new members? | 1 | 2 |
| 72i. A class to train new religious | | |

	education teachers?	1	2
		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
72j.	To discuss or learn about a religion other than your own?	1	2
72k.	To discuss or learn about religious or charitable work in other countries?	1	2
72l.	To participate in a service project or volunteer activity in which people from your congregation worked with people from another faith?	1	2
72m.	To plan or conduct an assessment of community needs?	1	2
72n.	To do strategic planning or discuss the future goals of your congregation?	1	2
72o.	To travel to another part of the United States to provide assistance to people in need?	1	2
72p.	To travel to another country to provide assistance to people in need?	1	2
72q.	To get out the vote during an election?	1	2
72r.	To organize or participate in efforts to lobby elected officials of any sort?		

..... YES 1
..... NO [GO TO Q72s] 2

72r1. On what issue or issues did a group from your congregation lobby elected officials?

Issue #1: _____

Issue #2: _____

Issue #3: _____

IF MORE THAN 3 ISSUES ASK R TO NAME 3 ISSUES ON WHICH GROUPS FROM THE CONGREGATION WERE MOST INVOLVED.

SECTION 7: SOCIAL SERVICES

79. 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.

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No.....2

Yes [G

79a. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation engaged in *any* human service projects, outreach ministries, or other activities intended to help people who are *not* members of your congregation?

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No [GO TO Q84 ON PAGE 34].....2

Yes [G

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YES NO

Program 1. _____

Program 2. _____

Program 3. _____

79b. Program Purpose:

79c. Completely Run by
Congregation?

79d. Two Most Important
Collaborators on Program

YES NO

Program 4. _____

Program 5. _____

Program 6. _____

Program 7. _____

79b. Program Purpose:

79c. Completely Run by

79d. Two Most Important

Congregation?

Collaborators on Program

YES NO

Program 8. _____

Program 9. _____

Program 10. _____

Program 11. _____

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\$ _____ , _____ , _____ . _____

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81. Within the past 12 months, has anyone who is paid by your congregation spent more than 25% of their work time on one or more of these projects?

.....
 NO.....2

YES

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

YES.....1
 NO [GO TO Q83].....2

82a. 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? _____

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

YES.....1
 NO [GO TO Q84].....2

83a. Did any of these funds come from local, state, or federal government?

YES.....1
 NO [GO TO Q84].....2

83b. How much money did your congregation receive from the government in grants, contracts, or fees during your most recent fiscal year?

\$ _____ , _____ , _____ . _____ [GO TO Q87]

84. Does your congregation have a policy *against* receiving funds from local, state, or federal government?

YES [GO TO Q87].....1
 NO.....2

85. Do you think your congregation would apply for government money to support your human services programs if it was available?
- YES 1
 NO 2
86. Within the past two years, has your congregation applied for a grant from any government agency at the local, state, or federal level?
- YES 1
 NO 2
87. Does your congregation engage in any other human service projects or outreach ministries besides those you've already mentioned?
- YES 1
 NO [GO TO Q88] 2
- 87a. What are the three most important?
1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

88. Does your congregation currently have any program or activity specifically intended to serve persons with HIV or AIDS?
- YES 1
 NO 2
89. Is there anyone in your congregation who has publicly acknowledged his or her infection with the virus that causes AIDS? That is, is there anyone who is openly HIV-positive?
- YES 1
 NO 2

SECTION 8: CONNECTIONS