

55 member/regular attender surveys returned

Questions covered Community, Evangelism, Future/Vision, Justice, Leadership, Mission, Neighborhood, Piety and Worship.

Mean = average

Mode = most common response

SD = measure of agreement

Community: High marks as a welcoming church but high disagreement.
Indications that we don't get along well with each other.
High agreement that there are "unspoken tension" problems
Agreement that being polite is more important than being authentic.

Evangelism: High score and agreement that we have evangelistic fervor.
But we would not invite people to church.????

Future/Vision: Most are negative about the future but enough enthusiasm to bring the average way up. Very positive about personally welcoming change but ? 17 and 35 say we need to change and do not do it. People feel the financial future is poor.

Leadership: Very high trust in leadership but lots of disagreement.
Low score on efficient decision making. Lower score on willingness to change.

Mission: (The mission is whatever you think it is) Feeling is that the mission is clear but this is not in close agreement. We feel we are not successfully working toward the mission goal.

Neighborhood: We do not know how to minister to Lincoln Park but we are trying.

Piety: We are in tight agreement that the word of God is "central". Strong feeling of personal growth in relationship to God.

Worship: People are very satisfied with their personal response to worship of God at FCC. The feeling that the two service model is working well is below average and in high disagreement.

Comments,

Greatest strength: Thankfulness, young people are joining, Lincoln Park location.

Areas needing improvement: Togetherness and unity lacking. Need better future vision and leadership. People need to feel they are part of something. Need more people serving.

Health of FCC: Comments generally positive. fears mentioned about aging congregation and income concern. Mission not working. Too few people doing the work. Not seeing enough weddings and baptisms.

One thing to change

Unity, Be grateful to the older members for their stewardship of the church and its mission in prior days and proceed into the future while respecting the past.