

CHURCH LIFE *Profile*

Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

This dynamic report contains your survey results. It celebrates your strengths, helps you build vision and direction, and move forward together into the future.

LISTEN TO EVERY *voice*

You will hear the responses from all your attenders summarised clearly in one report

Your Profile results are based on:

Attender Surveys (aged 15+): **406 forms**
Church Code: **ZANGWK0044**

SEE EMERGING *trends*

You will see how your church has progressed, grown, or changed in trends over time

UNDERSTAND THE *BIG picture*

You will know how your church ranks next to others in clear comparisons and benchmarks

Dear local church,


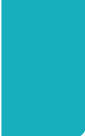

This Church Life Profile contains your church's unique results from your participation in a 2024 Church Life Survey.

We provide this profile to you, along with supporting resources, to help you strengthen the vitality of your church, grow an owned vision and plan for the future. This profile is part of a Church Life Pack of resources, including the Church Life Survey Workbook, to help you and your church make best use of your results.

Our hope and prayer is that these resources will help, encourage and equip your church in it's mission and ministry.

- The NCLS Research Team

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Weighing up Your Survey Results

It is always important to consider who participated in the survey and in what context. Compare the number of people surveyed (shown at the bottom of each results page) with the total number in the church. Consider what else was happening in the life of the church at the time of the survey and whether/how it might have influenced their responses.

Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church in:

2024 - **406 forms**

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Dashboard

Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

406 adult attender forms



The People of this Church

Average age (years)	52
Female	56%
University degree	54%
Non-English speaking	98%
New arrivals in last 5 years	24%
Young people aged 15 to 19	11%



What We Value and Prioritise

Value: Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching	35%
Value: Wider community care or social justice emphasis	34%
Prioritise: Ensuring new people are included	28%
Prioritise: Building a sense of community	27%



How We Relate to God

Experienced much growth in faith in past 12 months	61%
Private devotions at least weekly	79%
Agree faith in God is an important part of who I am	97%
Worship services always/usually challenge me to take action	58%



How We Relate to Each Other

Strong sense of belonging	87%
Found it easy to make friends	64%
Involved in group activities at church	40%
Satisfied with activities for children under 12 years	80%



How We Relate to Community

Helped others in 3 or more informal ways in last year	54%
Involved in local church service, justice or welfare activities	17%
Part of community groups not connected to local church	37%
Feel at ease sharing faith with others	77%



Our Vision and Leadership

Aware of and strongly committed to church's vision	38%
Agree this church is ready to try something new	88%
Attendees who perform at least one leadership or ministry role here	56%
Leaders encourage use of gifts & skills to a great extent	18%

People of This Church

This Summary Profile contains a snapshot of your church's unique results from the 2024 National Church Life Survey. This profile is based on 406 responses from attenders aged 15+ .

Supporting resources available at ncls.org.au may also help you to make best use of your results, to strengthen the vitality of your church, grow an owned vision and plan for the future.



Demographic Profile



The language most commonly spoken at home by attenders is **Afrikaans (98%)**

Race of attenders in this church

		%
	White	99
	Black	0
	Asian	0
	Coloured	0
	Other	0

Gender

56% are female

44% are male

N.B. The percent for those who chose 'other' will be included in denominational and national reports. Figures have been rounded to 100%.

Employment

66% are employed full-time (30 hours plus)

30% are retired

Marital status

72% are currently married

Education

54% have a university degree

25% have a trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma



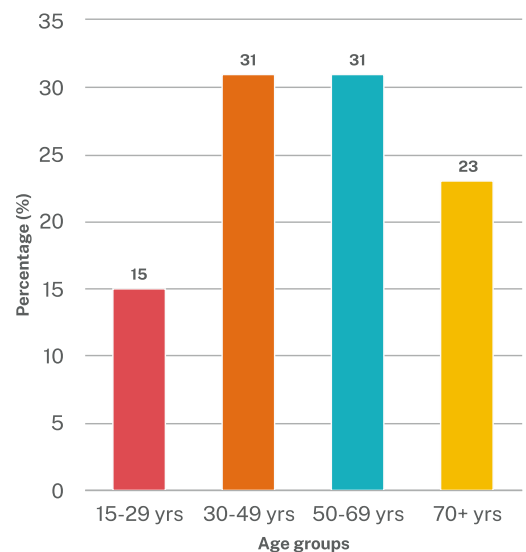
Age and Intergenerational Ministry

52 is the average age of adult attenders

80% are satisfied with what is offered for children aged under 12 years

73% are satisfied with what is offered for youth aged 12 to 18

91% agree that people of all ages are encouraged to get involved at this local church

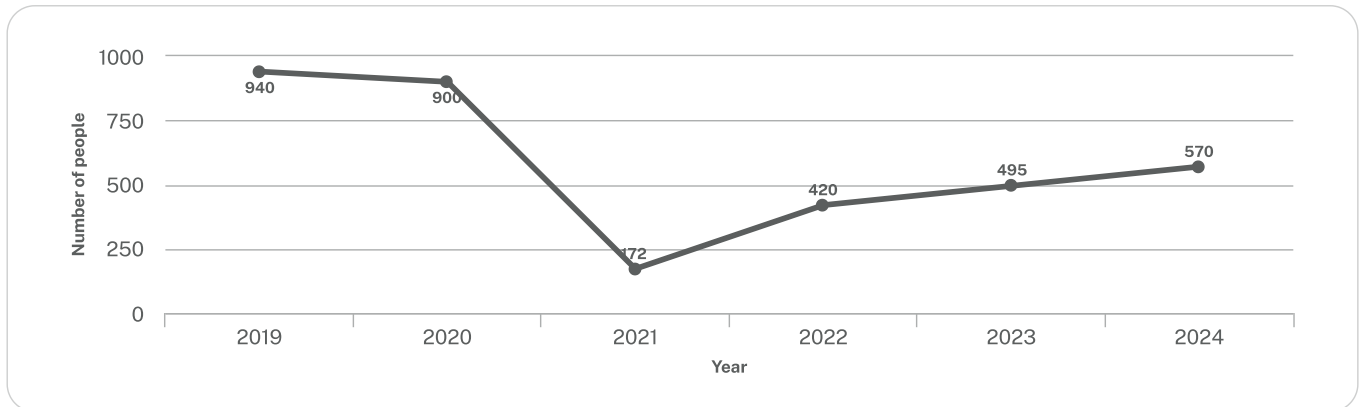


Church Attendance and Background



Attendance Patterns

Estimated attendance



Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

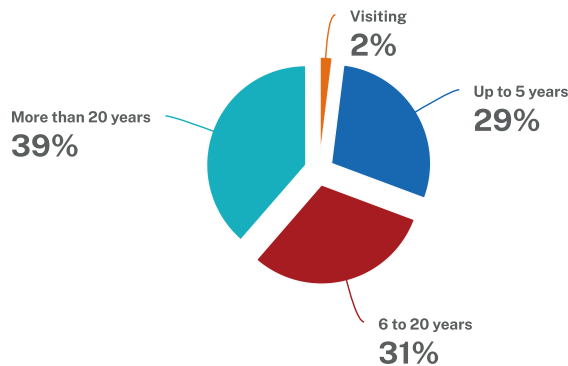
Attendance at this local church (including online)

- 96%** are frequent attenders (monthly or more)
- 58%** attend weekly or more
- 70%** have attended this church for more than five years

Attendance elsewhere (in person and online)⁺

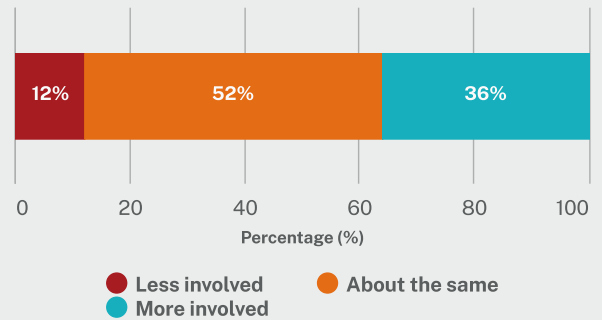
- 45%** do not attend any other church
- 41%** attend elsewhere, in person
- 24%** attend elsewhere, via online services

⁺Note attenders could choose more than one option



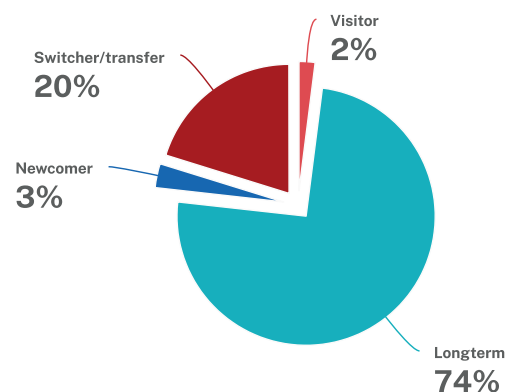
Impact of COVID-19

Current involvement compared with 2019 (before COVID-19)



Church Background

24% of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years

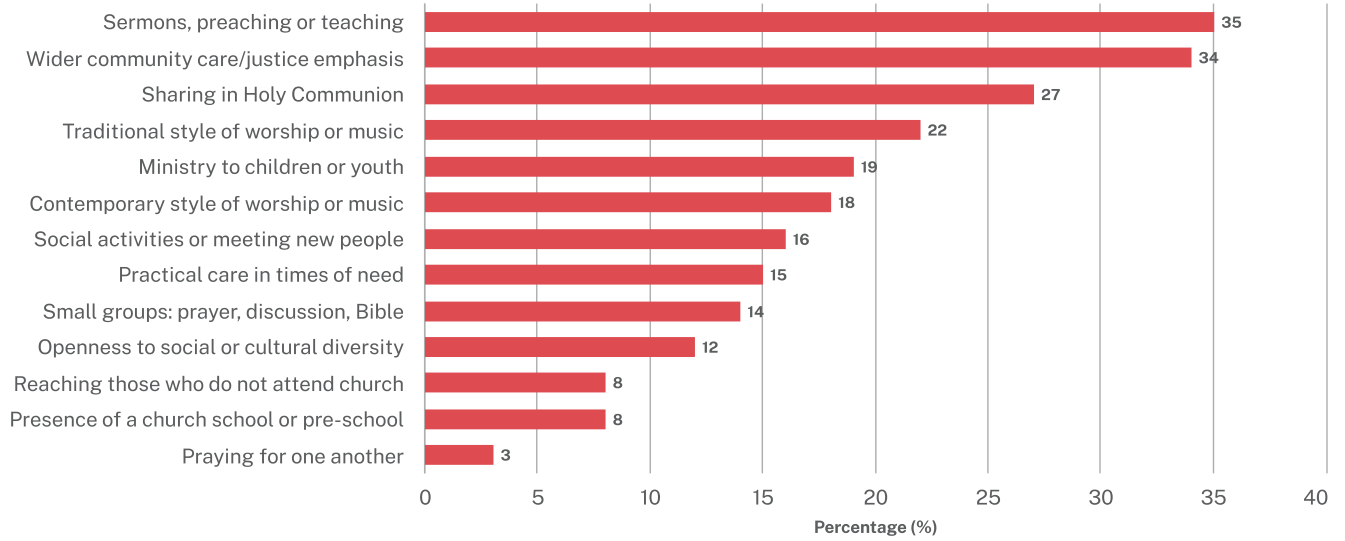


What People Value and Prioritise



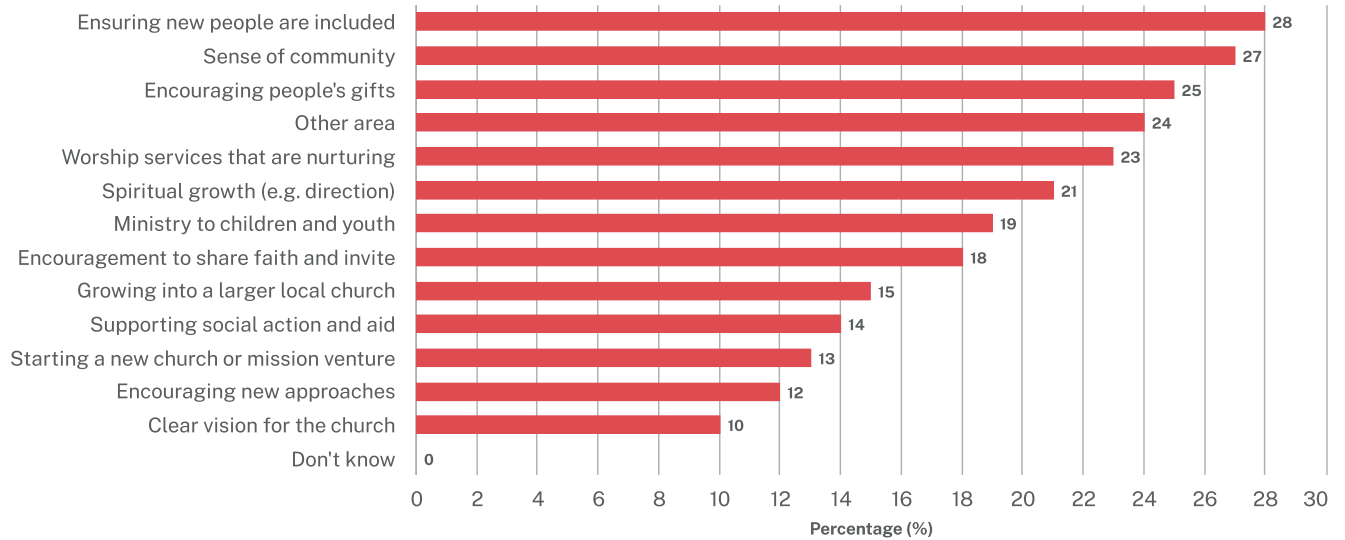
What People Value about this Church

Attendees of this local church most value 'Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching' and 'Wider community care or social justice emphasis'.



Future Priorities

Over the next 12 months most attendees would like priority given to 'Ensuring new people are included' and 'Building a sense of community'.

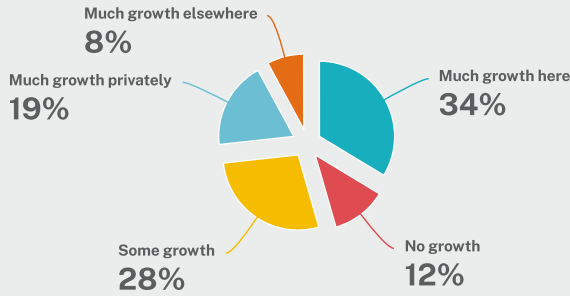


How People Relate to God

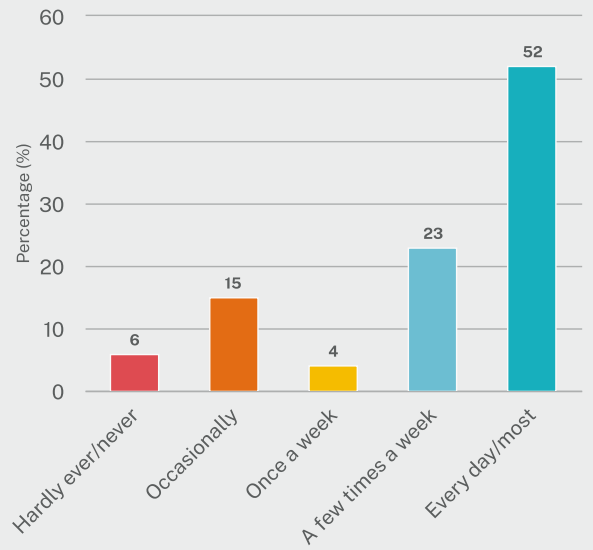


Personal Faith

61% of attenders said that they had experienced much growth in faith in the previous 12 months



52% spend time in prayer, Bible reading, meditation everyday or most days

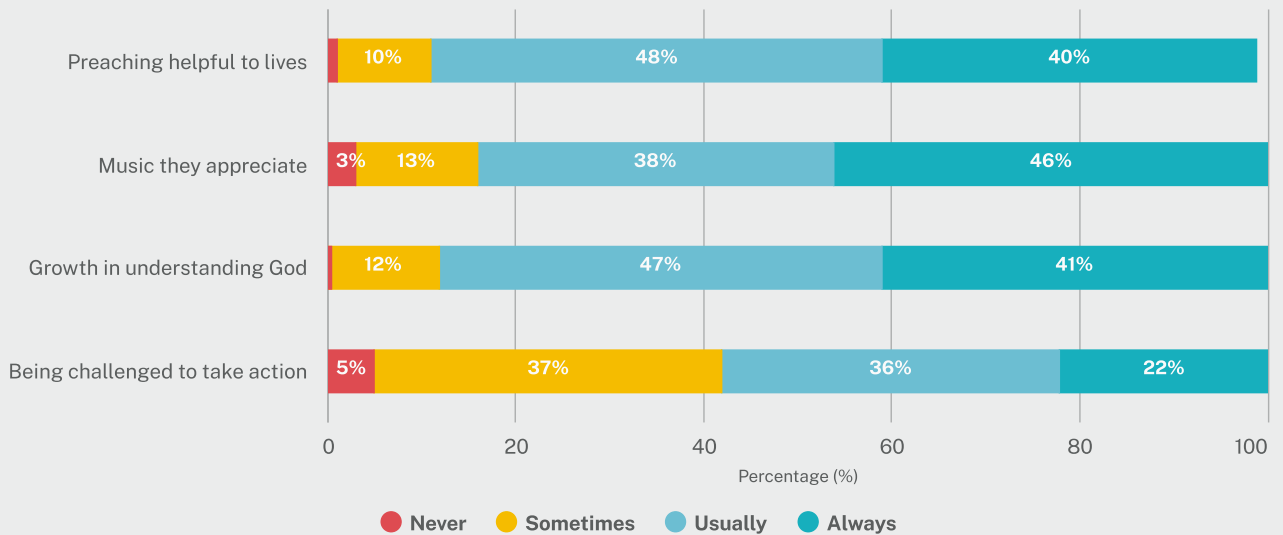


- 91%** agree their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life
- 97%** agree that 'my faith in God is an important part of who I am'



Church Worship Services

During worship services here, attenders experience:



How People Relate to Each Other



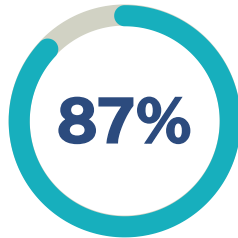
Belonging and Inclusion

29% always or mostly personally seek to make new arrivals welcome

36% are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church involvement

Belonging

Have a strong sense of belonging



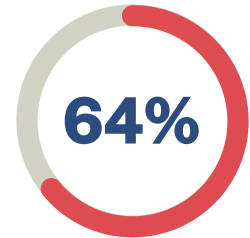
Inclusive

Agree this church is inclusive of different kinds of people



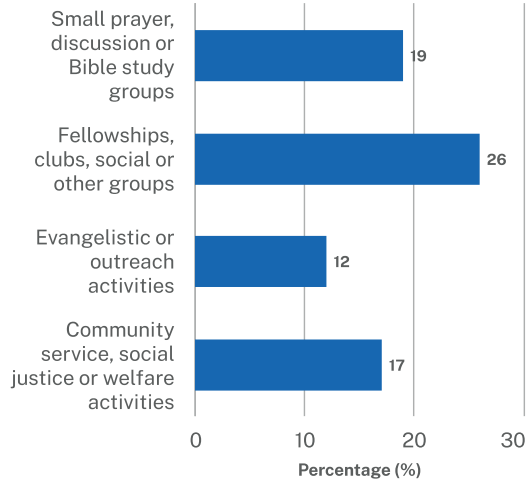
Friendly

Found it easy to make friends in this local church

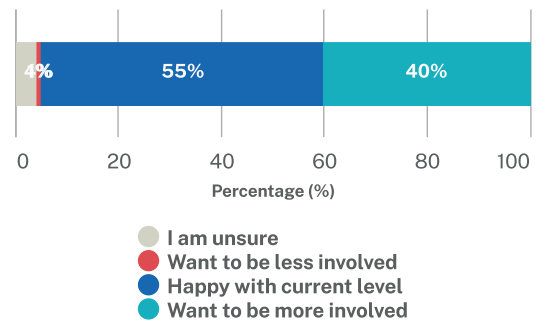


Involvement

Group Involvement

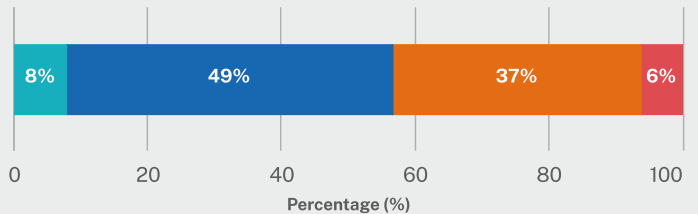


40% want to be more involved at this local church



Financial Giving

- Give about 10% of their net income to this local church
- Give less than 10% of net income
- Give a small amount when present
- Give no amount to this church



How People Relate to Wider Community



Involvement in groups

37% of people participate in wider community groups
10% are very actively involved in online groups (e.g. social media, community groups)

Church-based activities

26% reach out to the wider community through activities of this local church
17% are part of community service activities
12% are part of evangelistic outreach activities



Words and Actions

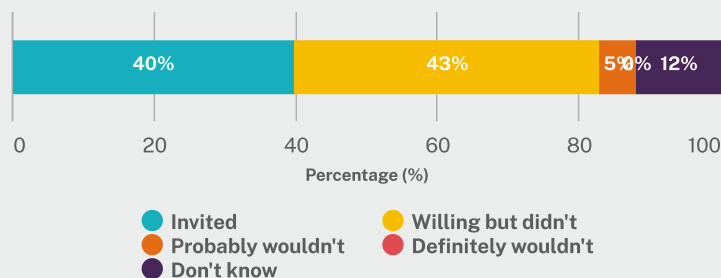
57% talk about matters of faith with other members of their household (4% live alone)
12% feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities to do so

Attendees have offered to help others in the past 12 months

Lent or gave money to someone outside your family	58%
Given some of your possessions to someone in need	45%
Helped someone through a personal crisis (not sickness)	41%
Donated money to a charitable organisation	36%
Cared for someone who was very sick	30%
Visited someone in hospital	29%
Supported a campaign (online or other)	17%
Attended a public meeting/march	13%
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	5%
Contacted a parliamentarian/councillor on a public issue	4%

Inviting others to church

40% invited friends and relatives to a church service in this last year



Acting for the Environment

83% agree that Christians have a responsibility to actively care for the environment
12% are very active
25% are a little active
46% are currently not active

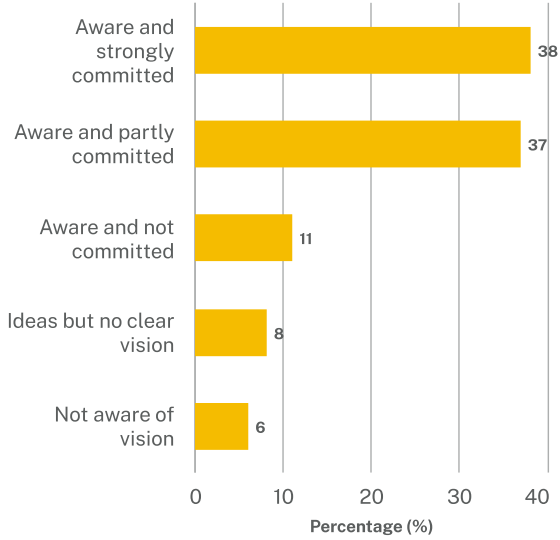
Vision, Innovation & Leadership Culture



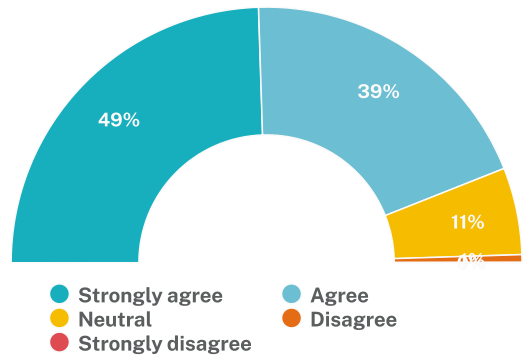
Vision and Innovation

38% of people are both aware and strongly committed to the vision, goals or directions for this local church
59% are fully confident that this local church can achieve the vision, goals or directions set

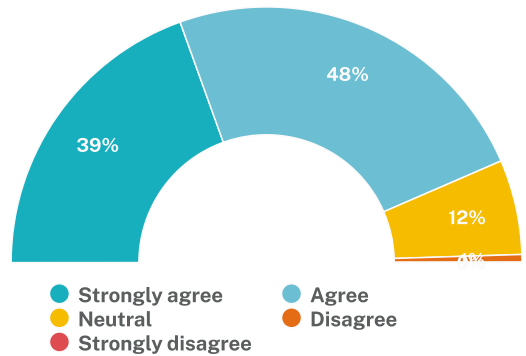
Vision



88% agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



87% agree that they would support the development of new initiatives in the ministry and mission of this local church



Leadership Culture

73% agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this church (i.e. take on a role)

95% agree that this church has good clear systems for how it operates

56% of attenders perform a leadership or ministry role

71% agree 'leaders here inspire me to action'

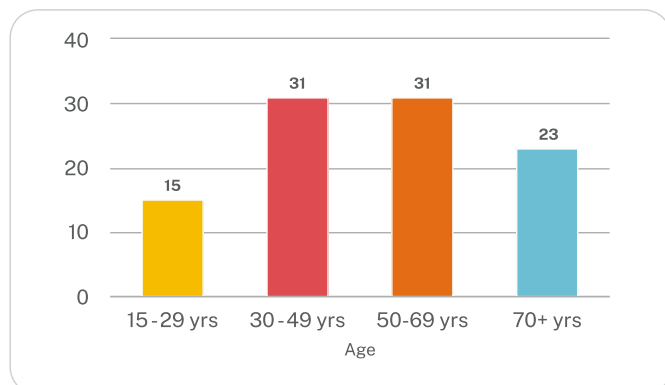
48% agree 'leaders encourage me to find and use my gifts and skills to great or some extent'

A Demographic Profile



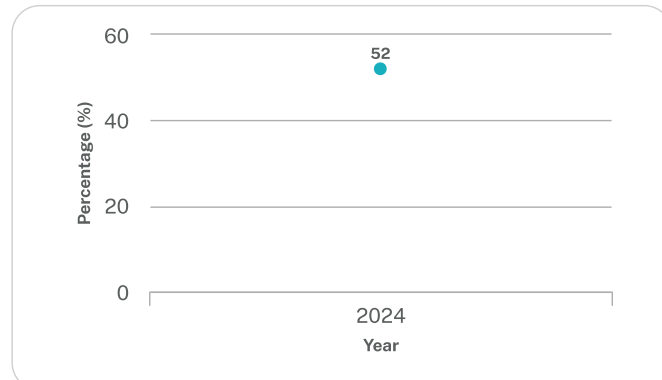
Age Profile

52 years is the average age of attenders at this local church (aged 15+)



Source: , Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Average age of church attenders aged 15+ years.



Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Gender

56% are female

* Other not available for local churches to honour commitment to confidentiality. See ncls.org.au/faqs for more.

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Female	56	57	57
Male	44	43	43
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A

Marital Status

72% are currently married

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Never married	16	12	11
Married	72	72	73
In a defacto relationship	1	2	1
Separated or divorced	4	5	5
Widowed	7	10	10

Education

54% have a University degree

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Primary/secondary school	21	39	40
Trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma	25	25	25
University degree	54	36	35

Employment

80% are employed

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Employed	80	56	56
Full-time home duties/family responsibilities	31	7	8
Retired	30	31	31

Ethnicity

Main language used at home. The two most common here were:+

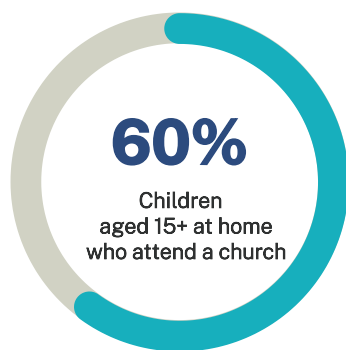
	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Afrikaans	98	98	98
English	2	1	1

+ Available options were: Afrikaans, English, IsiNdebele, IsiXhosa, IsiZulu, Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Siswati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, Other

Race	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
White	99	N/A	N/A
Black	0	N/A	N/A
Asian	0	N/A	N/A
Coloured	0	N/A	N/A
Other	0	N/A	N/A
Not applicable	1	N/A	N/A

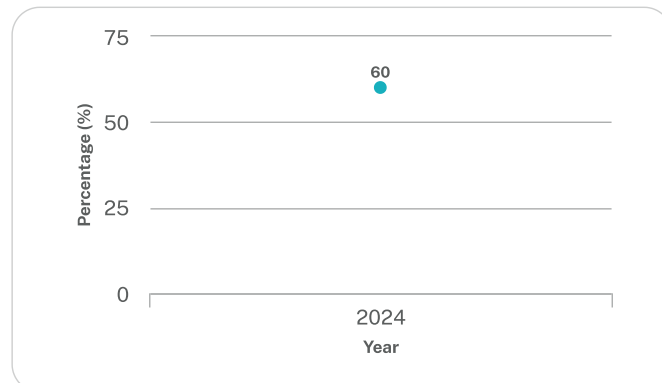
Children and Youth

60% is the proportion of attenders' children (aged 15+ and living at home) who attend a church



Source: , Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders' children (aged 15+ and living at home) who attend a church



Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Note: Figures are suppressed and replaced with * when there are fewer than 6 cases.

Children and youth of church attenders

76% of attenders' children aged 0 to 14 years living at home attend church here

50% of attenders' children aged 15 and over still living at home attend church here

You in 2024 (%)

Denom in 2019 (%)

All NCLS in 2019 (%)

Attenders' children aged 0-14 still living at home:

Still attend this church	76	93	94
Attend elsewhere	3	4	4
Do not attend any church	4	4	4

Attenders' children aged 15 and over still living at home:

Still attend this church	50	63	64
Attend elsewhere	13	20	21
Do not attend any church	21	17	15

Young people at this local church

11% of attenders who completed the survey were aged 15 to 19 years

Young people who:

Completed the survey	11	5	5
Have been attending more than 5 years	6	3	3
Have been attending 5 years or less	4	1	2

Satisfaction with what local church offers

For children aged under 12 years

80% are very satisfied or satisfied

For youth aged 12 to 18 years

73% are very satisfied or satisfied

Note: Figures are suppressed and replaced with * when there are fewer than 6 cases.

Satisfaction with what is offered here 'for children aged under 12 years':

All attenders very satisfied or satisfied	80	74	75
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Satisfaction with what is offered here 'for youth aged 12-18 years':

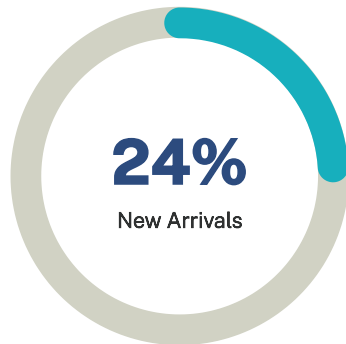
All attenders very satisfied or satisfied	73	64	65
15-18 year olds very satisfied or satisfied	86	64	68

Church Background



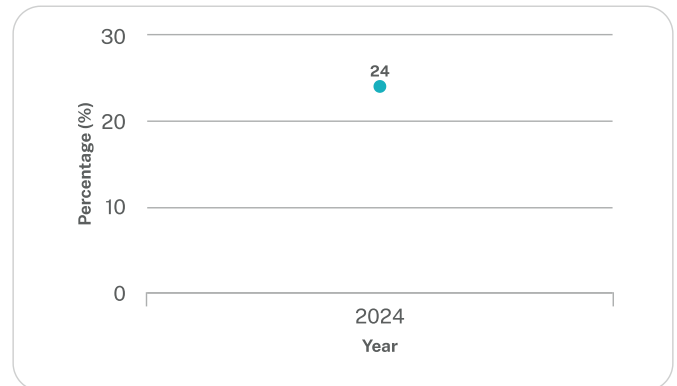
Background of Church Attenders

24% of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years



Source: , Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who were new arrivals in the 5 years prior to the survey



Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Church Attendance History⁺

- 24%** are new arrivals in the last five years, comprising
 - 20%** moved from a different church
 - 3%** are newcomers (new to any church in the last 5 years)
- 74%** are long-term having attended here for more than 5 years
- 2%** were visitors

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
New Arrivals (total) ¹	24	24	24
Newcomers ²	3	2	2
Returnees: after absence of several years	3	2	1
Never regularly attended	1	1	1
Switchers ³⁺⁺	3	3	2
Transfers ⁴	18	20	19
Long-term attenders ⁵	74	74	75
Visitors from other churches	1	1	1
Visitors who do not regularly go to church	1	0	0

Length of Attendance at this Church

- 6%** have been here less than 1 year
- 23%** have been here for 1-5 years
- 39%** have been here for more than 20 years

Total new arrivals (new to your local church) in the last 5 years			
Less than 1 year	6	5	5
1-2 years	10	7	7
3-5 years / unsure	12	13	13
6-10 years	13	13	13
11-20 years	18	21	20
More than 20 years	39	39	40

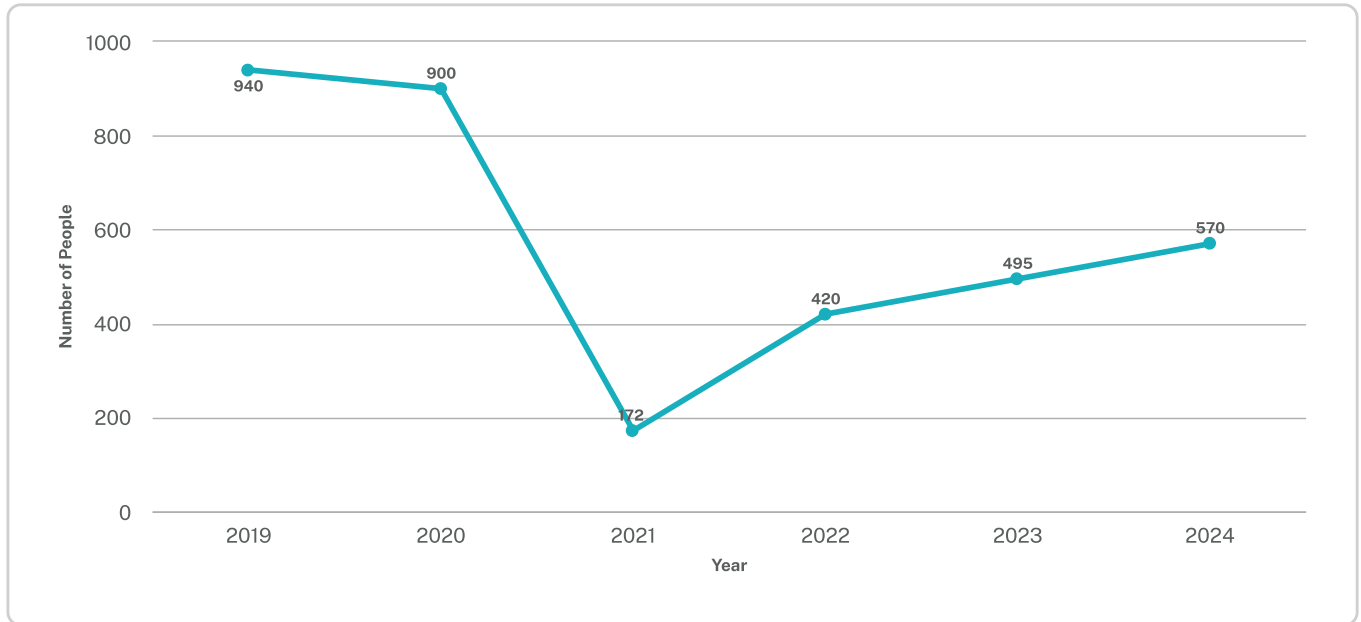
+Note: Church attendance history is calculated from three survey questions. The figures may not match those for length of attendance due to non-responses.
++Note: The wording of the response options to the survey about the denomination of the previous church changed in 2016.

- 1. New Arrivals:** attended a different church in the last 5 years
- 2. Newcomers:** new to any church in the last 5 years
- 3. Switchers:** from another denomination in the last 5 years
- 4. Transfers:** from same denomination in the last 5 years
- 5. Long-term attenders:** attended here for more than 5 years

Attendance Estimates



Estimated Church Attendance



This chart shows the pattern of attendance change for your church over recent years. It is based on estimates supplied by your local church leader or representative.

Attendance at this Local Church (including online)

96% are frequent attenders (monthly or more)

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
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Attend here (inc. online)			
First time/hardly ever/special occasions only	2	2	2
Less than once a month	2	2	2
Once, twice or three times a month	37	37	36
Usually every week	56	56	58
More than once a week	2	3	3

Attendance Elsewhere

41% attend elsewhere, in person

24% attend elsewhere, via online services

Attend elsewhere			
No	45	N/A	N/A
Yes, attend in person elsewhere	41	N/A	N/A
Yes, via online services	24	N/A	N/A

Impact of COVID on Involvement

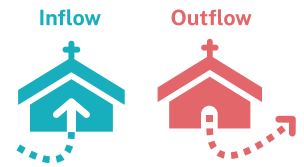
36% are more involved than in 2019

52% are involved about the same as in 2019

12% are less involved than in 2019

Compared to 2019, more or less involved here			
More involved	36	N/A	N/A
About the same	52	N/A	N/A
Less involved	12	N/A	N/A

Inflow and Outflow



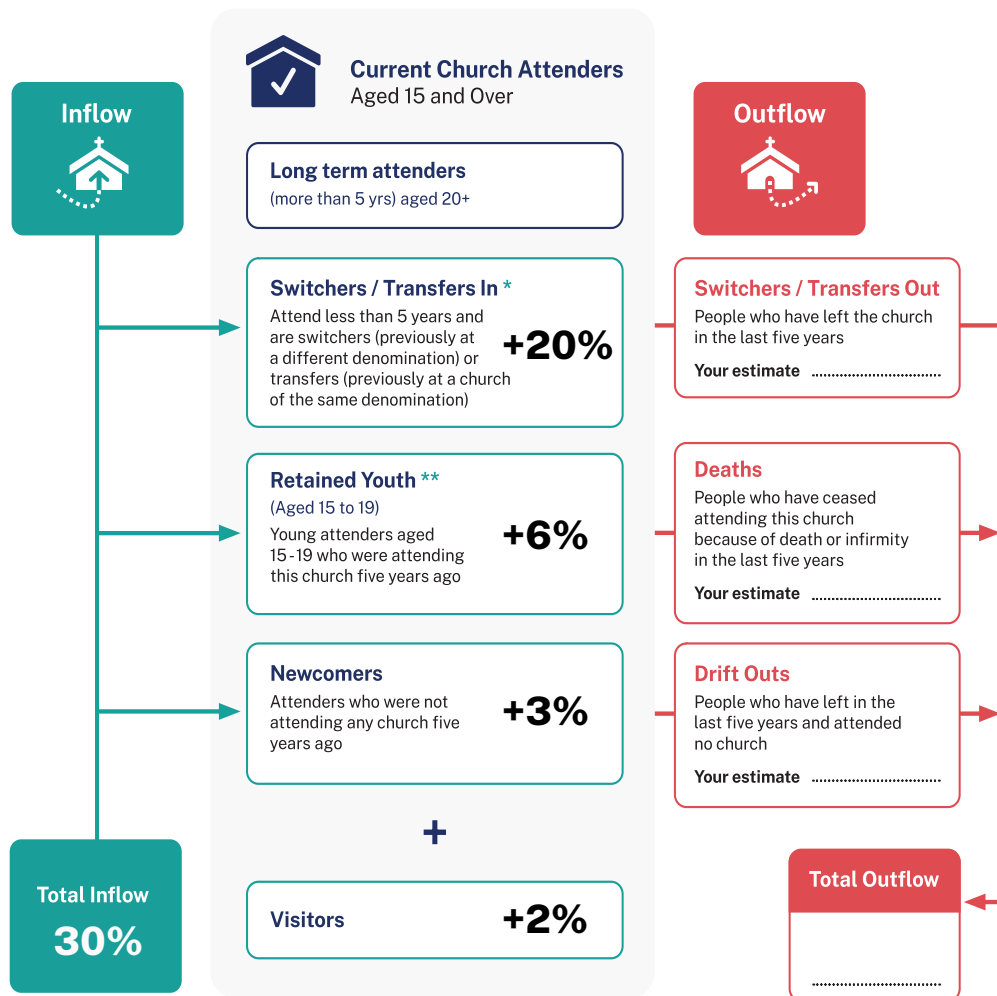
How do churches grow? In numerical terms churches grow when the inflow of church attenders exceeds the outflow.

About the NCLS Inflow Outflow model

Long term attenders have attended a local church for 5 or more years. There are three types of inflow. For each inflow path, there is a matching outflow:

1. People arrive from other churches and leave to go to other churches.
2. Children are born to church attenders** and people die.
3. Newcomers with no church background start attending and others drift out from church life.

Information from your church attenders (aged 15 and over) is used to calculate three types of inflows. Based on your current attendance, you will need to estimate your outflows.



Notes:

Current church attenders = Long-term attenders + inflow in past 5 years + visitors = 100%

* **About Switchers and Transfers:** Switchers change denominations. Transfers change churches within the same denomination.

** **About Retained Youth:** Instead of births, the calculation includes youth who are still attending and who were attending this church five years ago.

About the 9 Core Qualities of Church Life

Over 30 years NCLS Research has identified 9 Core Qualities shown to be central to the life of a vital and healthy church. The blend of these qualities points to the unique character of each church, its areas of strength and its potential for growth. These Core Qualities are measured and grouped into three areas of church life:

The Internal Core Qualities



Faith



Worship



Belonging

Internal Core Qualities

focus on the inner life of the community of faith, and a measure is made of the extent to which the community:

- has an alive and growing faith
- experiences vital and nurturing worship
- feels a strong and growing belonging

The Outward Core Qualities



Service



Faith Sharing



Inclusion

Outward Core Qualities

focus on the outward looking life of the church, and a measure is made of the extent to which the church undertakes:

- practical and diverse service
- willing and effective faith-sharing
- intentional and welcoming inclusion

The Inspirational Core Qualities



Vision



Innovation



Leadership Culture

Inspirational Core Qualities

focus on the vigour of a church and the catalysts that inspire a church culture to move forward. They give a measure of the extent to which the church has:

- a clear and owned vision
- openness to imaginative and flexible innovation
- an inspiring and empowering leadership culture

NCLS Research also explores three attendance measures for every church:



Young adult retention - the extent to which the children of the faith community remain regular attenders when they grow into young adulthood.

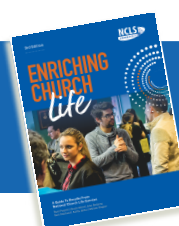


Newcomers - the extent to which newcomers with no church background who have arrived in the previous five years make up the congregation.



Attendance change - the extent to which attendance numbers have changed over the last five years through the inflow and outflow of people.

For more detail on the NCLS Research Vitality Framework refer to the book:
Enriching Church Life 3rd Edition



or go to:

ncls.org.au/church-vitality

Circle of Strengths

Core Qualities Overview

Over 30 years of research in Australian churches, the NCLS has highlighted key indicators for each of the nine Core Qualities of church health and vitality. This Circle of Strengths is a simple 'broad brush' view of your church's survey results in each Core Quality of church life.

A single indicator of responses has been chosen for each Core Quality area. The order of the Core Qualities in the Circle of Strengths is based on ranking the indicator scores from highest to lowest.



Headline Indicators

In Rank Order	Quality	Indicator	Score out of 10
1	Innovation	Strongly agree this church is always ready to try something new	10.0
2	Worship	Always experience inspiration in church worship services	9.8
3	Faith	Much growth in faith in the past year, through this church	6.5
4	Vision	Aware of and strongly committed to the vision of this church	5.9
5	Faith Sharing	Have invited someone in the last 12 months	4.9
6	Belonging	Sense of belonging is strong and growing	4.4
7	Service	Number of different ways attenders have helped others in the last 12 months	4.1
8	Leadership Culture	Agree that leaders encourage attenders to find their gifts and skills to a great extent	3.5
9	Inclusion	Attenders certain they would follow up someone drifting from church	3.0

How do these scores work?

For each indicator question the percentage of the people in the church who selected a given response is converted into a score between 1 and 10. A score of 5 is the average across a representative sample of Australian local churches. See more at ncls.org.au/church-vitality

Change Over Time

When a church takes part in a Church Life Survey more than once, it's possible to see changes over time.

This chart shows how selected indicators of the qualities of church health have changed since the last Church Life Survey. (See ncls.org.au/church-vitality for more information)



No results for Change Over Time?

Now

For each Core Quality ask if this is an area of church life that has improved, declined or stayed the same over the past five years?

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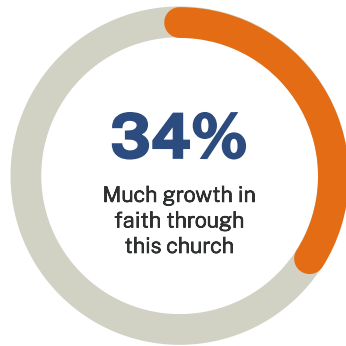
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Faith: Alive and Growing



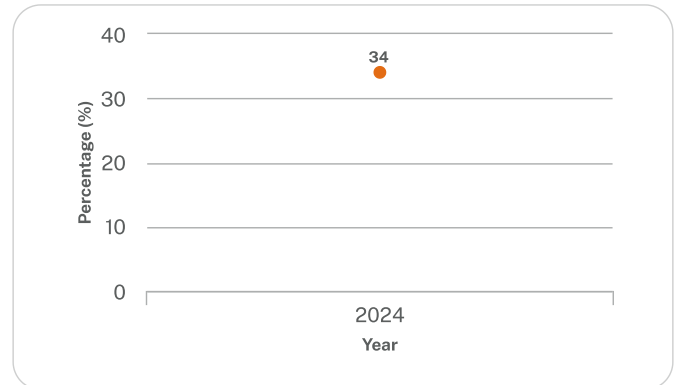
Growth in Faith through this Local Church

34% said they had experienced much growth in faith through this local church in the last 12 months



Source: , Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percentage of attenders who experienced much growth in faith through this local church in the last 12 months



Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Growth in Faith in the Past Year

88% have grown their faith, either through this church, other groups or churches or through private activity

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Much: this local church	34	39	41
Much: other groups	8	10	10
Much: private activity	19	23	22
Some growth	28	23	22

Private Devotional Activity

79% spend time in prayer, Bible reading or meditation at least weekly

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Everyday/most days	52	70	71
A few times a week	23	15	15
Once a week	4	2	2
Occasionally	15	10	9
Hardly ever/never	6	3	3

Identification with Matters of Faith

Attenders chose up to 2 out of 6 options (e.g. Catholic or Anglo-Catholic; Pentecostal or Charismatic; Evangelistic or Reformed; Liberal or Progressive; Other and 'Do not identify')

58% chose Evangelical or Reformed

20% chose I do not identify with such descriptions

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Evangelical or Reformed	58	N/A	N/A
I do not identify with such descriptions	20	N/A	N/A
Pentecostal or charismatic	14	N/A	N/A
Catholic or Anglo-Catholic	13	N/A	N/A

Faith and Life

91% agree or strongly agree that their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life

97% agree or strongly agree their faith in God is an important part of who they are

My faith influences decisions and actions in my daily life			
Agree or strongly agree	91	N/A	N/A
Neutral or unsure	7	N/A	N/A
Disagree or strongly disagree	1	N/A	N/A
Faith in God is an important part of who I am			
Agree or strongly agree	97	N/A	N/A
Neutral or unsure	3	N/A	N/A
Disagree or strongly disagree	0	N/A	N/A

Worship: Vital and Nurturing



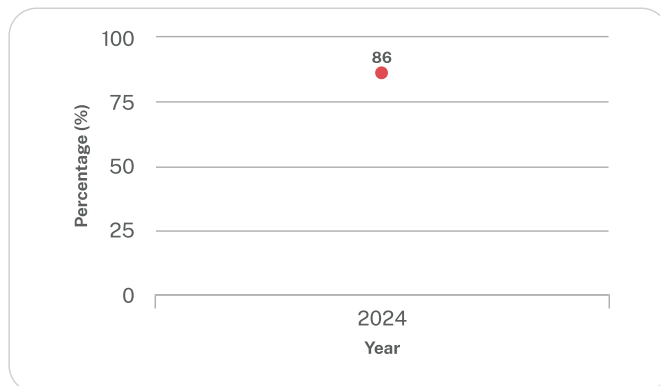
Experience Inspiration during Church Services

86% of attenders said they always/usually experience inspiration during services



Source: , Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who always/usually experience inspiration during services



Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Inspiration

86% always/usually experience inspiration during church services

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Always	40	41	43
Usually	45	43	42

Helpful Preaching

88% always/usually experience preaching very helpful to their lives during church services

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Always	40	48	50
Usually	48	40	39

Appreciate Music

84% always/usually experience music they appreciate during church services

Always	46	47	48
Usually	38	38	37

Presence and Growth in Understanding of God

90% always/usually experience a sense of God's presence during church services

88% always/usually experience growth in understanding of God during church services

Always	54	63	64
Usually	36	28	27

Always	41	48	49
Usually	47	41	40

Being Challenged to Take Action

58% always/usually experience being challenged to take action

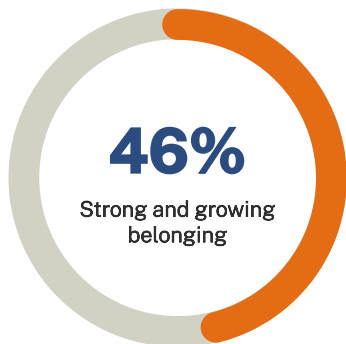
Always	22	24	25
Usually	36	39	39

Belonging: Strong and Growing



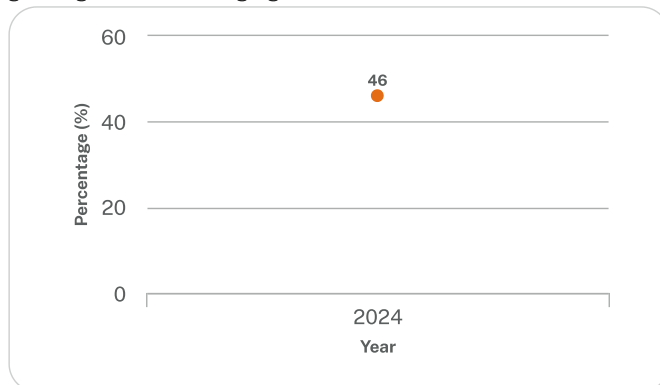
A Strong and Growing Sense of Belonging

46% of attenders said they have a strong sense of belonging to this church which is growing



Source: , Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percentage of attenders who have a strong and growing sense of belonging to this church



Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Sense of Belonging to their Local Church

87% have a strong sense of belonging to this local church

12% do not feel they belong

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
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Sense of belonging			
Strong and growing	46	45	47
Strong and stable	26	27	27
Strong but weakening	14	11	11
No, but new here	5	4	3
No, and wish they did	3	4	4
No, but happy	4	7	6
Don't know / NA	1	2	2

Regular Participation in their Local Church's Activities

40% take part in group activities at this local church

26% take part in activities of the local church that reach out to the wider community

Small prayer, discussion	19	28	27
Fellowship, clubs or other social groups	26	25	25
Evangelical or outreach	12	9	9
Community service, social justice or welfare	17	22	23

Financial Giving

8% regularly give 10% of net income

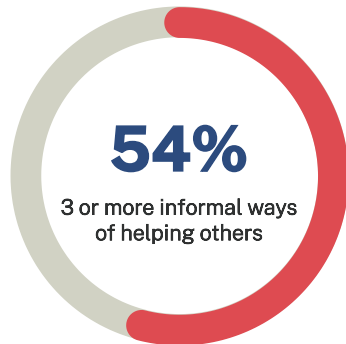
Regularly give 10%	8	13	13
Regularly give up to 9% of net income	49	58	58
Give a small amount whenever I am here	37	25	24

Service: Practical and Diverse



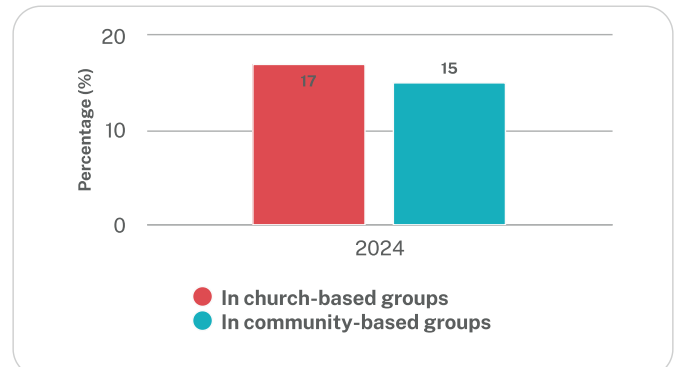
Acts of Service

54% of attenders said they had informally helped others in three or more of a list of ways in the last year



Source: , Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who have been involved in community service, care or welfare groups or activities



Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Informal Ways of Helping Others (in the last year)

97% said they had informally helped others in at least one of the ways listed in the last year

+ Note: Was changed from 'lent money' in 2011 to 'lent or gave money' in 2016 and 2021

++ Note: Added in 2021

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Lent or gave money outside family ⁺	58	34	33
Attended a public meeting/march ⁺⁺	13	N/A	N/A
Supported a campaign (online or other) ⁺⁺	17	N/A	N/A
Cared for someone who was very sick	30	30	31
Helped someone through a personal crisis	41	45	44
Visited someone in hospital	29	42	42
Gave possessions to a person in need	45	44	43
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	5	9	9
Donated money to a charitable organisation	36	42	41
Contact parliamentarian/councillor about issue	4	5	5

Community Activities

17% are regularly involved in community service, social justice or welfare activities based in this local church

37% are regularly involved in community groups not connected to this local church

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
In community service or justice activities based in local church	17	22	23
Involvement in community groups not connected to this local church			
Community service, care or welfare groups	15	19	19
Social action, justice or lobby groups	2	2	2
Sport, recreation or hobby groups	13	12	12
School or youth groups (e.g. P&C Scouts)	12	10	9
Another kind of group	7	7	6
Online groups or communities	6	N/A	N/A
Not involved with such groups	63	N/A	N/A

Care for the Environment

83% agree Christians should care for the environment

37% are currently active

Belief about Christian responsibility to actively care for the environment			
Yes, am very active	12	19	19
Yes, and am a little active	25	41	41
Yes, but currently not active	46	37	37
No	2	1	1
Unsure	15	2	2

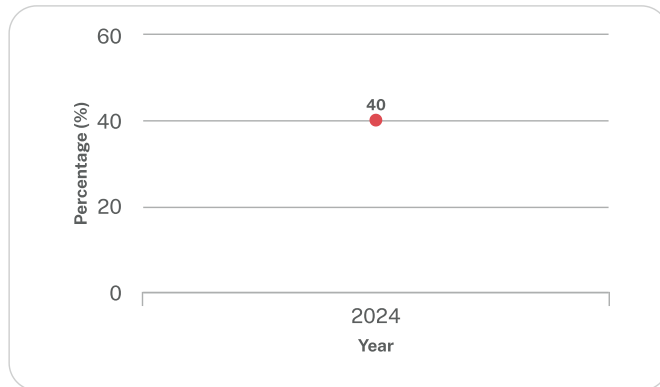
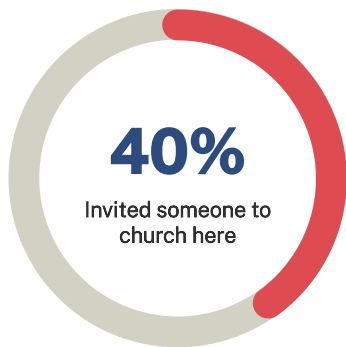
Faith Sharing: Willing and Effective



Inviting Others to Church

40% of attenders said they had invited a friend or relative who does not currently attend church to a service here in the last year

Change over time: Percent of attenders who invited a friend or relative who does not currently attend church to a service here in the last year



Source: , Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Inviting Others to Church here

83% are willing to invite someone to a church service

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
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Willingness to invite to a church service here any friends/relatives who don't currently attend a church			
Invited someone in the last 12 months	40	34	36
Willing, but didn't invite someone in the last 12 months	43	49	48
Probably wouldn't invite someone	5	5	5
Definitely wouldn't invite someone	0	1	1
Don't know	12	11	10

Willing and Effective Faith-sharing

12% are involved regularly in outreach or evangelistic activity

77% feel at ease talking about their faith

Attenders involved regularly in outreach or evangelistic activity			
Feel at ease talking about their faith and look for opportunities	12	14	14
Mostly feel at ease talking about their faith and do so if it comes up	65	67	68
Find it hard to talk about their faith in ordinary language	14	11	10
Do not like to talk about their faith; life and actions are sufficient	8	8	8
Do not have faith	2	0	0

Faith-sharing in Households

57% frequently talk about matters of faith with other members of their household

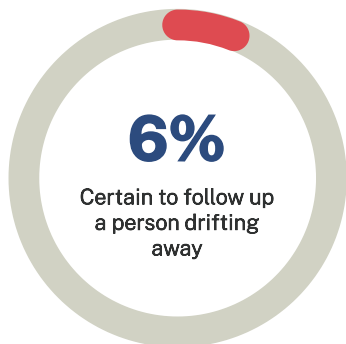
Attenders talk about faith with other members of their household			
No, live alone	4	N/A	N/A
No, do not talk about matters of faith	3	N/A	N/A
Yes, occasionally	36	N/A	N/A
Yes, frequently in informal ways	41	N/A	N/A
Yes, frequently in informal ways as well as part of family or household devotions	15	N/A	N/A

Inclusion: Intentional and Welcoming



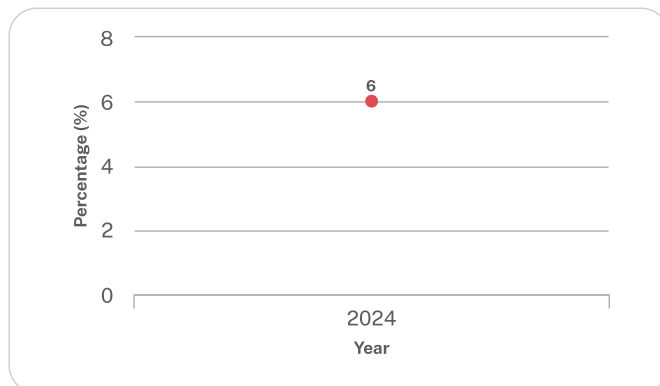
Follow-up of People Drifting Away

6% of attenders said they would certainly follow up someone they knew who was drifting away from church



Source: , Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who are certain they would follow up someone they knew who was drifting away from church



Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Views about Inclusiveness of Local Church

85% agree that this local church is inclusive of different kinds of people

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
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This local church is inclusive of different kinds of people			
	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Strongly agree	45	N/A	N/A
Agree	40	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	12	N/A	N/A
Disagree	2	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	0	N/A	N/A

Likelihood of Follow-up of Those Drifting Away

36% are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church

Likelihood of attenders to follow up someone drifting away from church			
	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Certain	6	7	7
Very likely	10	6	6
Likely	21	22	22
Hard to say	40	41	41
Unlikely	24	25	24

Welcoming New Arrivals

29% always or mostly personally seek out and welcome people they know who are new arrivals

Attenders personally seek out and welcome new arrivals			
	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Always	11	11	11
Mostly	18	18	19
Sometimes	28	29	29
Rarely/Never/Not applicable	44	42	41

Making Friends

64% have found it easy to make friends here

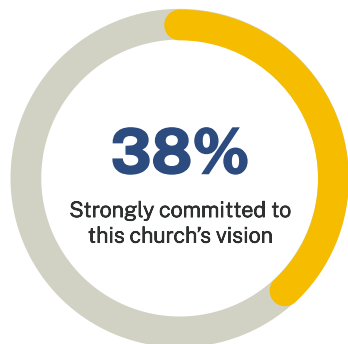
Attenders found it easy to make friends here			
	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Attenders agree or strongly agree	64	70	71
Attenders disagree or strongly disagree	5	8	7
Among arrivals in the last five years:			
Agree or strongly agree	63	63	65
Disagree or strongly disagree	5	10	9

Vision: Clear and Owned

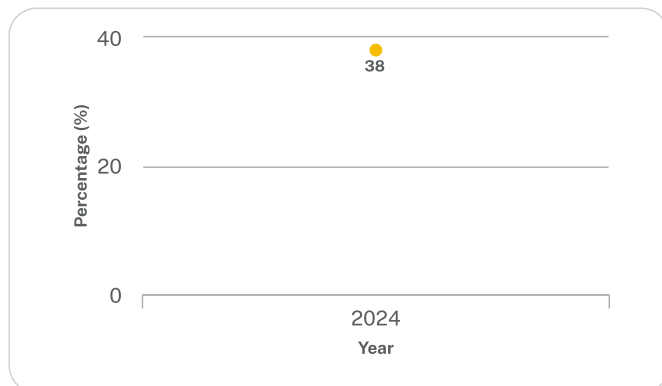


Committed to this Local Church's Vision

38% of attenders said they are aware of and strongly committed to this local church's vision, goals or directions



Change over time: Percent of attenders who are aware of and strongly committed to this local church's vision, goals or directions



Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Source: , Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

Aware of Vision, Goals and Directions of Local Church

75% are aware and strongly or partly committed to the vision, goals or direction of the local church

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Aware and strongly committed	38	25	28
Aware and partly committed	37	34	34
Aware and not committed	11	17	16
Aware of ideas not of any clear vision	8	15	14
Unaware of any clear vision, goals or direction	6	9	9

Confidence that the Local Church can Achieve its Vision, Goals or Directions

59% are fully confident that the vision can be achieved

Fully confident the vision can be achieved	59	38	40
Partly confident vision can be achieved	30	44	44
Not confident the vision can be achieved	0	2	1

Attenders' Views on Priorities for this Local Church in the Next 12 Months: +

Spiritual growth (e.g. spiritual direction, prayer groups)	21	17	17
Worship services that are nurturing to people's faith	23	22	21
Building a strong sense of community within this local church	27	19	19
Creating a clear vision for this local church's future	10	11	10
Encouraging people here to discover/use their gifts	25	24	24
Encouraging new approaches to ministry and mission	12	10	10
Supporting social justice and aid to people in need	14	13	12
Encouraging people here to share their faith or invite others	18	14	14
Ensuring new people are included well in church life	28	20	20
Ministry to children and youth	19	19	19
Growing into a larger local church	15	20	21
Starting a new church or mission venture	13	2	2

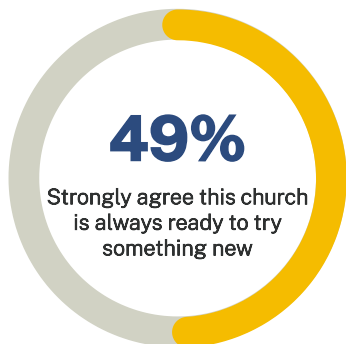
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Innovation: Imaginative and Flexible



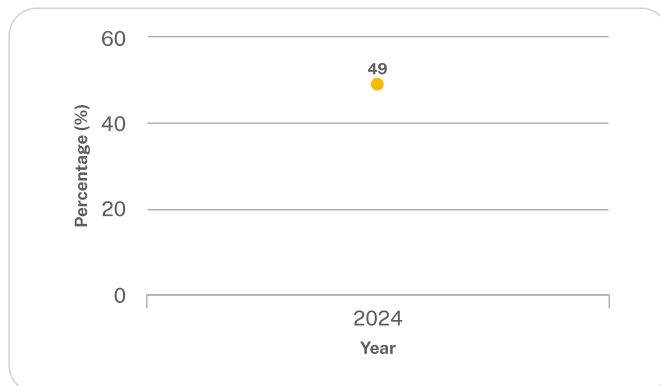
Ready to Try Something New

49% of attenders strongly agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



Source: , Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who strongly agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Willingness of the Local Church to Try New Things

88% strongly agree or agree that this local church is always ready to try something new

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
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This local church is always ready to try something new			
Strongly agree	49	26	26
Agree	39	46	45
Neutral/Unsure	11	21	21
Disagree	1	6	6
Strongly disagree	0	2	1

Leaders Encourage Innovation

84% strongly agree or agree that leaders here encourage innovation and creative thinking

Leaders here encourage innovation			
Strongly agree	39	26	26
Agree	45	49	48
Neutral/Unsure	15	20	20
Disagree	1	4	4
Strongly disagree	0	1	1

Openness to New Initiatives

87% support the development of new initiatives in ministry and mission in this local church

I would support the development of new initiatives in ministry and mission in the local church			
Strongly agree	39	33	33
Agree	48	48	48
Neutral/Unsure	12	18	18
Disagree	1	1	1
Strongly disagree	0	0	0

Leadership Culture: Inspiring and Empowering

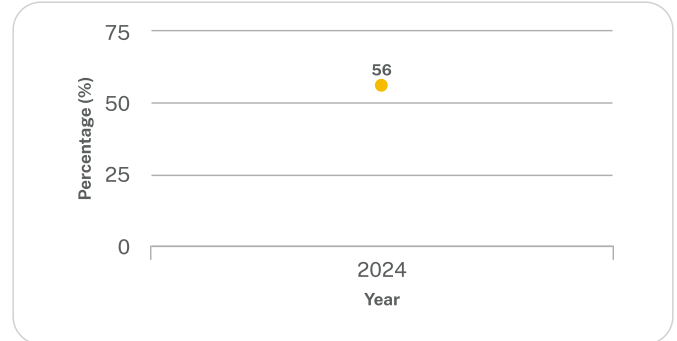


Leadership Roles

56% of attenders perform at least one leadership or ministry role here



Change over time: Percent of attenders who perform at least one leadership or ministry role here



Source: Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Source: , Stellenberg Dutch Reformed Church

Leadership and Ministry Roles Performed by Attenders

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Worship services (teach/preach, music, lead/assist in service)	25	11	10
Children's ministry/youth ministry role	10	6	7
Small group leadership	9	7	7
Administrator role	3	4	4
Compliance role (e.g. safe church)	7	N/A	N/A
Council/board/elder/deacon	3	13	14
Committee/task force member	27	9	9
Pastoral care/visitation role	3	2	2
Communications/news	17	N/A	N/A
Some other role	18	N/A	N/A
Perform any of above leadership/ministry roles here	56	34	35

Views about Local Church Leaders

18% agree this local church's leaders encourage them to find and use their gifts and skills to a great extent

71% agree leaders here inspire them to action

Local leaders encourage attenders to find and use gifts and skills			
To a great extent	18	17	17
To some extent	30	27	27
Attenders strongly agree or agree that...			
Leaders here inspire me to action	71	68	68
Leaders encourage innovation & creativity	84	74	75
Local church has good and clear systems	95	84	85

Getting Involved Here

73% agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this church (i.e. take on a role)

40% would like to be more involved here

Attenders strongly agree or agree that...			
It is easy to get involved in ministry here	73	N/A	N/A
All (ages) encouraged to get involved	91	N/A	N/A
Evaluation of involvement here			
Would like to be more involved	40	35	34
Happy with current level of involvement	55	57	58
Would like to be less involved	1	1	1

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

I feel positive about the future of our country



Strongly agree or agree

You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
10	11	11

I feel positive about the future of our country			
Strongly agree	10	11	11
Agree	26	27	28
Neutral/Unsure	43	33	33
Disagree	16	20	20
Strongly disagree	5	9	9

The redistribution of land enhances justice in our country



Strongly agree or agree

The redistribution of land enhances justice in our country			
Strongly agree	2	3	3
Agree	11	12	12
Neutral/Unsure	40	26	25
Disagree	27	33	33
Strongly disagree	20	26	27

We as citizens have made progress in reconciliation since the end of apartheid



Strongly agree or agree

You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
11	8	7

We as citizens have made progress in reconciliation since the end of apartheid			
Strongly agree	11	8	7
Agree	40	33	32
Neutral/Unsure	32	24	24
Disagree	11	24	24
Strongly disagree	7	12	13

Believers of all churches should work together to build our country



Strongly agree or agree

Believers of all churches should work together to build our country			
Strongly agree	56	58	57
Agree	34	37	37
Neutral/Unsure	9	4	4
Disagree	0	1	1
Strongly disagree	1	1	1

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

I shall leave the country if I have the opportunity



Strongly agree or agree

You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
22	N/A	N/A

I shall leave the country if I have the opportunity			
Strongly agree	10	N/A	N/A
Agree	12	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	35	N/A	N/A
Disagree	21	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	22	N/A	N/A

The church does not treat men and women as equals



Strongly agree or agree

The church does not treat men and women as equals			
Strongly agree	5	N/A	N/A
Agree	7	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	12	N/A	N/A
Disagree	25	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	51	N/A	N/A

The church should be a strong voice regarding corruption and other current issues in the country



Strongly agree or agree

You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
61	N/A	N/A

The church should be a strong voice regarding corruption and other current issues in the country			
Strongly agree	38	N/A	N/A
Agree	23	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	29	N/A	N/A
Disagree	7	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	4	N/A	N/A

Women should be able to hold any leadership position in the congregation



Strongly agree or agree

Women should be able to hold any leadership position in the congregation			
Strongly agree	64	N/A	N/A
Agree	24	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	8	N/A	N/A
Disagree	2	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	2	N/A	N/A

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Our congregation should play a role in rectifying economic injustices in our community



Strongly agree or agree

You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)

Our congregation should play a role in rectifying economic injustices in our community			
Strongly agree	24	N/A	N/A
Agree	35	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	31	N/A	N/A
Disagree	7	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	2	N/A	N/A

The church should not make pronouncements regarding the sexuality of people



Strongly agree or agree

The church should not make pronouncements regarding the sexuality of people			
Strongly agree	19	N/A	N/A
Agree	26	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	28	N/A	N/A
Disagree	14	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	13	N/A	N/A

Welfare grants are essential



Strongly agree or agree

You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)

Welfare grants are essential			
Strongly agree	17	N/A	N/A
Agree	39	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	34	N/A	N/A
Disagree	8	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	2	N/A	N/A

Our congregation plays a vital role in improving race relationships in our community



Strongly agree or agree

Our congregation plays a vital role in improving race relationships in our community			
Strongly agree	29	N/A	N/A
Agree	44	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	24	N/A	N/A
Disagree	2	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	1	N/A	N/A

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Our congregation should be involved with actions against gender-based violence



Strongly agree or agree

You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)

Our congregation should be involved with actions against gender - based violence			
Strongly agree	30	N/A	N/A
Agree	46	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	22	N/A	N/A
Disagree	2	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	1	N/A	N/A

Believers should work together to protect the rights of foreigners in the country



Strongly agree or agree

Believers should work together to protect the rights of foreigners in the country			
Strongly agree	14	N/A	N/A
Agree	34	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	43	N/A	N/A
Disagree	6	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	3	N/A	N/A

People living in same-sex relationships should be entirely accepted in the congregation



Strongly agree or agree

You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)

People living in same-sex relationships should be entirely accepted in the congregation			
Strongly agree	31	N/A	N/A
Agree	30	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	29	N/A	N/A
Disagree	5	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	5	N/A	N/A

The church should promote climate-friendly behaviour



Strongly agree or agree

The church should promote climate-friendly behaviour			
Strongly agree	44	N/A	N/A
Agree	43	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	12	N/A	N/A
Disagree	0	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	1	N/A	N/A

The church should be involved in the promotion of human rights



Strongly agree or agree

The church should be involved in the promotion of human rights			
Strongly agree	32	N/A	N/A
Agree	44	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	20	N/A	N/A
Disagree	2	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	1	N/A	N/A

Your results

This Church Life Profile contains your church's unique results from your participation in the Church Life Survey.

This Church Life Profile will enable you to:

- ✓ Hear all voices and take time to listen
- ✓ Make better, more informed choices
- ✓ Find out the values and hopes of your attenders
- ✓ Take stock of your church's health
- ✓ See how you compare to other churches
- ✓ Identify your strengths and use them to grow



What next?

Use your Profile, workbook and other resources to evaluate, communicate and act on your results at your church



Evaluate

Look at your results to see what they reveal



Communicate

Share key insights and plans with your church



Act

Take steps of action into the future

More resources available:  ncls.org.au