



## A Study of Faith Formation in Christian Churches: Results

In 2018, the Church Team\* of GenOn Ministries Advisory Council conducted a survey, “A Study of Faith Formation in Christian Churches.” Using a variety of denominational contacts, the survey was distributed across multiple denominations and to the GenOn and Vibrant Faith mailing lists. A total of 1059 churches representing 20 denominations responded.

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### Demographic Information

#### 1. Who completed the survey?

1. Faith Formation Coordinator (Full Time)	28.23% (299)
2. Faith Formation Coordinator (Part Time)	16.62% (176)
3. Faith Formation Coordinator (Volunteer)	6.89% (73)
4. Lead or Senior Pastor	15.20% (161)
5. Youth Minister	5.67% (60)
6. Church Staff Member	5.19% (55)
7. Other	22.19% (235)

#### 2. What is your denomination?

• AME	1
• American Baptist	3
• Anglican	18
• Christian Reformed	19
• Churches of Christ	3
• Church of the Nazarene	1
• Disciples of Christ	11
• Episcopal	63
• Evangelical Covenant	3
• Lutheran, ELCA	193
• Lutheran, Missouri Synod	12
• Mennonite	9
• National Baptist Convention	3
• Non-denominational	7
• Presbyterian USA	144
• Presbyterian Church in American	1
• Roman Catholic	421
• South Baptist Convention	5
• United Church of Christ	34
• United Methodist	83

#### 3. Where is your church located?

• Urban	27.20% (288)
• Suburban	42.21% (447)
• Small Town or Rural	30.59% (324)

#### 4. What state is your church located in?

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1. New Jersey: 86 | 7. Illinois: 41        |
| 2. New York: 86   | 8. Pennsylvania: 40    |
| 3. Minnesota: 75  | 9. Ohio: 39            |
| 4. Texas: 64      | 10. Wisconsin: 36      |
| 5. Florida: 42    | 11. North Carolina: 32 |
| 6. Virginia: 41   | 12. Michigan: 31       |
|                   | 13. Massachusetts: 30  |

#### 5. What is your average weekly Sunday attendance

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|----------------|--------------|
| • 100 or fewer | 17.28% (183) |
| • 101-250      | 33.71% (357) |
| • 251-500      | 20.11% (213) |
| • 501-1000     | 14.26% (151) |
| • 1001-1500    | 6.80% (72)   |
| • 1501-2000    | 2.27% (24)   |
| • 2001-2500    | 1.42% (15)   |
| • 2501-3000    | 1.42% (15)   |
| • 3001+        | 2.74% (29)   |

#### 6. Which age groups make up at least 20% of your church's membership?

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|------------------------|--------|
| • Children (0-10)      | 35.79% |
| • Adolescents (11-29)  | 28.14% |
| • Young Adults (20-39) | 25.31% |
| • Adults (40-59)       | 77.62% |
| • Adults (60-75)       | 87.72% |
| • Adults (75+)         | 43.06% |

#### 6. Which ethnic groups form at least 10% of your church's membership?

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|--------------------------------------|--------|
| • White/European                     | 93.48% |
| • Hispanic or Latino                 | 20.21% |
| • Multiracial                        | 13.60% |
| • Asian-American                     | 11.90% |
| • African-American                   | 9.54%  |
| • African National/African-Caribbean | 5.19%  |
| • American Indian/Alaska Native      | 0.66%  |
| • Arab/Middle Eastern                | 0.94%  |
| • Other                              | 4.82%  |

#### 7. Which languages are spoken by your church's membership?

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|--------------|--------|
| • English    | 98.77% |
| • Spanish    | 39.38% |
| • Filipino   | 15.30% |
| • French     | 10.20% |
| • Chinese    | 8.50%  |
| • Korean     | 8.50%  |
| • Vietnamese | 7.65%  |
| • Portuguese | 3.78%  |
| • Japanese   | 2.46%  |

# Faith Formation Information

## 8. Types age-group faith formation programming offered by churches.

	CHILDREN (0-5)	CHILDREN (GRADE 1-5)	TEENS (GRADE 6-8)	TEENS (GRADE 9-12)	ADULTS (20-39)	ADULTS (40-59)	ADULTS (60-75)	ADULTS (75+)	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Weekly classes	68.06% 667	94.18% 923	86.84% 851	68.67% 673	43.88% 430	52.86% 518	53.78% 527	47.24% 463	980
Preparation for a milestone or sacrament (marriage, baptism, communion, confirmation, etc.)	38.24% 353	73.56% 679	74.65% 689	74.86% 691	70.42% 650	52.76% 487	39.76% 367	33.37% 308	923
Service projects	25.14% 217	53.01% 440	81.45% 676	88.92% 738	67.83% 563	70.48% 585	66.99% 556	56.39% 468	830
Bible study programs	8.34% 69	14.27% 118	22.25% 184	30.83% 255	76.18% 630	89.96% 744	93.47% 773	81.50% 674	827
Small group programs	7.40% 55	12.92% 96	30.69% 228	42.26% 314	67.03% 498	80.22% 596	78.73% 585	64.20% 477	743
Vacation Bible School	73.79% 518	99.00% 695	59.40% 417	32.34% 227	9.12% 64	8.40% 59	8.12% 57	6.84% 48	702
Short courses	5.68% 37	11.37% 74	16.28% 106	24.27% 158	72.35% 471	85.25% 555	83.72% 545	68.20% 444	651
Retreat programs	10.56% 66	26.88% 168	61.76% 386	79.52% 497	50.56% 316	51.84% 324	48.96% 306	41.12% 257	625
Mission trips	2.28% 13	5.80% 33	49.21% 280	89.63% 510	50.79% 289	49.74% 283	44.99% 256	30.93% 176	569
Monthly programs	24.73% 137	37.55% 208	45.85% 254	51.44% 285	48.56% 269	55.23% 306	58.30% 323	54.33% 301	554
Book groups	0.19% 1	1.34% 7	1.91% 10	5.92% 31	68.70% 360	91.60% 480	92.18% 483	77.86% 408	524
Family-centered program	73.14% 373	91.18% 465	77.84% 397	64.71% 330	64.31% 328	58.63% 299	40.00% 204	34.31% 175	510
Lectionary-based program	43.57% 193	58.69% 260	41.08% 182	31.60% 140	43.79% 194	55.98% 248	56.66% 251	47.40% 210	443
Worship-centered program	63.39% 277	72.31% 316	63.62% 278	61.78% 270	67.96% 297	71.40% 312	69.34% 303	63.16% 276	437
Summer educational program	50.64% 199	73.28% 288	61.83% 243	52.16% 205	34.35% 135	34.86% 137	33.59% 132	30.53% 120	393
Workshops	8.20% 30	21.04% 77	23.77% 87	32.79% 120	74.59% 273	81.97% 300	74.59% 273	60.66% 222	366
Online courses or resources	23.39% 51	38.99% 85	49.08% 107	61.01% 133	79.36% 173	79.82% 174	72.48% 158	62.84% 137	218
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd or Godly Play	83.06% 152	64.48% 118	24.04% 44	11.48% 21	3.83% 7	3.28% 6	2.73% 5	2.73% 5	183
Webinars (online)	0.00% 0	1.82% 1	9.08% 5	21.82% 12	81.82% 45	83.64% 46	74.55% 41	58.18% 32	55

## 9. Effectiveness of your church's age-specific faith formation programming.

(1-5 scale: not at all effective to extremely effective)

- Young Children - 0-5 3.31
- Children - grades 1-5 3.53
- Young Adolescents – grades 6-8 3.46
- Older Adolescents – grades 9-12 3.28
- Young Adults – 20-39 2.57
- Midlife Adults – 40-59 3.20
- Mature Adults – 60-75 3.48
- Older Adults – over 75 3.39

## 10. List of publishers used by churches in faith formation.

1. Sparkhouse (31.58%, 419 responses)
2. Augsburg Fortress
3. Cokesbury
4. Loyola Press (Roman Catholic)
5. Group Publishing
6. Our Sunday Visitor (Roman Catholic)
7. RCL Benziger (Roman Catholic)
8. St. Mary's Press (Roman Catholic)
9. Abingdon Press
10. Ave Maria Press (Roman Catholic)
11. Sadlier (Roman Catholic)
12. Zondervan
13. Presbyterian Publishing House
14. Westminster/John Knox
15. Concordia
16. Faith Inkubators
17. Pflaum
18. Faith Alive
19. Ascension Press (Roman Catholic)
20. United Methodist Publishing
21. GenOn Ministries (6.34%, 65 responses)

## 11. Family faith formation programming in churches.

(Ranked in order from strongly disagree to strongly agree. 5 = highest score)

1. The church provides experiences for the whole family that promote growth in faith and discipleship. 3.80
2. The church helps parents (or caregivers) grow in faith and discipleship, and practice a vital and informed Christian faith. 3.68
3. The church provides families with resources to nurture growth in Christian faith and practice at home. 3.66
4. The church teaches parents the practices for forming faith at home (celebrating rituals and milestones, praying, serving, learning the Christian faith, reading the Bible) 3.49
5. The church helps grandparents grow in faith and discipleship, and practice a vital and informed Christian faith. 3.43
6. The church connects with families at home through social media and a website with content for family faith practices and parent formation. 3.23
7. The church teaches grandparents the practices for forming faith at home. 3.03
8. The church equips parents with the knowledge and skills for parenting today. 2.99

## 12. Types of family faith formation programming offered by churches.

(Ranked in order)

1. Family large group programs at church (monthly or seasonal)	50% (515 churches)
2. At-home family activities (Bible reading, prayers, devotions, rituals, service)	45%
3. Family service projects and/or mission trips	32%
4. Parent workshops	24%
5. Online resources and courses for parents	17%
6. Family retreats and camps	15%
7. Family cluster or small group programs	14%
8. Family-centered lectionary-based Scripture reflection	12%
9. Family-centered vacation Bible school	12%
10. Mentoring for parents	7%
11. Family Bible study	4%
12. Grandparent workshops or webinars	2%
13. Parent webinars (online)	2% (16 churches)

Do not offer family programming: 17% (223)

## 13. Types of intergenerational (all ages together) faith formation programming offered by churches.

(Ranked in order)

1. Seasonal/occasional intergenerational program	53% (550 churches)
2. Intergenerational service projects or mission trips	30%
3. Monthly intergenerational learning program	12%
4. Intergenerational retreats or camps	12%
5. Intergenerational mentoring	11%
6. Weekly or bi-weekly intergenerational learning program	9%
7. Small group intergenerational learning program	8%
8. Intergenerational Bible study	6%
9. Intergenerational lectionary-based Scripture reflection	6% (58 churches)

Do not offer intergenerational programming: 28% (286)

## 14. Effectiveness and impact of intergenerational faith formation in churches (only intergenerational churches). (Ranked in order from strongly disagree to strongly agree. 5 = highest score)

1. IFF strengthens relationships among people of all ages, enhances their sense of belonging in the faith community, and increases participation in church life.	4.29
2. IFF has a positive effect on both the older and young populations by creating intentional opportunities to meet together, share stories, and create something together.	4.20
3. IFF affirms each person's value in the total community (regardless of age), and promotes understanding of shared values and respect for individuals in all stages and ages of life.	4.19
4. IFF creates a welcoming and safe environment conducive to promoting faith sharing, group participation, mutual support, and care for one another in the congregation and in the community.	4.18
5. IFF supports families by surrounding them with a community of faith and engaging the whole family in learning and practicing their faith.	4.12
6. People learn the beliefs and practices of the Christian faith through IFF as they participate with more experienced members of the church community.	4.11

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| 7. IFF promotes a community where generational differences can be transcended rather than reinforced, where generational understanding and positive intergenerational relationships can be experienced. | 4.11 |
| 8. Christian commitment is formed and strengthened through participation in IFF experiences.                                                                                                            | 4.10 |
| 9. IFF provides parents with opportunities to learn from Christians who are practicing their faith.                                                                                                     | 4.01 |
| 10. IFF incorporates real-life application of learning by engaging people in the life of the church community and helping people apply their learning to daily living as Christians.                    | 3.96 |
| 11. IFF engages all ages in service to others and actions of justice, locally and globally.                                                                                                             | 3.95 |
| 12. IFF engages people in a variety of activities that are developmentally-appropriate, experiential, multi-sensory, interactive, and participatory.                                                    | 3.92 |
| 13. IFF ministries and programming are facilitated by staff and teams who work collaboratively in designing and conducting programming, and are well-prepared and supported in their ministry.          | 3.69 |
| 14. IFF addresses the social and developmental needs of age groups.                                                                                                                                     | 3.63 |

**15. What are three of the most significant issues or trends affecting the future of faith formation in your church?** (The number of people identifying an issue is reflected by the size of the word.)

Worship Membership Schedules Busy Lives Youth Ministry  
 Sports Abuse Faith Formation Leadership  
 Parents Young Adults Attendance  
 Community Families Older Church  
 Young People Aging Interest Activities Programs  
 Participation Social Commitment Understanding  
 Volunteers  
 Intergenerational Life Participation Older  
 Commitment Worship Young Leaders  
 Community Ministry Faith Formation  
 Congregation Families Sports Church  
 Activities Parents Staff Volunteers Schedules  
 Attendance Space Leadership Social Media  
 Programs Spiritual Resources Culture  
 Ministry Social Media Age Intergenerational Community Getting  
 Sports Young Adults Volunteers Leadership  
 Parents Resources Faith Commitment  
 Families Support Church Leaders  
 Attendance Issues Activities Interest Youth  
 Technology Schedules Busy Lives Participation

16. What are the three most helpful resources that a church-serving organization can develop to enhance lifelong, intergenerational ministries at your church? (The number of people identifying an resource is reflected by the size of the word.)

Leaders Communication Sharing Volunteers Ministry  
Social Media Groups Workshops Materials Video  
Programs Support Faith Opportunities  
Resources Community  
Intergenerational Staff Family Bible Studies  
Church Relationships Curriculum Short Ideas Participation  
Training IFF  
Practical Pastor Ideas Bible Studies Ministry Life Parents  
Volunteers Church Staff Programs Support  
Family Small Groups Resources  
Relationships Intergenerational Social Media  
Curriculum Community Faith Engaging Materials  
Experiences Training Young Adults Activities Opportunities  
Group Retreats Materials Prayer Opportunities Staff  
Ages Relationships Intergenerational Practices  
Church Develop Faith Youth Resources  
Social Media Families Bible Programs  
Understanding Training Love Ministry Mentoring Ideas  
Young People Worship Community

# Q1 Who is completing the survey?

Answered: 1,061 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Faith Formation or Christian Ed Coordinator (Full Time)	28.18%	299
Other Role	22.24%	236
Faith Formation or Christian Ed Coordinator (Part Time)	16.59%	176
Lead or Senior Pastor	15.27%	162
Faith Formation or Christian Ed Coordinator (Volunteer)	6.88%	73
Youth Minister	5.66%	60
Professional Church Staff Member	5.18%	55
TOTAL		1,061



**Q2 If you want to receive the research report, please complete the following information. Your email will only be used to send you the report.**

Answered: 929 Skipped: 132

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	99.68%	926
Company	0.00%	0
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	99.78%	927
Phone Number	0.00%	0

### Q3 What is your denomination?

Answered: 1,036 Skipped: 25

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
African Methodist Episcopal Church	0.10%	1
American Baptist	0.29%	3
Anglican	1.74%	18
Assemblies of God	0.00%	0
Christian Reformed	1.83%	19
Churches of Christ	0.29%	3
Church of the Nazarene	0.10%	1
Disciples of Christ	1.06%	11
Episcopal	6.08%	63
Evangelical Covenant	0.29%	3
Lutheran, ELCA	18.63%	193
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	1.16%	12
Mennonite	0.87%	9
National Baptist Convention	0.29%	3
Non-Denominational Christian	0.68%	7
Presbyterian USA	13.90%	144
Presbyterian Church in America	0.10%	1
Roman Catholic	40.64%	421
Southern Baptist Convention	0.48%	5
United Church of Christ	3.28%	34
United Methodist	8.20%	85
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,036</b>

## Q5 Where is your church located?

Answered: 1,061 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Urban / City	27.14%	288
Suburban	42.22%	448
Small Town or Rural	30.63%	325
TOTAL	1,061	

## Q6 Which country is your church located in?

Answered: 1,061 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
United States	93.97%	997
Australia	3.02%	32
Canada	2.07%	22
United Kingdom	0.47%	5
New Zealand	0.38%	4
Ireland	0.09%	1
TOTAL		1,061

## Q7 US Only: What state is your church located in?

Answered: 990 Skipped: 71

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alabama	0.81%	8
Alaska	0.00%	0
American Samoa	0.00%	0
Arizona	1.92%	19
Arkansas	0.40%	4
California	2.32%	23
Colorado	1.21%	12
Connecticut	2.93%	29
Delaware	0.30%	3
District of Columbia (DC)	0.10%	1
Florida	4.24%	42
Georgia	2.83%	28
Guam	0.00%	0
Hawaii	0.10%	1
Idaho	0.91%	9
Illinois	4.14%	41
Indiana	1.92%	19
Iowa	2.32%	23
Kansas	0.81%	8
Kentucky	1.21%	12
Louisiana	0.20%	2
Maine	0.10%	1
Maryland	1.92%	19
Massachusetts	3.03%	30
Michigan	3.13%	31
Minnesota	7.58%	75
Mississippi	0.40%	4
Missouri	0.91%	9
Montana	0.30%	3
Nebraska	1.41%	14

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Nevada	1.52%	15
New Hampshire	1.82%	18
New Jersey	8.89%	88
New Mexico	0.30%	3
New York	8.69%	86
North Carolina	3.23%	32
North Dakota	0.40%	4
Northern Marianas Islands	0.10%	1
Ohio	3.94%	39
Oklahoma	0.10%	1
Oregon	0.20%	2
Pennsylvania	4.04%	40
Puerto Rico	0.00%	0
Rhode Island	0.20%	2
South Carolina	1.01%	10
South Dakota	0.71%	7
Tennessee	0.91%	9
Texas	6.46%	64
Utah	0.00%	0
Vermont	0.20%	2
Virginia	4.14%	41
Virgin Islands	0.00%	0
Washington	1.31%	13
West Virginia	0.51%	5
Wisconsin	3.64%	36
Wyoming	0.20%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>990</b>

## Q8 What is your average weekly Sunday worship attendance?

Answered: 1,061 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
100 or fewer people	17.25%	183
101-250	33.74%	358
251-500	20.08%	213
501-1000	14.33%	152
1001-1500	6.79%	72
1501-2000	2.26%	24
2001-2500	1.41%	15
2501-3000	1.41%	15
Over 3000	2.73%	29
TOTAL		1,061

## Q9 Which age groups make-up at least 20% of your church's membership? (Check as many as apply.)

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Children (0-10)	35.82%	380
Adolescents (11-19)	28.28%	300
Young Adults (20-39)	25.35%	269
Adults (40-59)	77.57%	823
Adults (60-75)	87.75%	931
Adults (75+)	43.07%	457
Total Respondents: 1,061		



## Q10 Which of the following ethnic groups form at least 10% of your church's membership? (Check as many as apply.)

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White / Caucasian	93.50%	992
Latino/Hispanic	20.17%	214
Multiracial	13.67%	145
Asian-American	11.88%	126
African-American	9.61%	102
African National/African-Caribbean	5.28%	56
Other (please specify)	4.81%	51
Arab/Middle Eastern	0.94%	10
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.66%	7
Total Respondents: 1,061		

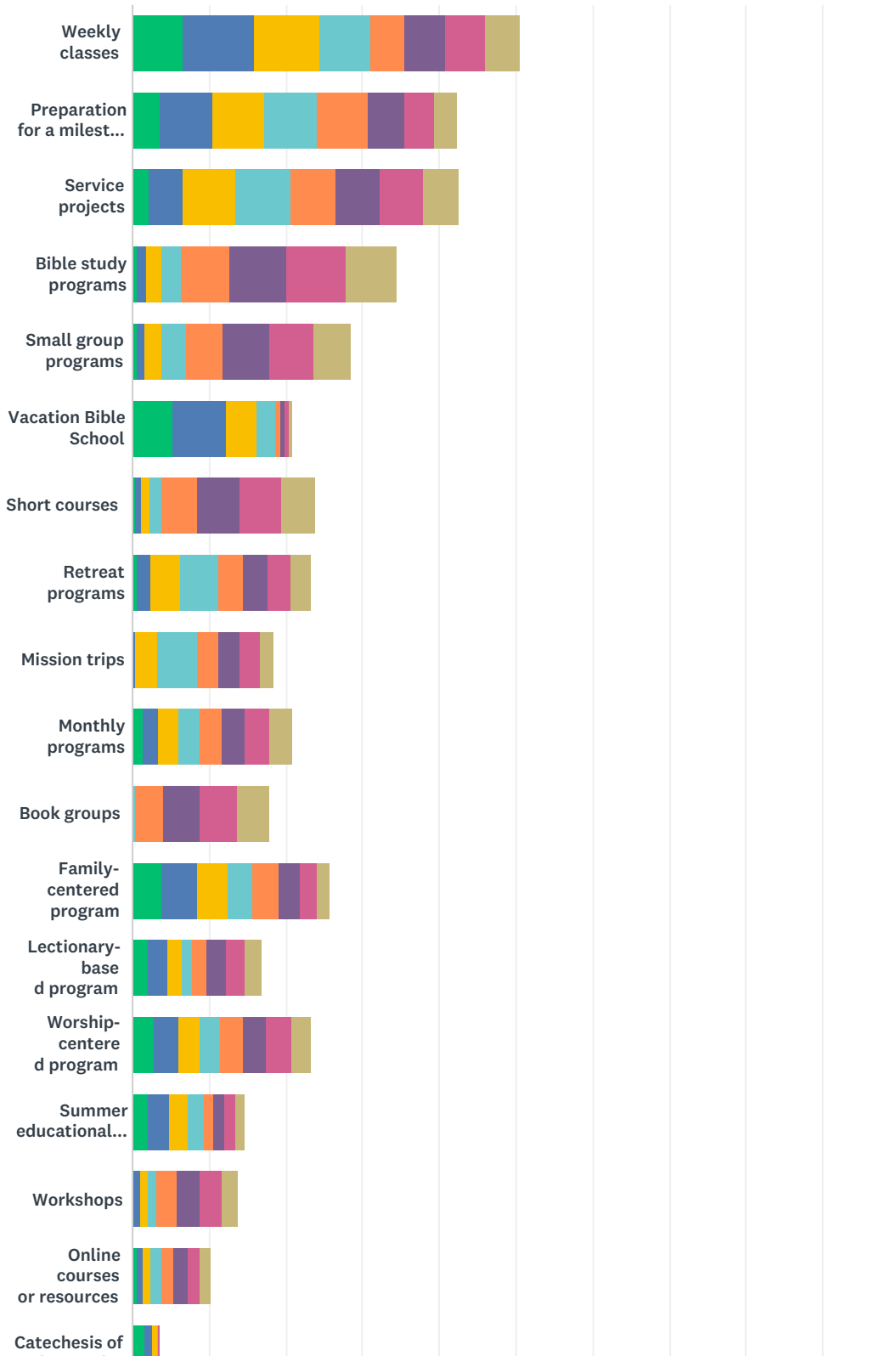
## Q11 Which of the following languages are spoken by your church's membership? (Check as many as apply.)

Answered: 1,061 Skipped: 0

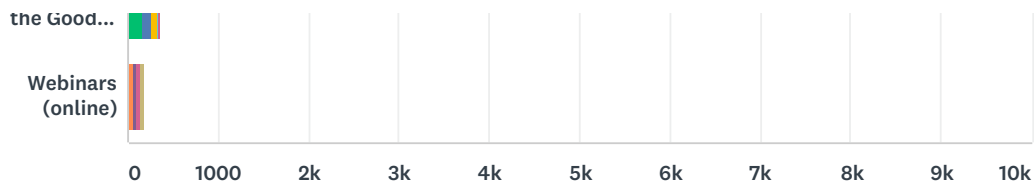
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
English	98.77%	1,048
Spanish	39.40%	418
Other Languages (please specify)	15.83%	168
Filipino	15.36%	163
French	10.27%	109
Korean	8.67%	92
Chinese	8.58%	91
Vietnamese	7.63%	81
Haitian Creole	4.15%	44
Portuguese	3.86%	41
Japanese	2.45%	26
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# Q12 Tell us about the type of age-group faith formation programming your church offers by checking as many programs that apply to each age group.

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Online courses or resources	23.29% 51	38.81% 85	48.86% 107	60.73% 133	79.45% 174	79.91% 175	72.60% 159	63.01% 138	219
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd or Godly Play	83.06% 152	64.48% 118	24.04% 44	11.48% 21	3.83% 7	3.28% 6	2.73% 5	2.73% 5	183
Webinars (online)	0.00% 0	1.82% 1	9.09% 5	21.82% 12	81.82% 45	83.64% 46	74.55% 41	58.18% 32	55

**Q13 Tell us about the effectiveness of your church's age-specific faith formation programming by rating each item from not at all to extremely effective. Use "Not Offered" to indicate that you do not offer this type of programming.**

Answered: 1,061 Skipped: 0

	<b>NOT AT ALL EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>SLIGHTLY EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>MODERATELY EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>VERY EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE</b>	<b>NOT OFFERED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE</b>
Young Children (0-5)	2.31% 24	11.84% 123	36.28% 377	26.85% 279	7.80% 81	14.92% 155	1,039	3.31
Children (grades 1-5)	1.05% 11	6.10% 64	41.47% 435	38.04% 399	10.68% 112	2.67% 28	1,049	3.53
Young Adolescents (grades 6-8)	1.15% 12	8.14% 85	41.28% 431	35.06% 366	9.87% 103	4.50% 47	1,044	3.46
Older Adolescents (grades 9-12)	3.00% 31	12.96% 134	38.78% 401	28.05% 290	8.32% 86	8.90% 92	1,034	3.28
Young Adults (20-39)	11.92% 119	20.64% 206	27.86% 278	9.12% 91	2.30% 23	28.16% 281	998	2.57
Midlife Adults (40-59)	2.17% 22	13.33% 135	39.88% 404	23.99% 243	5.23% 53	15.40% 156	1,013	3.20
Mature Adults (60-75)	1.07% 11	9.37% 96	33.56% 344	32.59% 334	10.24% 105	13.17% 135	1,025	3.48
Older Adults (over 75)	1.41% 14	11.10% 110	34.01% 337	27.14% 269	9.59% 95	16.75% 166	991	3.39

## Q14 Which publishers do you purchase faith formation curriculum and programming from (all ages)? Check as many as apply.

Answered: 1,028 Skipped: 33

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Other publishers you purchase from:	40.76%	419
Spark House	31.52%	324
Augsburg Fortress	30.74%	316
Cokesbury	29.09%	299
Loyola Press	27.53%	283
Group Publishing	26.65%	274
Our Sunday Visitor	19.46%	200
RCL Benziger	17.61%	181
St. Mary's Press	17.12%	176
Abingdon Press	15.95%	164
Ave Maria Press	14.88%	153
Sadlier	12.45%	128
Zondervan	12.35%	127
Presbyterian (USA) Publishing	12.06%	124
Westminster/John Knox	10.21%	105
Concordia	9.92%	102
Faith Inkubators	7.68%	79
Faith Alive Christian Resources	7.59%	78
United Methodist Publishing	6.61%	68
GenOn Ministries	6.32%	65
Church Publishing/Morehouse	5.35%	55
Orange Curriculum	4.47%	46
B&H / LifeWay Publishing	3.79%	39
Crossway	3.21%	33
David C. Cooke	3.02%	31
Thomas Nelson	2.72%	28
Spirit & Truth	2.53%	26
Sunday School Publishing Board (National Baptist)	0.19%	2
D6 / Randall House	0.00%	0

## Q15 Tell us about family faith formation in your church community. Rate each item from strongly disagree to strongly agree.

Answered: 1,061 Skipped: 0

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	DO NOT KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The church provides experiences for the whole family that promote growth in faith and discipleship.	2.29% 24	11.94% 125	13.28% 139	46.99% 492	24.07% 252	1.43% 15	1,047	3.80
The church helps parents (or caregivers) grow in faith and discipleship, and practice a vital and informed Christian faith.	2.84% 30	11.16% 118	17.22% 182	49.29% 521	17.22% 182	2.27% 24	1,057	3.68
The church provides families with resources to nurture growth in Christian faith and practice at home.	2.29% 24	13.63% 143	16.21% 170	49.29% 517	16.68% 175	1.91% 20	1,049	3.66
The church teaches parents the practices for forming faith at home (e.g., celebrating rituals and milestones, praying, serving, learning the Christian faith, reading the Bible).	3.71% 39	18.29% 192	18.19% 191	42.38% 445	15.43% 162	2.00% 21	1,050	3.48
The church helps grandparents grow in faith and discipleship, and practice a vital and informed Christian faith.	4.36% 46	16.32% 172	20.68% 218	42.22% 445	11.86% 125	4.55% 48	1,054	3.43
The church connects with families at home through social media and a website with content for family faith practices and parent formation.	6.48% 68	25.07% 263	18.59% 195	33.94% 356	13.16% 138	2.76% 29	1,049	3.23
The church teaches grandparents the practices for forming faith at home.	6.20% 65	26.91% 282	26.72% 280	29.01% 304	6.58% 69	4.58% 48	1,048	3.03
The church equips parents with the knowledge and skills for parenting today.	5.26% 55	29.35% 307	28.59% 299	29.16% 305	5.16% 54	2.49% 26	1,046	3.00



## Q16 Tell us about the type of family faith formation programming your church offers.

Answered: 1,043 Skipped: 18

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Family large group programs at church (monthly or seasonal)	49.47%	516
At-home family activities (Bible reading, prayers, devotions, rituals, service, etc.)	44.68%	466
Family service projects and/or mission trips	31.74%	331
Parent workshops	23.59%	246
Do not offer family programming	21.48%	224
Online resources and courses for parents	16.59%	173
Family retreats and camps	14.48%	151
Family cluster or small group programs	14.09%	147
Family-centered lectionary-based Scripture reflection	11.70%	122
Family-centered vacation Bible school	11.22%	117
Other Programming (please specify)	8.92%	93
Mentoring for parents	6.62%	69
Family Bible study	3.74%	39
Grandparent workshops or webinars	2.11%	22
Parent webinars (online)	1.53%	16
Total Respondents: 1,043		

## Q17 Tell us about the type of intergenerational (all ages together) faith formation programming your church offers.

Answered: 1,036 Skipped: 25

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Seasonal/occasional intergenerational program	53.28%	552
Intergenerational service projects or mission trips	30.21%	313
Do not offer intergenerational programming	27.61%	286
Monthly intergenerational learning program	12.07%	125
Intergenerational retreats or camps	11.78%	122
Intergenerational mentoring	10.91%	113
Weekly or bi-weekly intergenerational learning program	8.88%	92
Small group intergenerational learning program	7.53%	78
Other Programming (please specify)	6.95%	72
Intergenerational Bible study	6.27%	65
Intergenerational lectionary-based Scripture reflection	5.60%	58
Total Respondents: 1,036		

**Q18 Intergenerational Only: The following statements describe the impact of intergenerational faith formation (IFF). Please indicate how effective IFF has been in your church by indicating your level of agreement.**

Answered: 711 Skipped: 350

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE OR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	DO NOT KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
IFF strengthens relationships among people of all ages, enhances their sense of belonging in the faith community, and increases participation in church life.	0.99% 7	1.41% 10	9.05% 64	42.57% 301	42.57% 301	3.39% 24	707	4.29
IFF has a positive effect on both the older and young populations by creating intentional opportunities to meet together, share stories, and create something together.	1.14% 8	3.27% 23	9.96% 70	41.96% 295	38.69% 272	4.98% 35	703	4.20
IFF affirms each person's value in the total community (regardless of age), and promotes understanding of shared values and respect for individuals in all stages and ages of life.	0.99% 7	2.98% 21	9.66% 68	45.45% 320	37.07% 261	3.84% 27	704	4.19
IFF creates a welcoming and safe environment conducive to promoting faith sharing, group participation, mutual support, and care for one another in the congregation and in the community.	0.71% 5	2.85% 20	10.97% 77	45.73% 321	35.75% 251	3.99% 28	702	4.18
IFF supports families by surrounding them with a community of faith and engaging the whole family in learning and practicing their faith.	0.86% 6	4.14% 29	12.29% 86	43.43% 304	35.14% 246	4.14% 29	700	4.13
People learn the beliefs and practices of the Christian faith through IFF as they participate with more experienced members of the church community.	0.99% 7	4.10% 29	9.76% 69	50.07% 354	31.26% 221	3.82% 27	707	4.11

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IFF promotes a community where generational differences can be transcended rather than reinforced, where generational understanding and positive intergenerational relationships can be experienced.	0.85% 6	3.12% 22	14.33% 101	43.26% 305	33.76% 238	4.68% 33	705	4.11
Christian commitment is formed and strengthened through participation in IFF experiences.	1.42% 10	3.40% 24	10.91% 77	48.02% 339	31.73% 224	4.53% 32	706	4.10
IFF provides parents with opportunities to learn from Christians who are practicing their faith.	1.15% 8	5.47% 38	14.39% 100	44.89% 312	29.50% 205	4.60% 32	695	4.01
IFF incorporates real-life application of learning by engaging people in the life of the church community and helping people apply their learning to daily living as Christians.	0.71% 5	4.86% 34	17.43% 122	45.86% 321	25.86% 181	5.29% 37	700	3.96
IFF engages all ages in service to others and actions of justice, locally and globally.	0.86% 6	6.90% 48	17.10% 119	40.09% 279	29.02% 202	6.03% 42	696	3.95
IFF engages people in a variety of activities that are developmentally-appropriate, experiential, multi-sensory, interactive, and participatory.	1.00% 7	5.73% 40	17.48% 122	46.13% 322	24.36% 170	5.30% 37	698	3.92
IFF ministries and programming are facilitated by staff and teams who work collaboratively in designing and conducting programming, and are well-prepared and supported in their ministry.	2.30% 16	10.90% 76	21.52% 150	37.73% 263	21.52% 150	6.03% 42	697	3.69
IFF addresses the social and developmental needs of age groups.	0.71% 5	10.54% 74	29.77% 209	35.47% 249	18.23% 128	5.27% 37	702	3.63

Q19 What are three of the most significant issues or trends affecting the future of faith formation in your church?

Worship Membership Schedules Busy Lives Youth Ministry  
Sports Abuse Faith Formation Leadership  
Parents Young Adults Attendance  
Community Families Older Church  
Young People Aging Interest Activities Programs  
Participation Social Commitment Understanding  
Volunteers

Intergenerational Life Participation Older  
Commitment Worship Young Leaders  
Community Ministry Faith Formation  
Congregation Families Sports Church  
Activities Parents Staff Volunteers Schedules  
Attendance Space Leadership Social Media  
Programs Spiritual Resources Culture

Ministry Social Media Age Intergenerational Community Getting  
Sports Young Adults Volunteers Leadership  
Parents Resources Faith Commitment  
Families Support Church Leaders  
Attendance Issues Activities Interest Youth  
Technology Schedules Busy Lives Participation

Q20 What are the three most helpful resources that a church-serving organization can develop to enhance lifelong, intergenerational ministries at your church?

Leaders Communication Sharing Volunteers Ministry  
Social Media **Groups** Workshops **Materials** Video  
**Programs** Support **Faith** Opportunities  
**Resources** Community  
**Intergenerational** Staff **Family** Bible Studies  
**Church** Relationships **Curriculum** Short **Ideas** Participation  
Training IFF  
**Practical** Pastor **Ideas** Bible Studies **Ministry** Life **Parents**  
Volunteers **Church** Staff **Programs** Support  
**Family** Small Groups **Resources**  
Relationships **Intergenerational** Social Media  
**Curriculum** Community **Faith** Engaging **Materials**  
Experiences **Training** Young Adults **Activities** Opportunities  
Group Retreats **Materials** Prayer **Opportunities** Staff  
**Ages** Relationships **Intergenerational** Practices  
**Church** Develop **Faith** Youth **Resources**  
Social Media **Families** Bible **Programs**  
Understanding **Training** Love **Ministry** Mentoring **Ideas**  
Young People **Worship** Community