



## Congregational Survey Results – June/July 2016 Campbell United Methodist Church

The survey was part of a California-Nevada Conference initiative called *Readiness 360*. A team of twelve persons from Campbell UMC is participating in this initiative, meeting regularly with a coach and with teams from four other United Methodist churches to develop and refine the skills and tools to lead the congregation in multiplying current ministries and beginning new ministries.

**115 persons** took the survey during June and July—a mix of staff, lay leaders, and active participants in the congregation. The survey’s purpose was to assess our capacity in four areas: *Spiritual Intensity, Dynamic Relationships, Missional Alignment, and Cultural Openness*.

Here are some of the notable findings from the survey:

**88%** said “There is a spiritual expectancy in the air. People are watching and expecting God to do something amazing.”

**83%** said they sense the presence of God’s Spirit in worship.

Fewer people believe that practicing spiritual disciplines (prayer, Bible study, etc.) is a major part of our life together.

**87%** said the staff and lay people team well together to work on ministry and programs.

Fewer people say that our church is committed to team-based ministry.

**84%** said that they are OK with the idea of growing the church. (Believe it or not, this is not always the case!)

**62%** said that they have invited friends and neighbors who have become active participants in the church.

**92%** answered in a way that evidenced that they are committed to the church’s mission more than “what’s in it for them” personally.

**87%** said they perceive that there is widespread enthusiasm for the church’s current direction.

Fewer respondents were comfortable with the idea of investing for the long term in a new ministry if the project will run in the red for a few years.

**89%** are willing to look past troublesome cultural issues in order to focus on the bigger purpose of inviting new people into the experience of God’s grace.

Fewer (**53%**) believe that leadership in the church includes a mix of newcomers and old-timers.

**63%** believe that our church is building relationships with young adults.

Our areas of highest capacity were *Cultural Openness* and *Spiritual Intensity*. All of the results were healthy and positive--extraordinary even--in relation to other churches in the Conference.



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Some interesting notes:

**58%** of the respondents agreed with the statement “I cannot afford to tithe one tenth of my income to support God’s work.” **42%** disagreed.

**63%** of current members and leaders said “New people quickly find or create their place of belonging or serving in our church.” Among non-members who participated, fewer (50%) agreed with this statement.

**78%** agreed that “Our church addresses conflict in healthy ways.”

**61%** agreed that “Our church struggles to raise needed funds for ongoing ministry and for new ministry initiatives that help us reach new people.”

**92%** agreed that “I feel that God has entrusted our church with a special mission or purpose in the world around us.”

**Thank you for your participation!**

The survey results will help the Readiness 360 Team do further visioning work in the months ahead.

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