



**Welcome to your Congregation's L3 Discernment Survey**

As part of discovering God's next chapter for our congregation we are taking time to listen to the voice of God, the congregation, and the leadership.

The following survey listens to the voice of the congregation.

Your insights and opinions matter in helping your church move toward its God-given, hope-filled future.

**Before you jump into the survey there are a some things to note -**

First - L3 Discernment is about naming our present reality in seven critical areas of our life with God. The survey looks at these critical areas both in the life of the congregation and your own life.

The seven areas are:

1. Deepening Faith
2. Loving God, Loving Others
3. Following Jesus
4. Doing Justice
5. Leading Well
6. Getting to Know God
7. Being Neighborly

**Taking the survey fairly and honestly will be most helpful to your congregation.**

Consider each question quickly and then selecting your answer is most helpful. Also when you read about church leadership think of all people that lead - not just pastor(s) and consistory/council.

The survey begins below. It takes about 10 minutes to complete.

<b>Deepening Faith</b>	<b>Definitely Untrue</b>	<b>Hardly True</b>	<b>Somewhat True</b>	<b>Mostly True</b>	<b>Definitely True</b>	<b>Unsure</b>
<b>Spiritual disciplines such as prayer, meditation, silence, Bible reading and worship are actively promoted and practiced in our congregation</b>						
<b>People in our congregation often have spiritual conversations</b>						
<b>We are enthusiastic for our church</b>						
<b>Lives are changed because of God's presence in our worship</b>						
<b>I regularly engage in and grow from practicing spiritual disciplines.</b>						
<b>I have someone I talk with about my spiritual life.</b>						
<b>I am enthusiastic about the future of my church</b>						
<b>I come to worship expecting to encounter God and be renewed by the Spirit</b>						

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<b>Loving God, Loving Others</b>						
We are a congregation of deep hospitality inviting others into our life together, caring for them and accommodating to their needs						
There is a lot of joy and laughter in our congregation						
We work with local organizations to increase the quality of life in our community						
Our congregations inspires us to grow warmhearted relationships with each other						
Our congregation is a place where people love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.						
I live with wholehearted hospitality toward people in our congregation						
I help build a culture of joy in our congregaton						
I serve in my local community						
I know I will cared for by my congregation when I am hurting						
<b>Following Jesus</b>						
Our church values seeing people become more like Christ						
People in our congregation regularly spur on children and youth in the ways of Jesus						
Our church has a clear framework for making disciples from new life to spiritual maturity						
I discern that I am becoming more like Christ						
I've encouraged a young person or child in our congregation in the last six months						
Despite ups and down in my spiritual life I can see I am moving forward in being a Spiritually mature person						
<b>Doing Justice</b>						
Our congregation regularly laments the injustices in our World						
Our church helps us think through complex issues of justice that face our world today						
Our Church is generous with our time and resources both internally and externally						
I am aware of the injustice in the world and fervently pray for God's ways to come in the world						
I am involved in bringing God's love and justice to the world						
I am generous in serving God, his kingdom, and church with my time, talents, and resources						
<b>Leading Well</b>						
We are raising up leaders from younger generations						
We know the problems we are trying to solve through our ministry and mission						

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Our congregation is content with our present ministry and mission.						
I see and encourage young people in our congregation						
I know and understand the vision of our church						
Overall I am satisfied with what my church is like today.						
<b>Getting to Know God</b>						
Our congregation hears God's call to be on God's mission in the world						
The Bible is our primary guide for all we do and teach in our church						
Our church knows how to listen to and discern the leading of the Spirit						
I support our church as we participate in God's mission in the world						
I seek to apply the Bible to every part of my life						
My life of faith is lived in step with the Spirit of God.						
<b>Being Neighborly</b>						
We live full of grace as we navigate an unclear path in our changing world						
Our congregation knows how to speak the gospel in a way that brings hope and life to our local community						
In an inhospitable world we are a community of generous hospitality						
I willingly extend grace and permission to our leaders as they guide our church in uncertain times.						
I share God's good news of Jesus and his kingdom in ways that people understand.						
I practice welcome and hospitality toward those I disagree with.						

**Over the next 12-18 months our congregation should focus on**

<b>Rank the following from 1-7 according to importance. One being most important; Seven being least important.</b>	
<b>Deepening Faith</b> (Spiritual Disciplines)	
<b>Loving God, Loving Neighbor</b> (Relationships)	
<b>Following Jesus</b> (Discipleship, including youth)	
<b>Doing Justice</b> (Being a church of justice and mercy)	
<b>Leading Well</b> (Focus on building & growing leaders)	
<b>Getting to know God</b> (Listening to God's leading)	
<b>Being Neighborly</b> (Connecting with our neighbors)	

**A word that I would use to describe our congregation (Check one)**

<b>Energized</b>	
<b>Hopeful</b>	
<b>Exhausted</b>	
<b>Tired</b>	
<b>Discouraged</b>	
<b>Flat</b>	
<b>Refreshed</b>	

Sometimes we want to do more than fill out boxes. Do you have any other comments that you'd like to make?

Please remember to speak with grace.