



Unitarian Universalists
of Coastal Georgia
A Welcoming Congregation

UUCG Ministerial Search Listening Team Congregational Survey Results

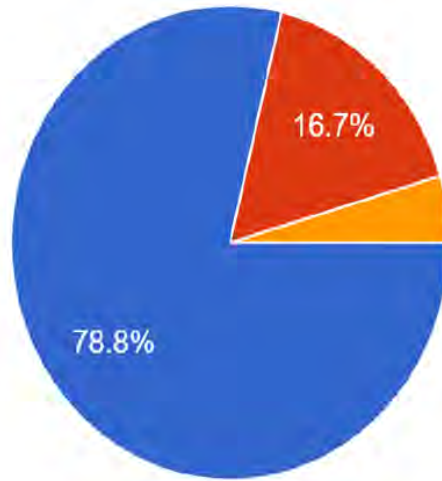
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Overview

- 2026 UUCG Ministerial Search Committee assigned data collection to a Congregational Listening Team. The Listening Team developed a 53 item survey based on a UUA survey format
- The Online survey was sent to all UUCG members and friends on the UUCG email list (~200 people) with all responses handled anonymously.
- 52 Members completed the survey for a 70% response rate
- Members were asked to check off their name on a response list if they completed the survey. Anyone who didn't check off their name was contacted personally and encouraged to participate.

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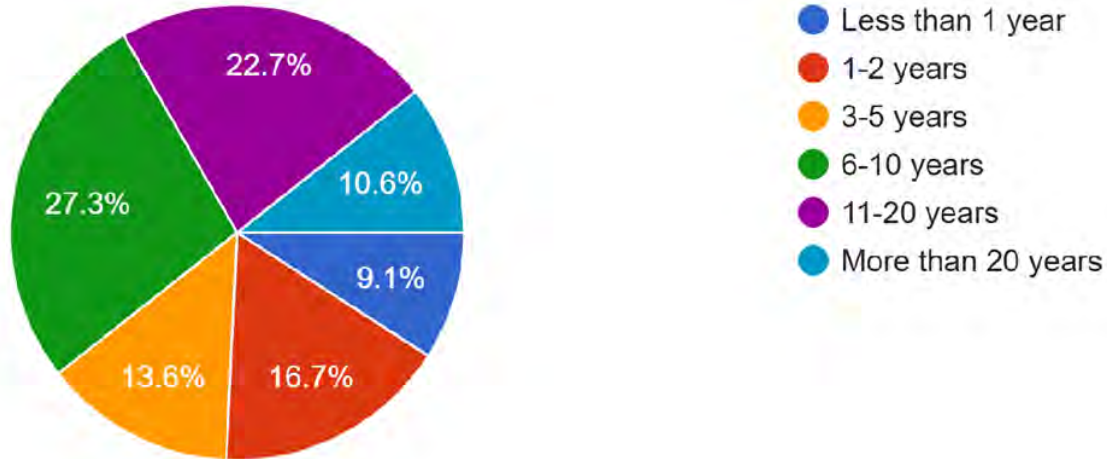
1. I am a
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- Member of this congregation
- Friend of the congregation
- Visitor

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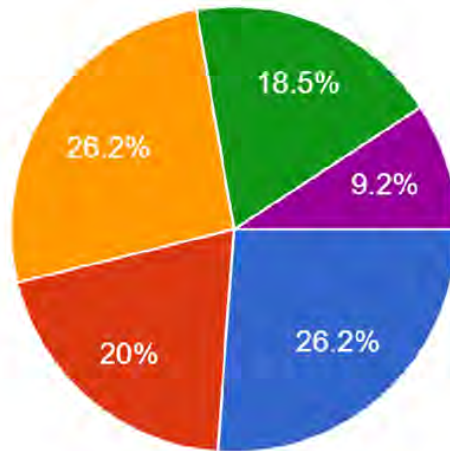
2. I have attended this congregation for
66 responses



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3. How many Sunday morning services have you attended in the past year?

65 responses



- Almost all of them
- About half of them
- Just a few services
- I am in the area only part of the year, so attend when I am vacationing or living in the area
- Haven't attended any

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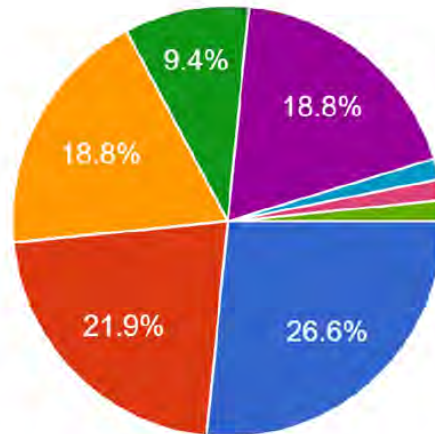
My main connections to the congregation are through the following:

Attending Sunday Services	28 (43.8%)
Social Justice Activities	10 (15.6%)
Choir or Music Ministry	5 (7.8%)
Men's Group or Women's Group	5 (7.8%)
Social Events	4 (6.3%)
Youth Religious Education	3 (4.7%)
Sunday Service volunteer opportunities	2 (3.1%)
Other	1.6%

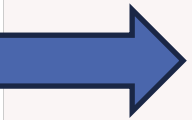
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6. In the last year, I have committed approximately ___ volunteer hours to the work of the congregation each week

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- Zero
- Less than one
- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5 or more
- Not sure how to quantify
- 4 hours once a month
- It varies. Sometimes 15+, others only 1-2, and occasionally 0



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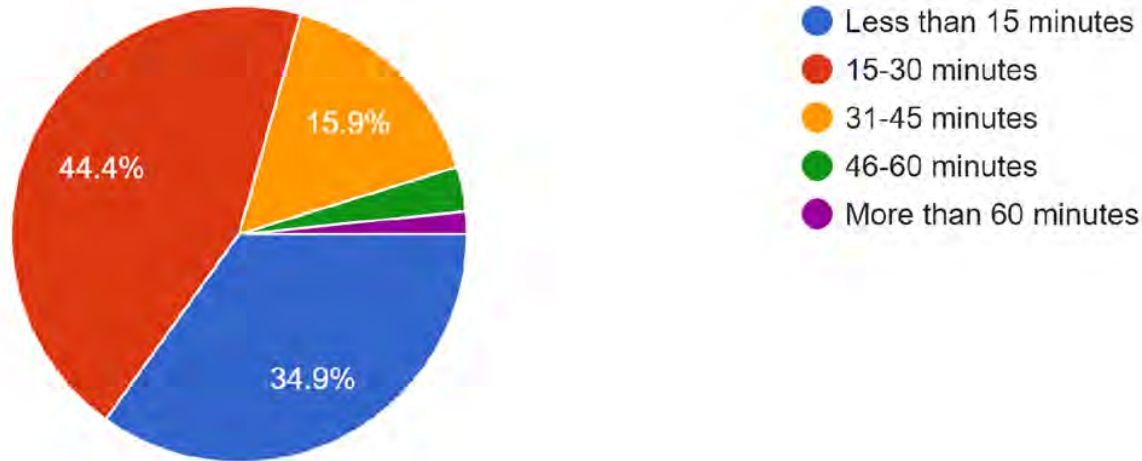
What type of volunteer service do you do for this church?

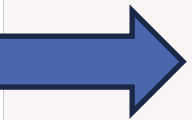
Committee – Board, other committees	16 (28.6%)
Sunday Service	13 (23.2%)
Church School	12 (21.4%)
Choir	10 (17.9%)
Sunday Greeter	8 (14.3%)
Manna House	5 (8.9%)
Social Justice	2 (3.5%)
Other	1 (1.8%)

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8. On average, it takes me ____ to travel to this congregation from my home.

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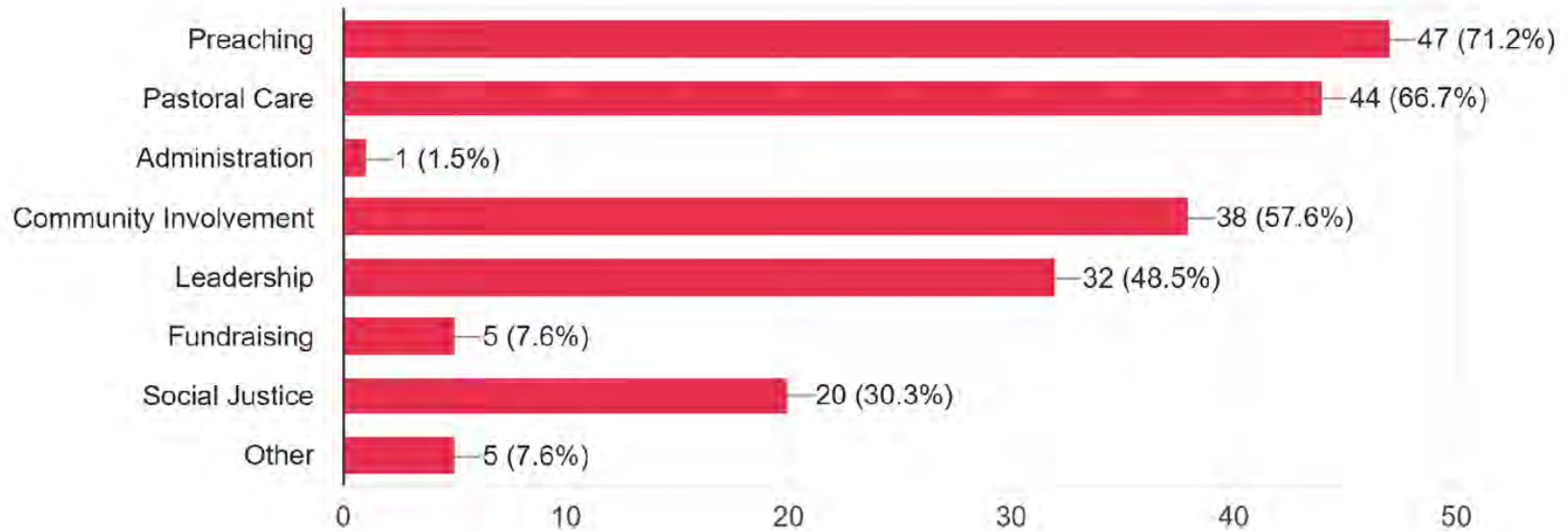


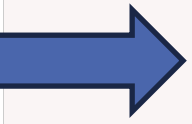


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9. What are the 3 most important roles of a minister?

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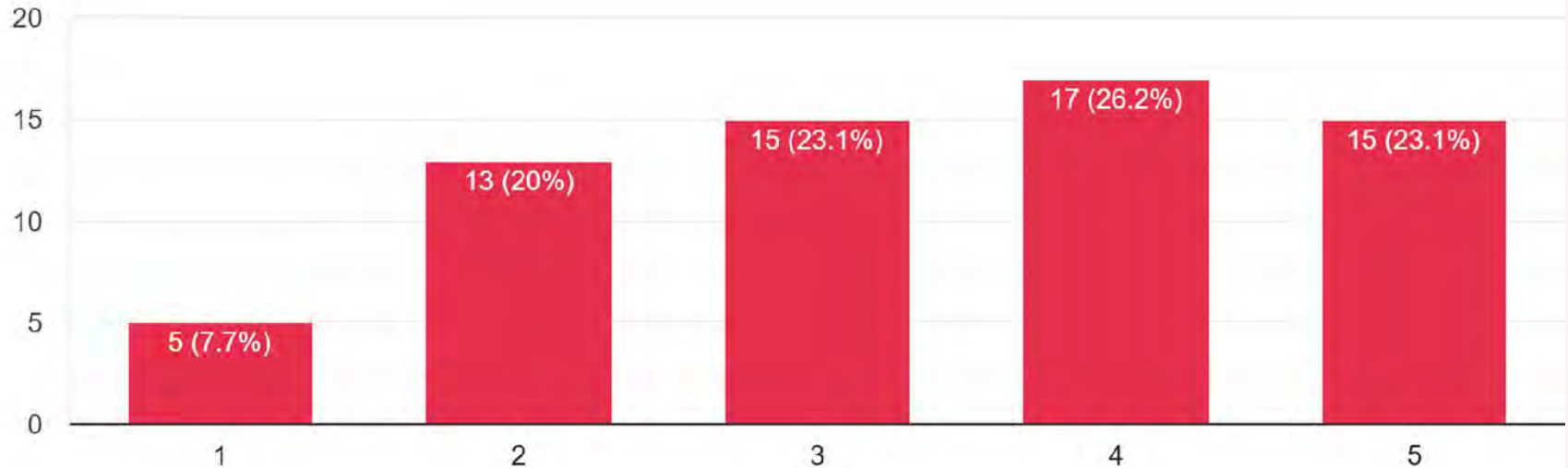


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10. My spiritual needs are being met by our church.

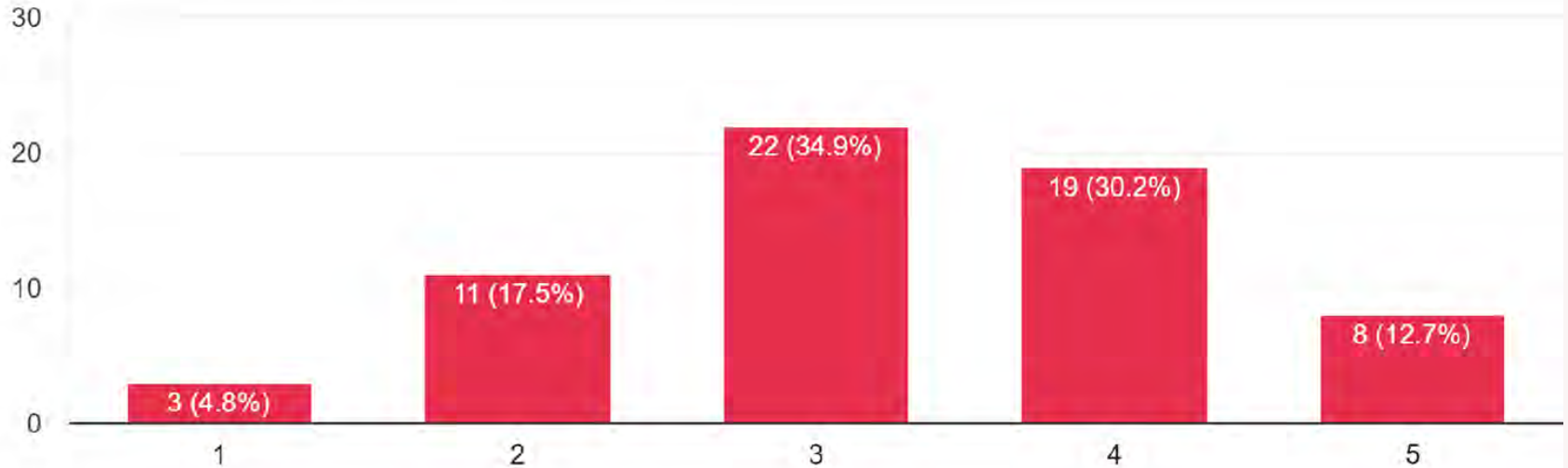
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11. I believe this congregation is generally open to change.

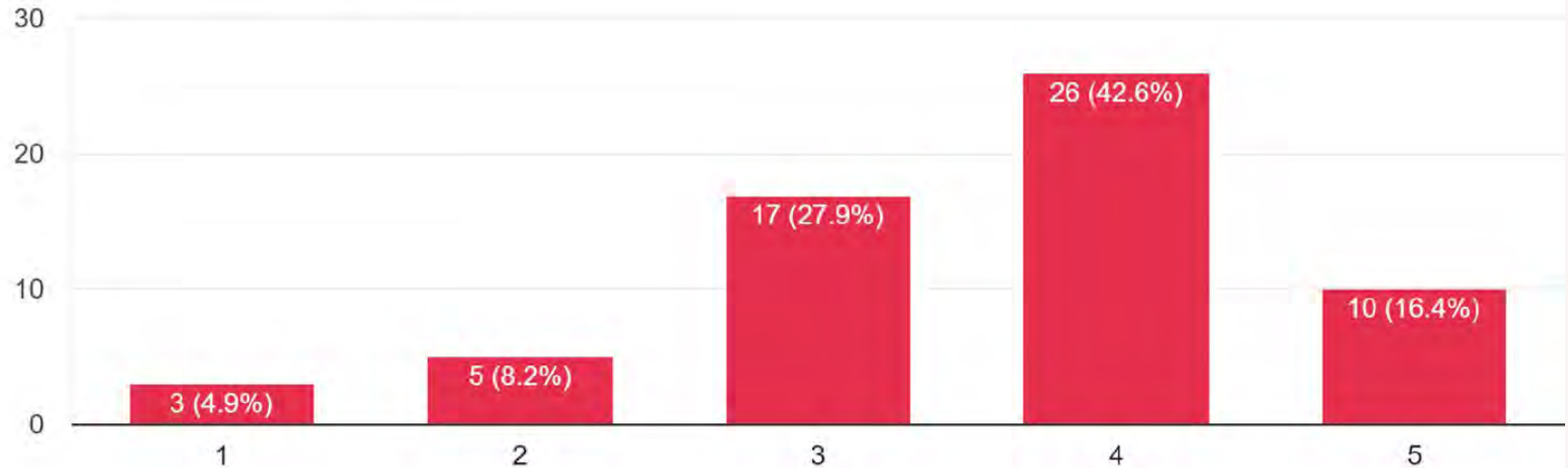
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12. I believe this congregation's mission and ministry continue to adapt in meaningful ways to changing conditions in the world.

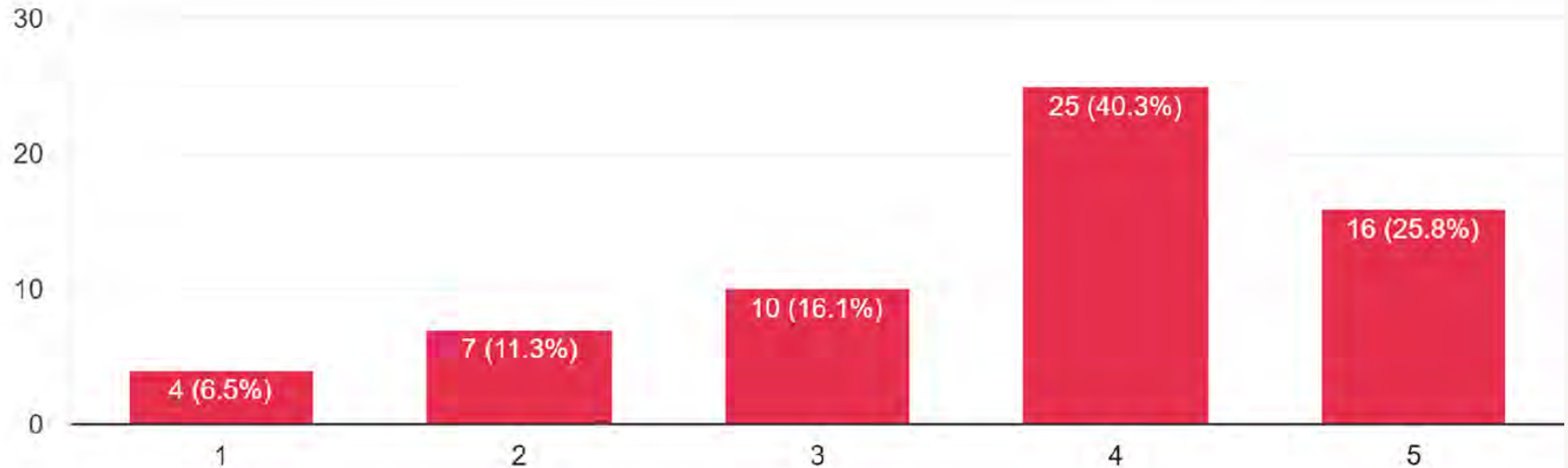
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15. I feel this congregation is making progress in its work toward diversity, equity, and inclusion.

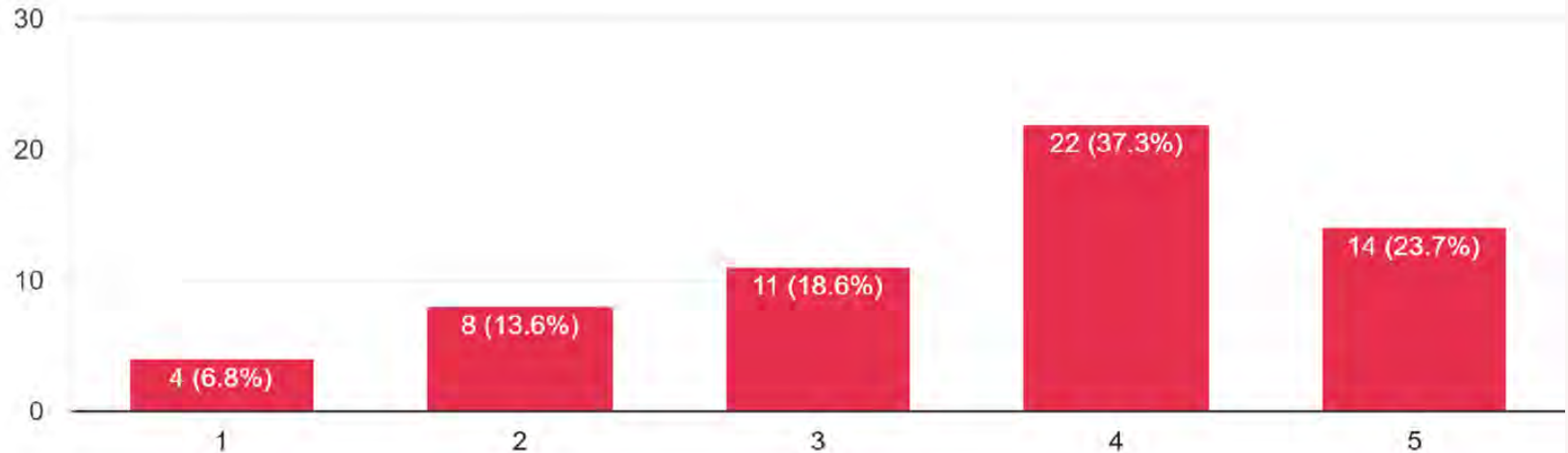
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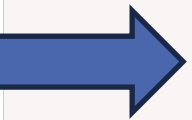


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16. I think this congregation focuses on its mission and the greater good, rather than the preference of a few individuals with strong opinions.

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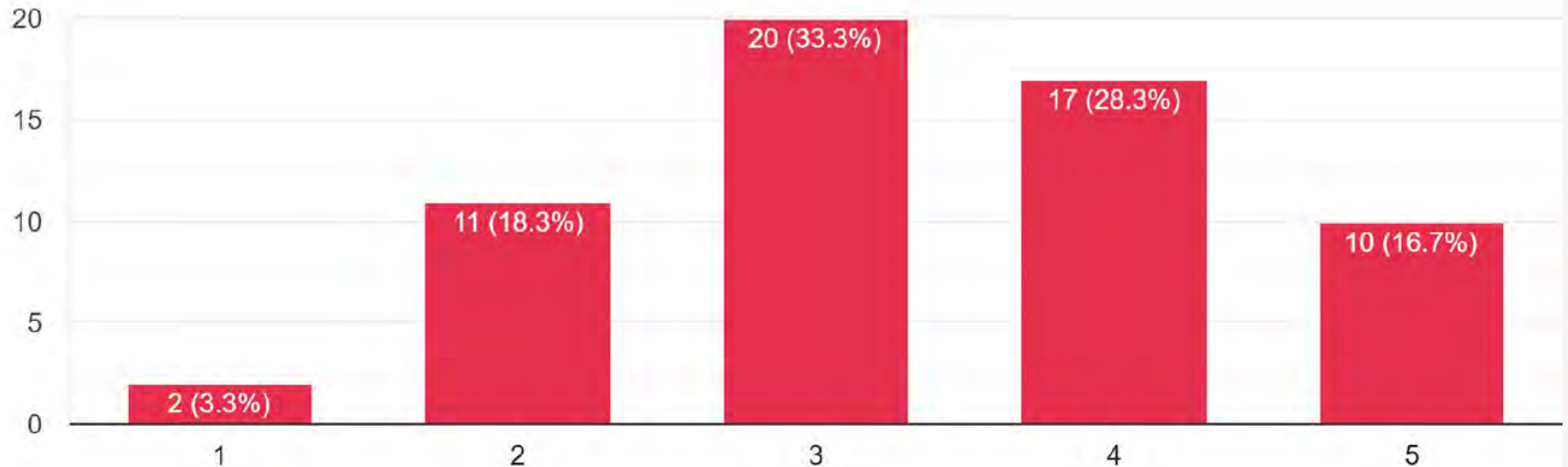




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17. I am confident in this congregation's financial sustainability.

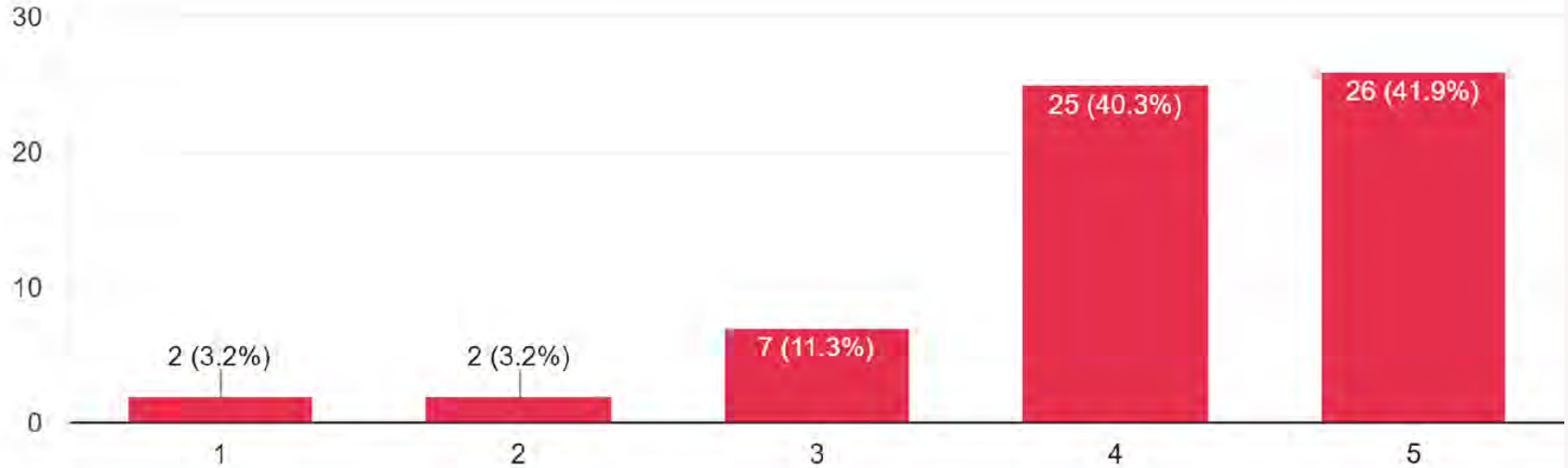
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20. Our church is friendly and inclusive.

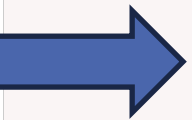
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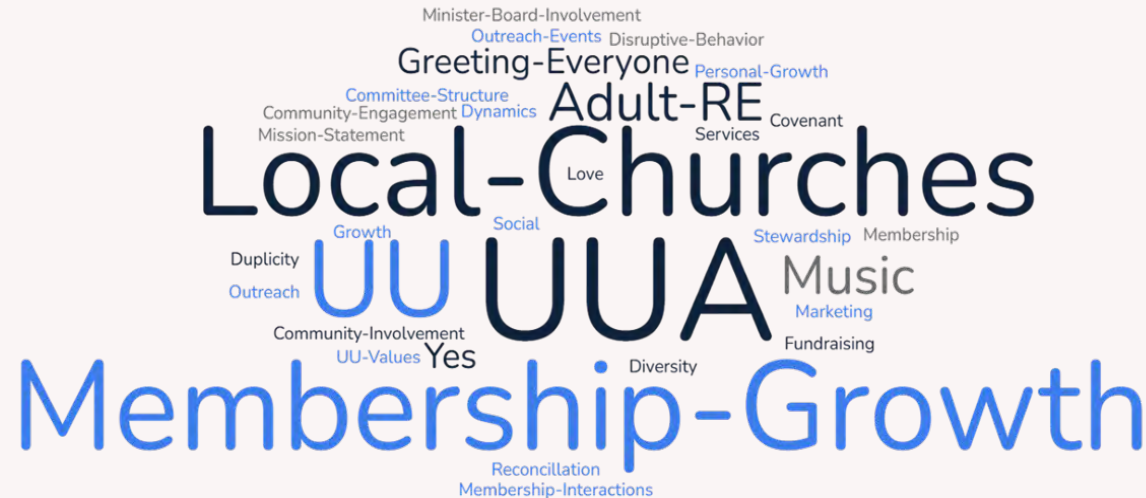
I would be **concerned** if the new minister tried to change:

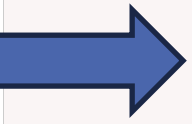




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I would be **excited and energized** if the new minister tried to change:





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The Role of the Next Minister

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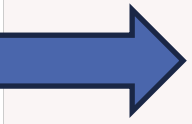
No minister has the skills, interests, and time to do everything a congregation might wish. For me, these are the most important roles of the minister:

Leading inspiring worship services	60 (90.9%)
Offering pastoral care	44 (66.7%)
Fostering a sense of community	42 (63.6%)
Guiding and supporting the congregation in social justice, education and action	33 (50%)
Leading the overall ministry of this congregation	29 (43.9%)
Increasing membership	27 (40.9%)
Providing values-based collaboration and leadership in the wider community	21 (31.8%)
Developing volunteers and lay leaders	20 (30.3%)
Providing adult faith formation	12 (18.2%)
Stewardship and Fundraising	10 (15.2%)



In a word, to you, what is the most important quality for a minister to have as they work with this congregation?

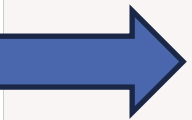




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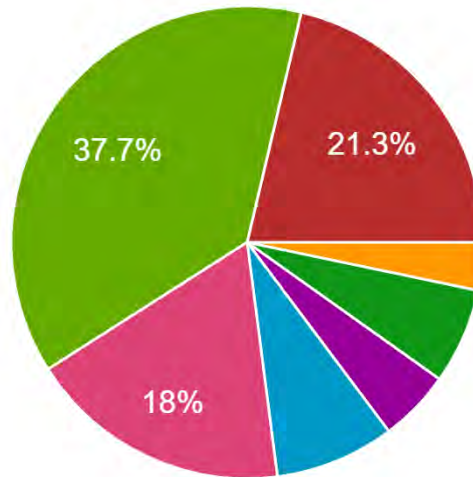
Demographics



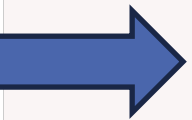
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28. My age is:

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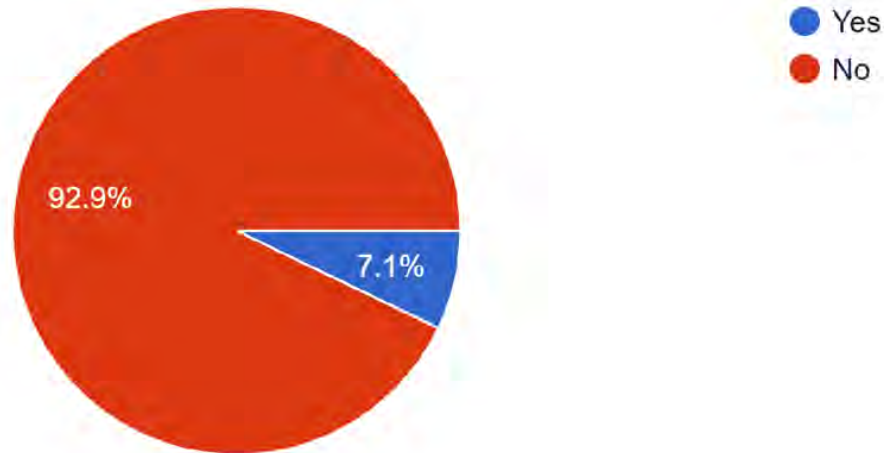
- Under 18
- 18-19
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80 years or older



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30. I identify as BIPOC (Black/Indigenous/Person of Color)

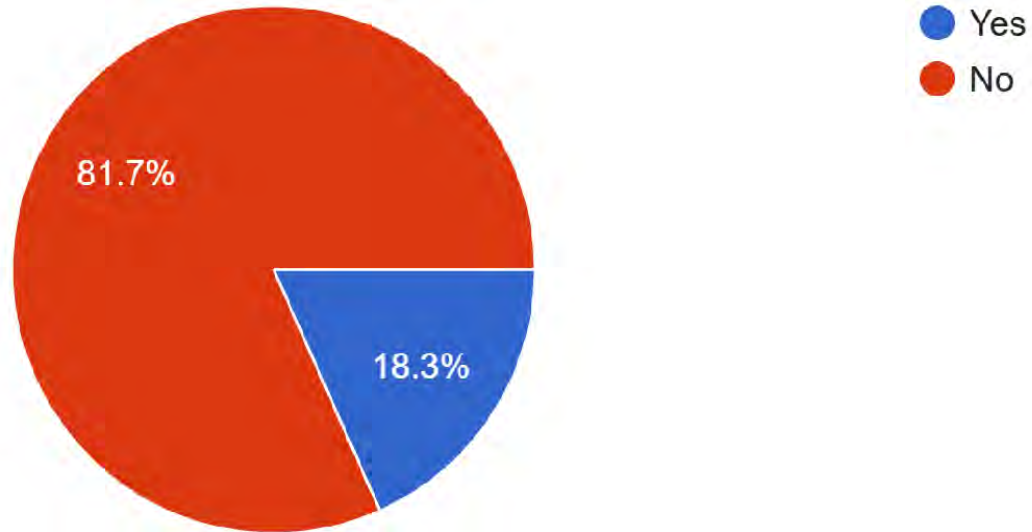
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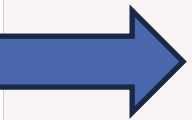


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31. I am part of a multiracial family

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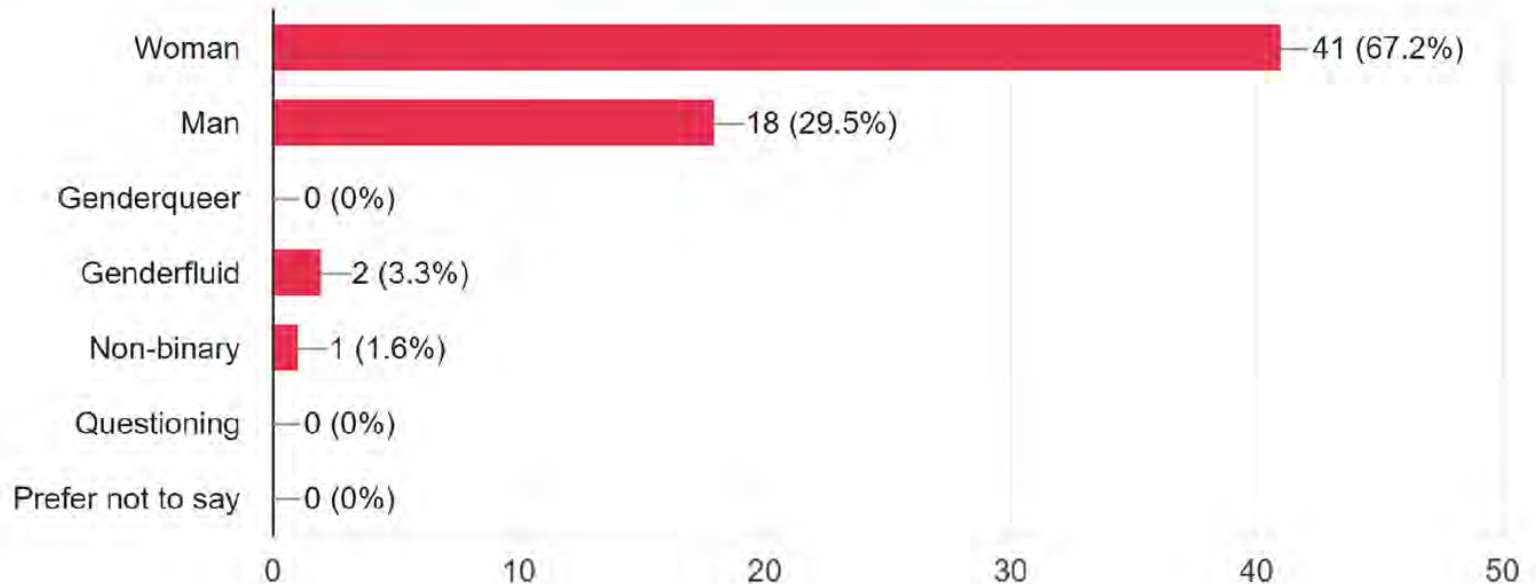


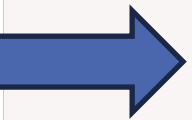


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32. My gender:

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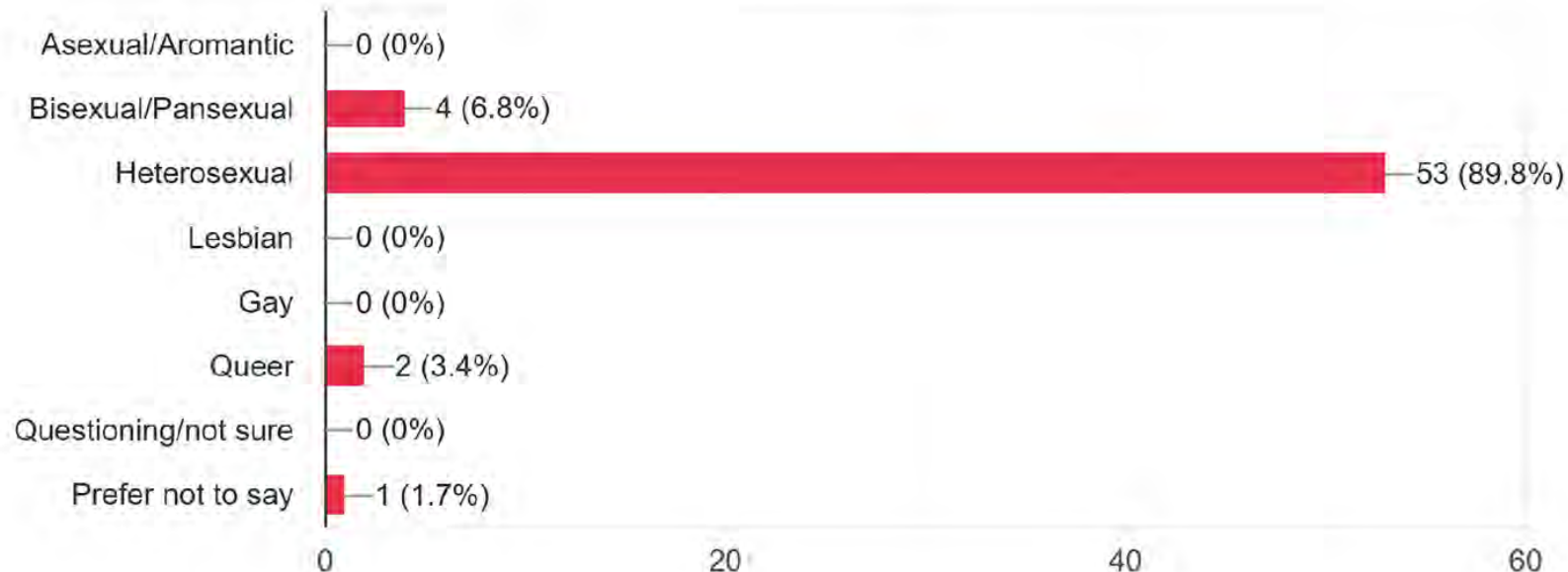




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33. I hold this/these sexual orientation identity/identities:

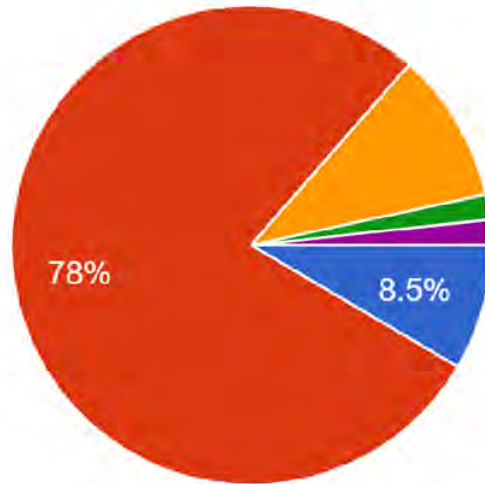
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34. Regarding disability, at this time, I am...

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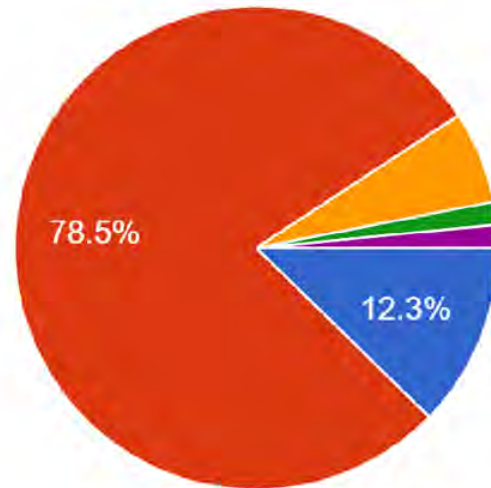


- Disabled
- Non-disabled
- Prefer not to say
- Hearing challenged
- Hearing and cognitively challenged

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35. I am currently living with a chronic health condition that limits my participation in the congregation.

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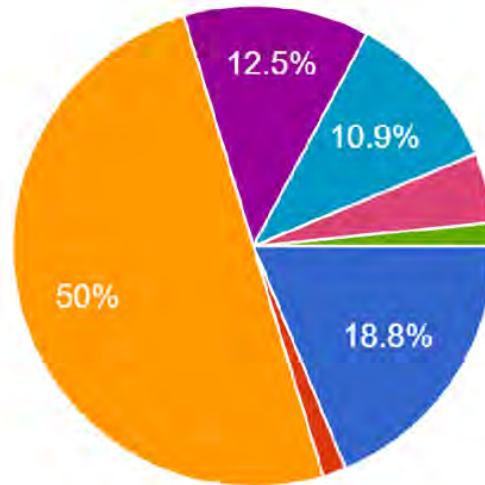


- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say
- Fluctuating
- Yes, but I don't allow it to limit my participation,

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36. My relationship status:

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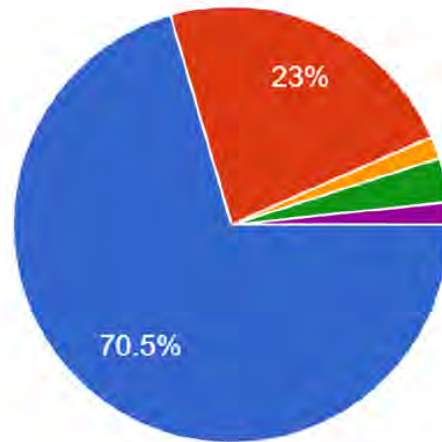


- In one committed relationship
- In multiple committed relationships
- Married
- Separated or divorced
- Single
- Widowed
- It's complicated

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38. There is/are ___ child/children under the age of 18 in my family who are currently participating in this congregation's religious education program

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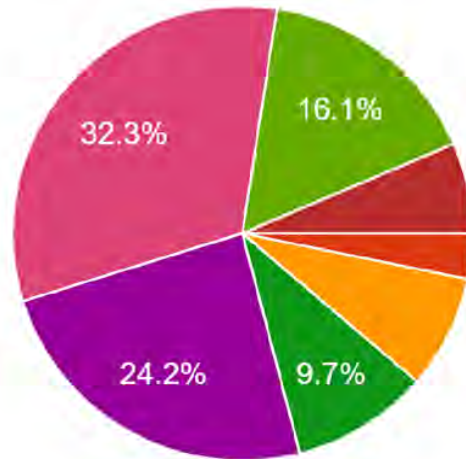


- No children under the age of 18
- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more
- Another family member is answering this question.

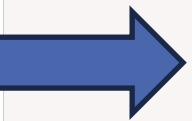
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39. The highest level of formal education I have completed:

62 responses



- Some high school
- High School/ GED
- Some college
- 2-year college (Associate Degree, e.g. AA, AS)
- 4-year degree (BA, BS, etc.)
- Trade school or apprenticeship
- Masters degree (e.g. MA, MS, MEd)
- Doctoral degree (Ph.D, Ed.D, ect.)
- Professional degree (e.g. MD, DDS, D...)



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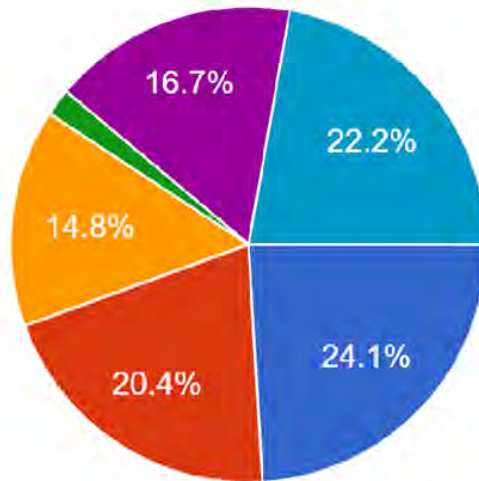
My current household annual giving pledge or contribution to this congregation is:

0	8 (15.4%)
Less than \$299	10 (19.2%)
\$300 - \$599	7 (13.5%)
\$600 - \$999	2 (3.8%)
\$1000 - \$1499	8 (15.4%)
\$1500 - \$2999	8 (15.4%)
\$3000 - \$4999	3 (5.8%)
\$5,000 - \$7499	3 (5.8%)
\$7500 - \$9,999	3 (5.8%)

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43. The last time I increased my pledge or congregational giving was:

54 responses

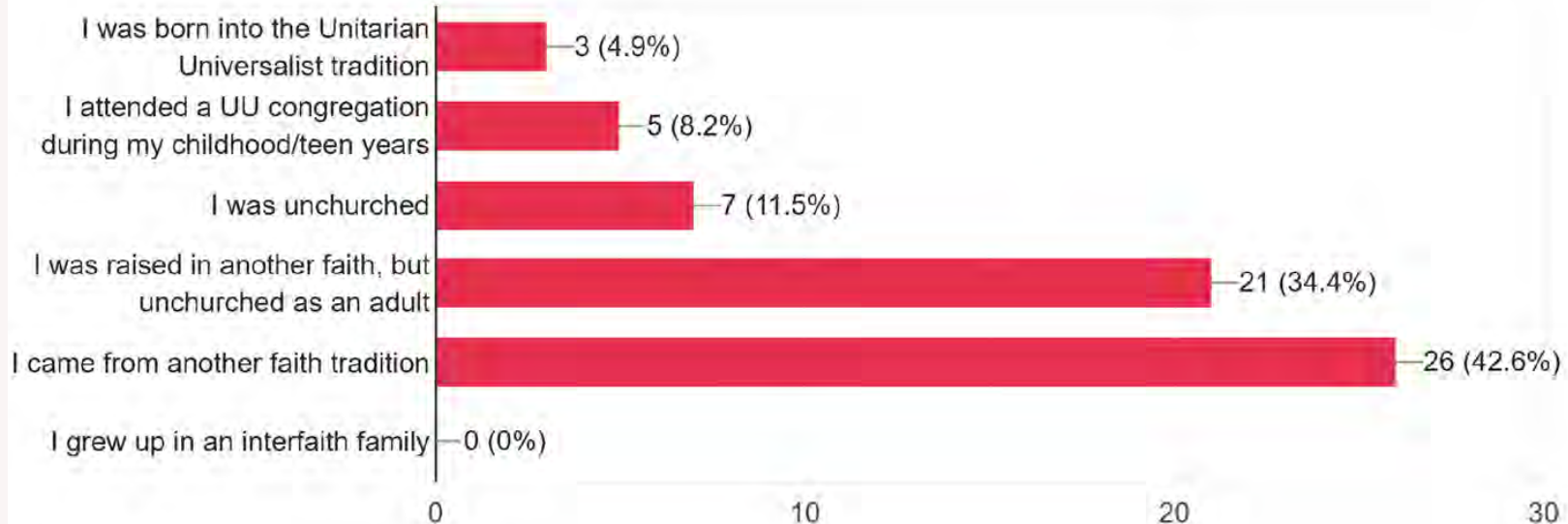


- This year
- Last year
- Two years ago
- Three or more years ago
- Never
- Not applicable

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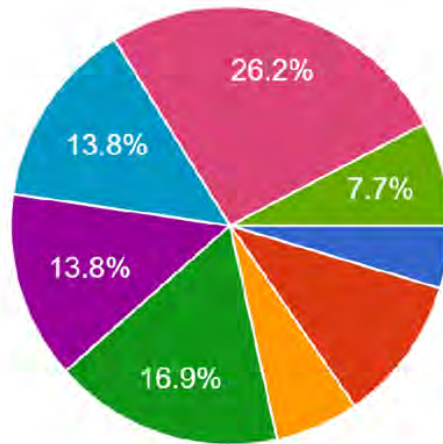
47. My faith background:

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49. I have been a Unitarian Universalist for
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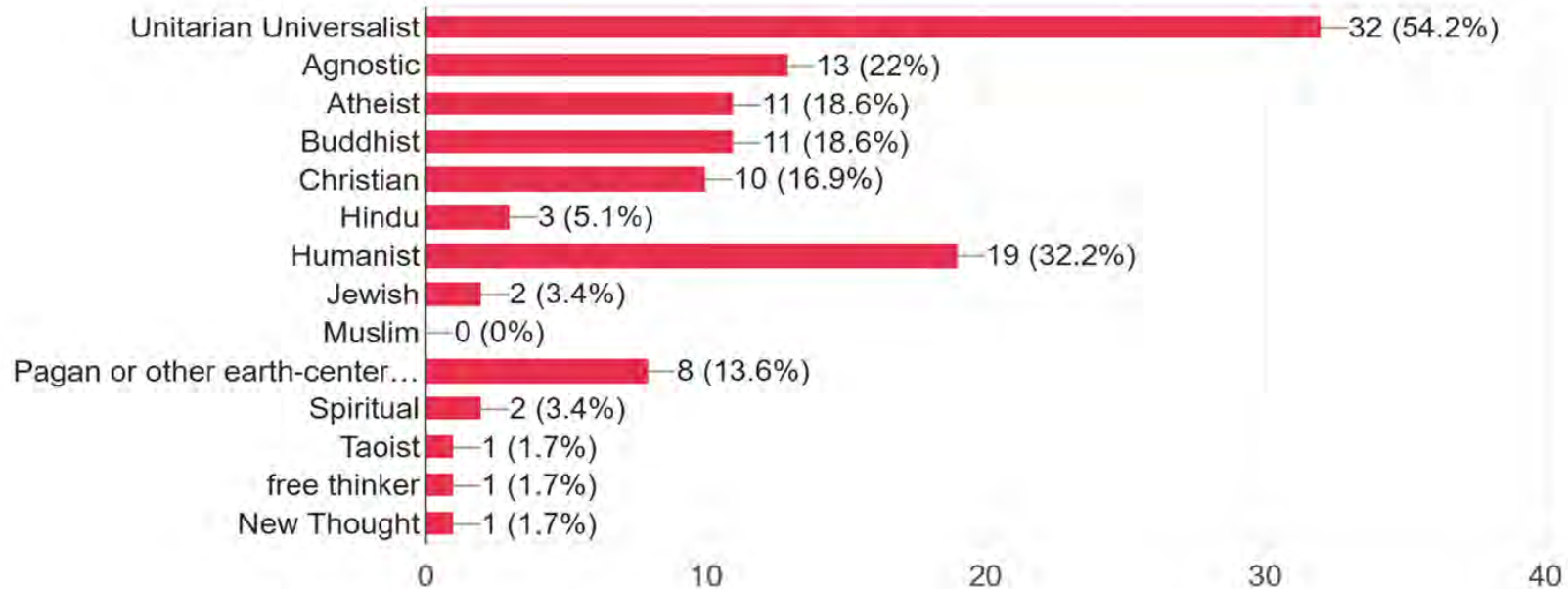


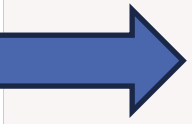
- Less than 1 year
- 1-2 years
- 3-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years
- More than 30 years
- I do not consider myself Unitarian Universalist.

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50. While this congregation is pluralistic, my personal prevailing theology/philosophy is:

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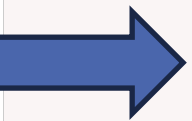


Conclusions

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In a word, this is how I feel about the work ahead for our congregation:





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In a word, a prospective minister should consider this congregation because we are:

