

ONLINE SURVEY 2014: Heartbeat of the Church

Introduction

Dear Secretary,

Welcome to the fourth year of the Online Survey, which collects information from 2014.

As before, your Presbytery Minister Administration remains your first port of call for enquiries.

For questions requiring numbers as answers (such as income and expenditure), use whole numbers without additional formatting and 0 when figures are not available or the question is not applicable to your congregation.

Your Presbytery and Congregation codes are available from your PMA.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Please complete this survey by **Friday 14 August 2015**.

About you

1. Name of person completing the survey
2. Position
3. Congregation name
4. Congregation code (eg 039)
5. Presbytery code (eg VT1)
6. Parish/Cluster/Network name

Ministry and Mission

7. What is the situation with respect to the ministry leadership in your church (please tick all that apply to your situation)

Lay Leader/Team Lay Preacher Minister and Worship Team Minister/Deacon/Pastor

8. Number of people in training for specified ministry of lay preacher

9. Number of other lay people involved on a regular basis in leading worship 10

10. Number of people involved in a Period of Discernment

Ministry and Mission

11. Property usage

	Type of building or land	Usage/Occupied by
eg.	Manse	Congregation Minister or person in a ministry position
eg.	Vacant Land	Vacant
1		
2		
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Please answer with the options below:

Type of building or land

- Manse
- Vacant Land
- Leased Land
- Residential Building
- Commercial Building

Usage/Occupied by

- Congregation Minister or person in a ministry position
- External Ministry Worker
- UnitingCare Victoria and Tasmania agency
- External Social Service agency
- Commercial rental
- Vacant
- Other

12. If you selected Other in the previous question, please give details below (start each explanation of Other on a new line)

Pastoral rolls

13. As of 31 December 2014, number of confirmed members
14. As of 31 December 2014, number of members in association
15. As of 31 December 2014, number of adherents and baptised members
16. As of 31 December 2014, number of members if you do not distinguish between membership type
17. Of the people on your contact list, approximately how many come to services at least once a month
18. Of the people on your contact list, approximately how many do not come to services, come to services once a year or so, or cannot attend but remain in contact
19. On a typical Sunday approximately how many people (including children) attend church services 250
20. How many of these attendees are children (aged between 0 and 12) 20
21. In a typical week approximately how many children (aged 0-12) attend church council approved programs run by your congregation 80
22. Number of people removed from rolls (or church directory) in the past year because of death 15
23. Number of people removed from rolls (or church directory) in the past year because of transfer 6
24. Number of people removed from rolls (or church directory) in the past year because of moving to Uniting Aged Care home N/A
25. Number of people removed from rolls (or church directory) in the past year because of moving to another aged care home N/A
26. Number of other people removed from rolls (or church directory) in the past year who are no longer in contact with the church 0

Celebrations

27. Number of baptisms of children aged under 2 years old in the past year 4
28. Number of baptisms of children (aged between 2 and 12 years old) in the past year 2
29. Number of baptisms of youth (aged between 13 and 19 years old) in the past year 0
30. Number of baptisms of people aged 20 years and older in the past year 0
31. Number of confirmations/reaffirmations in the past year 0
32. Number of weddings in the past year 6
33. Number of funerals in the past year 19

Types of services and Heartbeat of the Church - for church council or church secretaries

	34. When is the regular service held (by day and time)		35. How often is the service held?	36. Average number of people attending the service (eg 50)	37. Type of service	38. Language/ Major ethnic group	39. Who leads the service (eg Minister/Deacon/Pastor)
	Day	Time					
eg.	Sunday	10.00am	Weekly	30	Congregational/Traditional	English	Minister
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2							
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Please answer with the options below:

Day:	Time:	Frequency:	Type:	Lang/Major Ethnic Grp:	Leader:
Sunday	7.00 am	Weekly	Congregational/Traditional	English	Minister/Deacon/Pastor
Monday	8.00 am	Fortnightly	Contemporary	Chinese/Cantonese/Mandarin	Minister and Worship Team
Tuesday	9.00 am	Monthly	Family/Youth/Children	Cook Islander/Samoan/Tongan/Fijian	Lay Preacher
Wednesday	10.00 am	Quarterly	Messy Church	Korean	Lay Leader/Team
Thursday	11.00 am	Annually	Taize	Sudanese	
Friday	12.00 pm				
Saturday	1.00 pm				
	2.00 pm				
	3.00 pm				
	4.00 pm				
	5.00 pm				
	6.00 pm				
	7.00 pm				

Children, youth, young adults and families

40. Does the congregation have any intentional engagement with children (aged 0-12), youth (aged 13-19), young adults (aged 20-30) or their families (include activities run by congregation or external groups who using church facilities)

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preschool (Play group)	Preschool (Music related)
Primary (Weekly after school activities, eg. a homework club)	Primary (Holiday program or seasonal activities)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary (Kids Hope)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary (Sunday School)	Youth (Weekly activities)	Youth (Holiday program)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth (Sunday School)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Young adult (Weekly activities)	Families (Family camps)
Families (Marriage courses)	Families (Parenting programs, eg. Toolbox)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Families (Regular gatherings, eg. a barbeque day or annual service)

Other (please specify)

Links with the local community

41. Does your congregation provide support to any of the following Uniting Church agencies

None	Uniting Aged Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UnitingCare agency
UnitingCare Bargain Centre/ Op Shop	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UnitingWorld	Uniting Church Schools
Epworth Hospital		

42. Does your congregation provide support to any other agencies

None	Access Ministries	Foodbank
Local hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local aged care facility	World Vision
Red Cross	Other local agency	Other international agency

Risk Management and Occupational Health and Safety

43. Has the congregation undertaken the necessary Working with Children checks (and the Victorian government green card) for all people who work with children and youth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No
44. Does the congregation have a copy of the Safe Place manual (official document of requirements and guidelines for working with children) or ChildSafe material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No
45. Does the congregation have a copy of the OHS Risk Management Manual 2010	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No
46. Does the congregation have playground equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No
47. Is there a copy of the "If You Are Injured" poster in Church facilities buildings	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
48. Is there an evacuation assembly area and is it signposted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No

Culture of Safety

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| 49. Has your congregation implemented the Creating a Safe Environment for children and vulnerable adults in our Church (2014) suite of policies by the Culture of Safety unit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 50. Has your congregation appointed a Safe Church contact person | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 51. Has the Safe Church contact person or other leader attended Safe Church training | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |

End of survey

Thank you for the time spent completing this survey. Your information is treated with respect and will not be shared with thirdparties outside of the Synod.

52. Please leave any comments here