

Summary of Statistics CPC Fall 2009 Survey

The demographic distribution of the respondents (Questions 22 through 27) is:

- a) More Female (59%) than Male (41%) Male
 - b) Age is skewed towards the more mature segment: Only 25% age 45 or below, 51% 46 to 65 and 24% over 65
 - c) Predominantly married (87%)
 - d) A congregation of parents (93%)
 - e) Split between empty nesters (48%) and households with children at home (52%)
 - f) Only 2% have identified themselves as a Christian for 5 years or less and only 7% for 10 years or less.
1. Response was overwhelmingly from members with a modest response from regular attenders. Occasional attenders were not well represented.
 2. 50% of the responders have been members over 10 years. Slightly more than 20% have been members less than 5 years which is about one third of the people who have joined in the last 5 years.
 3. Over three fourths of the respondents state they attend worship services 3 out of 4 weeks or more. People generally tend to overstate their attendance. Based upon registration data, only 112 people attended 75% of the time in the last 2 years.
 4. Venue representation of respondents closely approximated the actual YTD attendance records. (56% of the respondents were Sanctuary compared to 54% of attendance YTD; 37% were Video Cafe compared to 36% YTD and 8% were Saturday compared to 10% YTD)
 5. 988 people answered this question. 62.1% of the respondents volunteer one hour or more a month and 37.9% do not currently volunteer or serve at CPC. 22.2% volunteer 2 – 5 hours per month. 11.8% volunteer greater than 10 hours per month.
 6. 63.4% of the respondents volunteer one hour or more a month beyond CPC with almost 35% volunteering 5 hours or more across a wide variety of entities. 76% of respondents are involved in a wide range of community activities such as Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, docents, library, elderly care, police volunteers, men's ministry, bible study leaders and etc. 12% are volunteering in school classrooms including mentoring and 4% are involved in coaching sports teams in the San Ramon Valley.
 7. 81 people responded to why they no longer attend CPC compared to 33 people who identified themselves as no longer attending CPC on the first question. Over half of the comments (43) as to why people attend another church service were for sermons / teaching or some other aspect of the worship experience.
 8. 99.4% of the respondents believe in Jesus and almost half feel really close to Him and depend on Him for daily guidance. 75% Feel close to Jesus or that God is all they need. 24% are working on what it means to believe in Jesus. 6 believe in God but are not sure about Jesus. 128 people added to their response with a comment.
 9. Percentages practicing spiritual disciplines range from over 90% practicing prayer regularly to 47% setting aside time to listen to God. 224 people added to their response with a comment. The largest group of comments referred to participating in group Bible studies (41). Other respondents referred to practicing prayer (18), worship with music (17), media resources such as TV, radio, podcasts, and books (16), being in relationship with other Christians (14), and small groups (12). Numerous comments referred to multiple spiritual disciplines (22). Numerous other spiritual disciplines are practiced.

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10. 86 % of the respondents have experienced (Agree + somewhat agree) spiritual growth over the past 2 years. Only 5 % have not experienced (disagree or somewhat disagree) spiritual growth over the past 2 years. 145 comments of which 87 were positive, 29 were neutral and 29 were negative.
11. 83 % of the respondents (Agree + somewhat agree) indicate involvement with CPC ministries has contributed to their spiritual growth. Only 5 % indicate that CPC ministries have not contributed to their Spiritual growth.
12. Worship (95%) and Small Groups (70%) are rated the greatest contributors to growth as a Christian with Equipping (59%) and Missions (55%) and Women's Ministries (50%) all contributing to the growth of over half of the respondents. 20% of those surveyed skipped this question and 204 people added to their response with a comment. Programs in the church were mentioned most frequently (148 times) followed by Worship with 26 comments.
13. 33% of the respondents (354) made suggestions on what CPC could do differently to create opportunities for spiritual growth. (e.g. 77 were of a general nature, 46 referenced Preaching, 31 worship, 15 youth, 13 Small groups, 12 singles ministry)
14. 60 % of the respondents engage in activities outside of CPC once a quarter or more to pursue spiritual growth. 300 people added to their response with a comment. (e.g. 83 bible study, 19 another Church, 31 BSF, 14 radio, 10 conferences, 11 books, 5 TV)
15. 35 % of the respondents attend worship / prayer gatherings outside of CPC once a quarter or more. 65% infrequently or never attend. 312 people added to their response with a comment (e.g. 38 when traveling or vacation, 44 with family, 16 sermons, 27 worship.). Over half of the negative comments as to why people attend another church service were for sermons / teaching or some other aspect of the worship experience.
16. 43 % rated the reasons they attend other worship services. 80 % of the respondents rated (agree & Somewhat agree) "to grow more in my spiritual walk with Christ" followed by 73% each for "participate in compelling worship services" and "be in an environment for greater spiritual growth". Less than half (48%) rate "be in an environment for greater accountability". 149 people added to their response with a comment; 11 were positive, 33 were negative or constructive criticism, and 105 were neutral. The dominant reason (44) given in the comments about attending other church services was because of traveling or attending with family and friends
17. More than 95% of the respondents agree or somewhat agree with each of the belief statements. 108 people added to their response with a comment; 5 were negative, 54 were neutral, 9 were suggestions and the 40 positive.
18. 662 comments were made identifying cultural issues affecting spiritual growth, our life together and / or extending God's reign in our world. From their comments it is clear that our members feel deeply about a variety of cultural issues and would welcome "how to" practical advice and instruction on how to witness to the community as they address these social concerns.
19. 65% of our congregation has been a member of another denomination at some time. 271 people added other affiliations they have had beyond those listed.
20. 31 % of the respondents rate CPC's affiliation with the PCUSA Very or Somewhat Important while 40% rate it Somewhat Unimportant or Unimportant; 29% are neutral. 271 people added to their response with a comment; of these 52 were positive, 98 were neutral and 121 were negative
21. 22 % of the respondents rate their attitude towards the PCUSA as Very or Somewhat Positive while 78% of the respondents rated their attitudes as neutral or negative. (An additional 15% of those surveyed skipped the question altogether. 245 people added to their response with a comment; of these 22 were positive, 60 were neutral and 163 were negative.
22. 278 respondents offered to participate in follow up activities (focus group, survey panel, etc)