

2011 Gospel Herald Survey

Instructions

1. SYMBOLS:

- #:** On those lines where the number sign (#) appears, we are asking you to supply a number (a total).
- X:** On those lines where an 'X' mark appears, we are asking you to place an 'X' in the appropriate box to indicate when a category applies to your congregation. The "Leadership" category asks for both numbers and 'X' marks, depending on the question.
- 0:** If a category does not apply to your congregation, please indicate this by entering the number zero "0" in that box. Please use this symbol only on a line where a zero appears in the first column

2. MEMBERSHIP: "Members" should include all baptized believers who currently have some ongoing part in the life of the congregation. Please indicate the total number of members in each of the three age & gender groupings. When added together, these will yield the total number of members.

3. ATTENDANCE: Please supply an average attendance for the categories that apply to your congregation. If your congregation does not schedule a general gathering on Sunday evening and/or a mid-week evening, please indicate this by entering a '0'. Please report the average number of visitors at your main gathering on Sunday. We would prefer for these to reflect the time-period from September – December, 2010

4. LEADERSHIP: Please indicate the number of elders, deacons along with full-time and/or part-time preachers. If your congregation does not have elders or deacons, please indicate with an 'X' if leadership is provided by committees, ministries, a meeting of the men, and/or congregational meetings.

5. EDUCATION: Please indicate the number of individuals in each age category who regularly participate in your education program. When added together, these will yield the total number in attendance. For the purposes of this survey, we are treating "University age" as ages 18-25 whether or not these individuals are actually in school.

6. OUTREACH: This category of responses primarily seeks information pertaining to the means and methods used by your congregation to reach your community with the gospel. "Special Meetings" would include gospel meetings and community service gatherings such as marriage enrichment seminars where contacts are made. "Community Services" would include community relief activities.

7. MISSIONS: This line enquires into your congregation's involvement in the following types of mission efforts along with the monetary support given to each. Please indicate with an 'X' mark the appropriate activities, along with the monetary support given to each expressed as a percentage (%) of your annual budget.

- a. Domestic missions: efforts to evangelize your own community
- b. Church plantings: initiatives aimed at establishing new congregations in Canada
- c. Foreign missions: support given to missionaries and or congregations outside of Canada

8. BENEVOLENCE: For the purposes of this survey, “Program-Driven” benevolence includes all pro-active activities that are planned and budgeted for. “Need-Driven” benevolence reflects your congregation's response to unforeseen needs and requests arising from such circumstances (for example: special collections etc.) Where appropriate, please report these disbursements as a percentage of your total annual expenditures.
9. GROWTH: Please record increases and decreases in your membership for the past twelve month period. The first three categories are asking for the number of baptisms that have taken place. The terms “Churched” and “Unchurched” refer to whether the convert was previously a member of another religious group professing faith in Jesus. “Transfers in” and “Transfers out” refer to the movement of members between your congregation and others. “Net growth” is the product of this year's membership minus last year's membership.
10. Place of Assembly: Please indicate with an 'X', which of these best describes the place where your congregation meets when fully assembled.

Completion & Submission:

This form may be completed by hand or filled out on your computer using the editable Excel file from our website at <http://gospelherald.org>. The survey file is found under the pull-down menu entitled 'Survey'.

When completed, you may submit the survey form in one of two ways:

1. If you wish to send a hard-copy (written or printed) you may mail it to:
Geoff Ellis
120 Moccasin Drive
Waterloo ON., N2L 4C3
2. Or you may return a 'soft-copy' (electronic) of the file as an attachment to ghellis@gmail.com.

Please complete your response to this survey by May 15, 2011.

Thank you.

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