



Pacific Northwest District Congregational Conversation Results

This fact sheet includes basic information and some of the issues, problems and solutions, which **Pacific Northwest District** congregations discussed in their congregational conversations.

Do these results match what you would expect from other congregations in your district? What would you expect to be different?

The Basics

- Six (6) congregations in the **Pacific Northwest District** returned report forms.
- Two (2) are small congregations; three (3) are **mid-size** congregations.
- All but one of the congregations who participated in these conversations are **Welcoming Congregations**.

Intergenerational Community Relations

- One congregation described its **youth group** as “welcoming and supportive of its participants.”
- Another congregation said there was a “**lack of consciousness** of inclusiveness (age) in the culture of the congregation.” They decided to **create more intergenerational events**.
- Two (2) congregations decided to find ways to improve **youth-adult communication** and the scheduling of congregational activities.

Mission, Vision and Priorities

- Two (2) congregations recognized their “**enthusiasm**” for youth ministry.
- One congregation said it had a “**lack of planning**” in its youth ministry program.

Curriculum, Resources and Transitional Age Youth

All six (6) congregations have **youth groups**; two (2) of these youth groups have **paid youth** advisors. One congregation said that “**social justice**” and “time to **socialize**” drove their youth ministry program. Another congregation said “ample dedicated **youth advisors**” contributed to the success of their program.



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Leadership Development and Opportunities for Practice

- One congregation said it had experienced “an increase in **funding for leadership training** and conferences.”
- None of the congregations had positions for youth on their Board of Trustees, but two (2) decided to create a position for a **youth representative on the Board** after their conversation.
- One congregation decided to **invite youth to join committees**.

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Youth

- One congregation said: “we are always working to understand and meet” the needs of youth.
- A small congregation decided to **encourage youth to attend worship** more often and change worship services in order to better **engage youth**.
- One congregation decided to **seek a youth minister** and another decided to **include youth in their ministerial search process**.