

Congregational Survey Results

Prepared for Calvary Chapel Body Check-up meeting

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I want to begin by giving thanks to all the people who have put so much time and energy into creating and processing this survey. It began with a request from the Missions Team to the Elders out of a couple of years focus on “*Transformational Development*”. The survey was created by the Survey Team headed up by Bill Schutte and comprised of John Carlson, Kris Espinoza, Wayne & Naomi Holmes, Kathleen Love, Barb Mercklinghaus, Tanya Shoeman, and GR Shorack. And finally, the processing of the data was handled almost exclusively by Bill Schutte (and his family!). This was a huge task, so thank you, Bill!

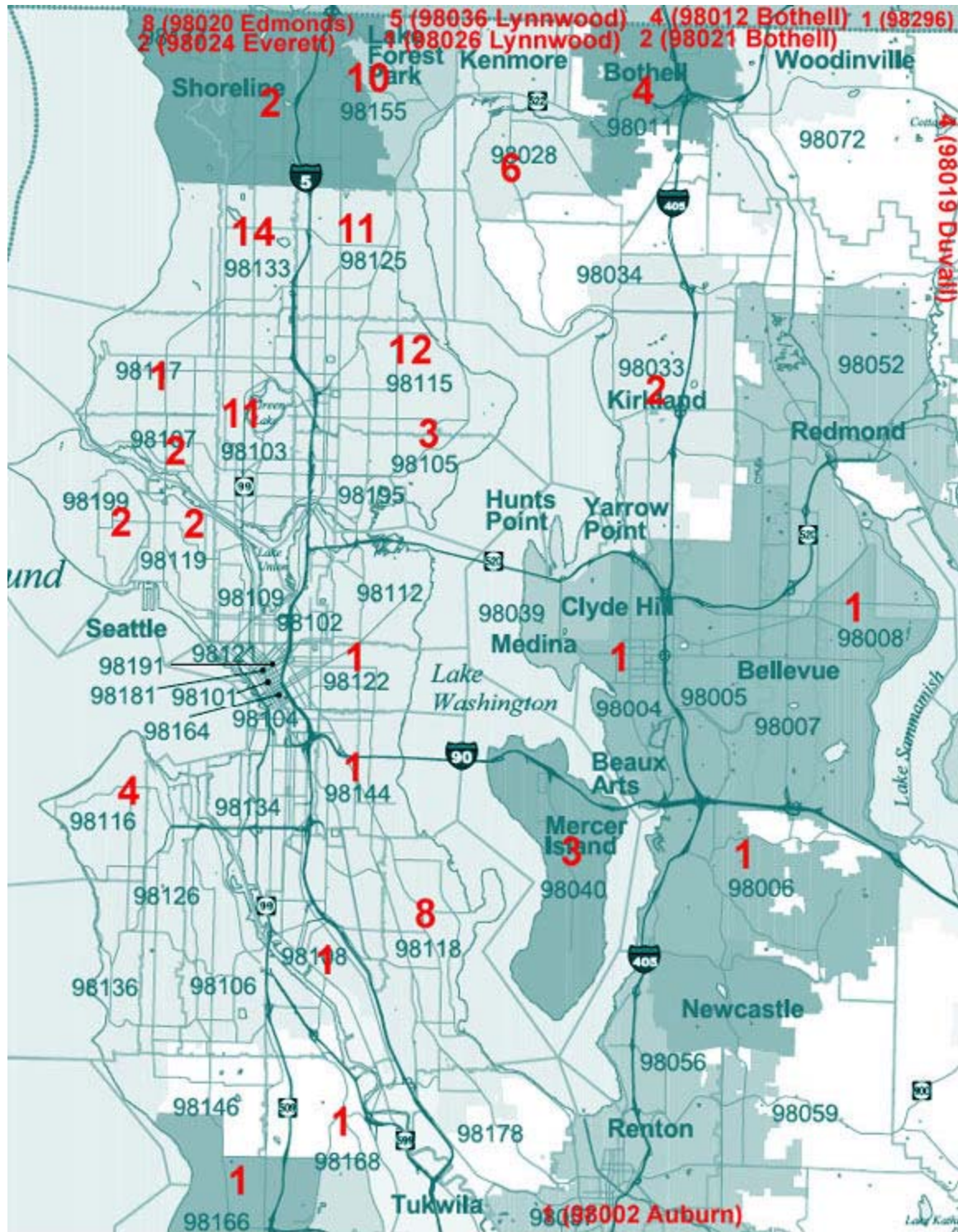
On February 3rd, the Elders had a day to *begin* to understand and interpret the data gathered in the survey. This document is an attempt to highlight for you the things that stood out to us. As we looked at the survey results, we lumped them into three categories: (1) **Who** we are, (2) **What** we want to do, and (3) **Where** we’d like to do it. The rest of this report will fall under those three headings. The total number of respondents was 135. It should also be noted that not everyone filled out the entire survey. Some respondents either left a question or more unanswered, or even a section of questions, which needed to be considered as part of the interpretation.

Who We Are

Church and Community Involvement:

- The bulk of respondents have been at CC from “6 to 10 years” (50). The next highest groupings were “15 or more years” (26), 3 to 5 years (22) and 10 to 15 years (21). There were 15 respondents in the “less than 1 year” group. So we are a congregation that is bringing in new people, but still weighted toward long-term participants.
- People live an average of 9 miles from the Green Lake Church, with max distance at 27 miles.
- See Zip Code distribution map on back of this page. We were surprised that we were by and large “nearer” the GLC and “north” of the U-District and Green Lake areas, with fewer respondents in outlying areas.
- In terms of involvement 61 said it had “increased”, 49 “unchanged”, and 16 decreased. Reasons given reflected an increased relationship with others at CC (32), closer relationship with God (21), because of children (21), and more positive outlook toward CC (15).
- Worship Attendance: 87 said “4x/mo”, 38 said “3x/mo”, 9 said “2x/mo”, 2 said “once per month”.
- Average number of CC ministry or other leadership involvements = 2.1
- Average # hours per month involved in CC events = 15
- Average # hours per month serving in CC ministries = 10
- Average % friendships at CC = 39%
- Regular tithers? Members – 69 “yes”, 17 “no”
Non-members – 20 “yes”, 11 “no”

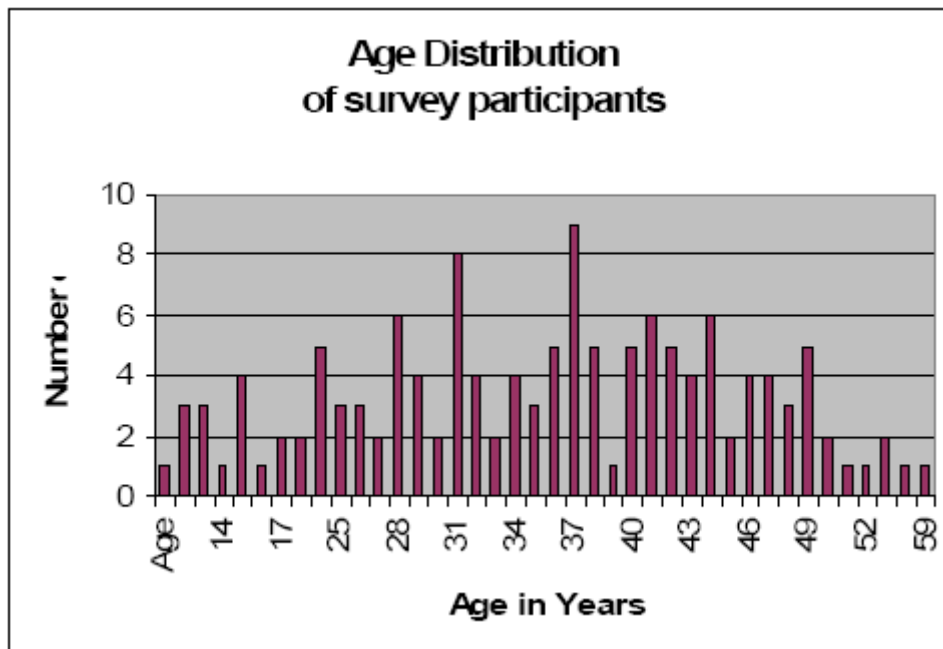
Distribution of Respondents by Zip Code



- Giving Summary – In terms of the discrepancy between how people self-reported and our actual records, it seems that there is *a tendency to think we’re giving more than we actually are*. This may be in part be due to married couples not checking the box indicating that a spouse was also filling out a survey. All income queries excluded persons 19 years of age or younger.
- Less than half of those who give to CC’s general offering (107) also give to our Missions Budget (47). But many people give to missions outside of CC’s missions program (at least 89). These figures are minimums since there was no “\$0” category, but only a “\$499 or less”.

General Background

- Mean Age = 36 years old



- Gender: 77 female; 61 male
- Marital Status: 105 married; 32 single
- Dependent children:

Child Distribution by age category					
0 to 2	3 to 5	Elem	JrHigh	High	Post High
14	18	28	19	18	10

- We are predominantly Caucasian, but with a significant minority of people who identify themselves as “Asian” or “Dual Race”
- Education level (college) was very high: 54 “college bachelor’s”; 45 “post graduate masters; 8 “post graduate doctorate”
- The ratio of owners to renters is 2:1
- Average # years living in Seattle = 16.9
- Number of people intending to stay here long-term was very high – confirmed that there is a significant core of people who have been here a long time and intend to stay.

Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual Gift	Number reporting this gift
Serving/helps	70
Hospitality	67
Encouragement	58
Giving	47
Administration	41
Teaching	41
Mercy	34
Intercession	30
Missions	27
Faith	26
Discerning of spirits	19
Healing	17
Evangelism	14
Exhortation	12
Prophecy	11
Word of Knowledge	11
Pastoring	10
Others	9
Word of Wisdom	9
Speaking	8
Apostleship	6
Miracles	0

Needs

Top four responses that outweighed the rest by a large margin...

- Applying Christianity to daily life and work – 109 (weighted score)
- Friendship/belonging – 71
- Christianity in relation to culture, politics, and world affairs – 65
- Developing spiritual gifts – 57

General Conclusions:

- We are post-college to middle-age, middle class, highly educated, with older homeowners and younger renters, and plenty of kids!
- We are hungry for meaningful community.
- We are bent toward hospitality, helps, and other “relational” gifts.
- We are more affluent, older, more highly educated, and more concentrated in the north end of Seattle than we realized.
- We are a congregation that values our relationship with Jesus and how it applies to daily life and the world around us.

What We Want to Do:

Community and Holistic Ministry Views

- It is pretty obvious that we experience community as the summation of Church, Home, Family, Friends. It can include neighbors, co-workers, and kids’ networks, but does not generally include neighbors of either the office or GLC.
- In terms of what “community” our church should have a role in serving, the responses were much less clear. Our conclusion is that, as a church, we feel we should have an impact in the broader community, but not sure about the specific groups.
- Overall, our body feels that “ministering to the poor, the disadvantaged, or the suffering” should be pursued even if it means sacrificing finances, programs, or comfort. On the other hand, there is some uncertainty about our comfort level working in a high crime area.
- Overall, our church wants to balance the resources we have between evangelism and social justice, but the lean goes toward social action/meeting basic needs.

Ministry Area Questions:

- Interpreting this question is probably the most important as well as potentially difficult since each category had a different number of options listed. We paid attention to the overall number of choices with a category as well as the number of choices for a specific activity within a category. We also felt that the amount of time people were willing to give (shown below, hours per month) was an indicator of its import to our body.
- Here are the top categories by weighted score:

General Ministry Categories	Weighted	1sts	2nds	3rds	Avg. Hrs.	Total Resp.
Providing: Meeting vital needs	186	37	28	19	5.95	355
Teaching: Helping with basic skills	152	29	19	27	5.71	299
Hospitality: Meeting fellowship needs	152	26	27	20	6.08	298
Outreach: Befriending the disadvantaged	103	12	26	15	4.97	298

- Here are the top activities based on weighted score:

Top 8 Activities	Weighted	Number of:		
		1sts	2nds	3rds
Tutoring children/youth with academic skills	211	46	29	15
Hosting a social activity	165	37	21	12
Befriending immigrant or international students	156	38	17	8
Hosting a Bible study in my home	145	27	28	8
One on one discipleship	139	33	14	12
Serving meals/distributing sundries at a mission	131	21	25	18
Childcare / child and youth programs	124	28	17	6
Leading a bible study	117	21	20	14

Life and Work Skill Questions

All Skills	Weighted Score	Experts	Intermediates	Beginners	Skilled-won't participate
Basic computer use	200	41	34	9	3
Cooking	174	22	50	8	5
Baking	156	16	48	12	2
Indoor painting	140	8	47	22	2
Housecleaning	131	14	41	7	4
Gardening and yard work	130	11	40	17	3
Crafts	95	10	29	7	2
Outdoor painting	80	7	23	13	3
Administrative support	78	9	22	7	0
Photography	77	4	24	17	2
Team sports	75	11	18	6	1
Coaching	72	11	18	3	1
Idea creation/vision	68	10	15	8	0
Information technology	61	9	15	4	2
Middle school	60	10	14	2	1
Cross cultural exchange	57	9	12	6	1
Early Elementary	55	9	10	8	0
Late Elementary	53	6	15	5	0
Individual sports	50	4	18	2	3
Web design	50	6	11	10	1
Drawing	49	1	18	10	4
High school	49	10	9	1	1
Carpentry	49	3	16	8	0
Adult education	48	7	11	5	1
Preschool	48	9	8	5	0

- Based on this section we should open an Internet café that cooks for international students and teaches them painting skills.
- Seriously, what we saw in this section is the fact that we have a high level of competency in technology, handy work, and coaching/tutoring. This is significant in and of itself and coincides to a large extent with the areas that we feel most drawn to in terms of serving the community around us.
- How we would go about organizing ourselves to pursue these areas of ministry is still another question.

Where We Want to Do It:

Building and Location

- People's gut level reactions to the statements about a building were not strong (average for all falling between "agree" and "don't know").
- The two strongest statements, in terms of level of agreement were "Having our own church facility, whether we rent or own, would help us to focus on a particular community", and "Owning a building would allow us to do more ministry and outreach". There seems to be at least a general sense that having a building would help to facilitate community service.
- How many days a week do we need access to a building? 4.1 days
- In terms of geographical preferences, the two regions of the map that far outweighed all other responses were "Regions" 2 & 3. This represents the neighborhoods north of "the cut", Lake Union, and the locks up to Shoreline.
- Based on the responses to the specific neighborhoods, it seems like a good summation of the data is that *we are most open to anything north of the cut along the I5 corridor*, with a clear preference for where we are currently in the U-District and Green Lake, but also including Northgate, Lake City, and Greenwood.

Summary of Section

- We are open to broader access to a building. Our guess is that whether this is renting or owning depends on the costs associated with any particular facility.
- Our preference would be to stay where we are, but there seems to be an openness to other nearby neighborhoods, especially along the I5 corridor.