

# NCS-I (Wave I) Questionnaire

START TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for participating in the National Congregations Study. This study is the first national survey of religious congregations ever conducted in the United States. Your congregation was selected randomly, and the success of this study depends very much on your cooperation. We are very appreciative of your time.

Please know that everything you tell me will be completely confidential. The results of this survey will be reported only in aggregate form, and no one will be able to match your congregation to the data.

Do you have any questions about confidentiality or other aspects of this research?

## **SECTION 1: CONTACT INFORMATION**

First, I'd like to be sure I have the correct contact information.

1. What is the full name of your congregation?

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2. What is the full street address and telephone number of your congregation?

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PHONE #:

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- 2a. What county is your congregation in? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is this also the address at which your congregation receives mail?

Yes [GO TO Q4].....1  
No.....2

3a. At what address does your congregation receive mail?

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4. What is *your* name, address, and telephone number?

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is your position in this congregation?

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**SECTION 2: BASIC INFORMATION**

Thank you. Now I'd like to ask you some basic questions about your congregation.

6. In what year was your congregation officially founded? \_\_\_\_\_

7. In what year did your congregation begin worshipping at its current location? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is your congregation formally affiliated with a denomination, convention, or some similar kind of association?

YES.....1  
NO [GO TO Q10].....2

8a. Please tell me the names of *all* denominations or other associations that your congregation belongs to.

First Mention: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Mention: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Mention: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Is your congregation affiliated with any local association of congregations such as a local council of churches?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

10. Does your congregation meet in a [church/temple/mosque], or some other kind of building?

Church / synagogue / temple / mosque [GO TO Q11].....1  
Something else.....2

10a. What type of building does your congregation currently use for the primary worship services? PROBE WITH CATEGORIES IF NECESSARY.

SCHOOL.....1  
NONCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER.....2  
HOTEL.....3  
THEATRE.....4  
PRIVATE HOME.....5  
SHOPPING MALL.....6  
STORE FRONT.....7  
OTHER.....8  
SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_

11. Do visitors ever come to view the building or the worship space to look at its architecture, or at artwork like stained glass windows or statues?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

12. Does this building belong to your congregation, or does it belong to another group that loans or rents space to you?

BELONGS TO CONGREGATION OR DENOMINATION.....1  
BELONGS TO ANOTHER GROUP.....2

13. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the size of your congregation. I'm interested in several ways you might measure the size of your congregation.

First, how many persons would you say are associated *in any way* with the religious life of this congregation--counting both adults and children, counting both regular and irregular participants, counting both official or registered members and also participating nonmembers. What is the total number of persons associated with this congregation to any degree at all?

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

14. How many persons--counting both adults and children--would you say *regularly participate* in the religious life of your congregation--*whether or not* they are officially members of your congregation?

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

15. How many *adults*--people 18 years or older--would you say regularly participate in the religious life of your congregation?

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

16. Now I would like to ask a few questions about [you/the senior clergy person].

Is there one person who is the head or senior clergy person or religious leader in your congregation? [CODE WITHOUT ASKING IF YOU KNOW FROM Q5 THAT R IS THE HEAD OR SOLE OR SENIOR CLERGY PERSON IN THIS CONGREGATION.]

YES.....1  
NO [GO TO Q17].....2

16a. CODE Q16A WITHOUT ASKING IF R IS THE HEAD OR SENIOR CLERGY PERSON.

Is this person male or female?

MALE .....1  
FEMALE.....2

16b . What race or ethnicity [are you/is this person]? (IF NECESSARY, READ CATEGORIES)

WHITE.....1  
 BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN.....2  
 HISPANIC.....3  
     SPECIFY SPECIFIC ETHNICITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER.....4  
     SPECIFY SPECIFIC ETHNICITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER.....5  
     SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_

16c . In what year did [you/this person] become the head or senior clergy person or religious leader? \_\_\_\_\_

16d. How old [are you/is this person]? \_\_\_\_\_

16e. What is the highest level of education [you have/this person has] received?

LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL [GO TO Q17].....1  
 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA [GO TO Q17].....2  
 SOME COLLEGE BUT NOT A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE [GO TO Q17].....3  
 FOUR YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE (E.G. BA, BS) [GO TO Q17].....4  
 GRADUATE DEGREE (INCLUDING A BD--BACHELOR OF DIVINITY)....5  
 OTHER [GO TO Q17].....6  
     SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_

16f. Please tell me what graduate degree or degrees [you have/that person has] and what school or schools they are from.

<u>School</u>	<u>Degree</u>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

17. How many people currently work in this congregation as *full-time paid staff*? \_\_\_\_\_

18. How many people currently are *part-time paid employees* of this congregation, including people who receive regular fees for singing or other work? \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 3: WORSHIP**

I'd like to ask you some questions about how worship is conducted in your congregation.

19. In a *typical* week, how many worship services does your congregation hold?

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20. Thinking just of *this past* week--Monday through Sunday--how many worship services were there for this congregation?

NONE [GO TO Q20A].....99  
ONE [GO TO Q21].....01  
OTHER [WRITE IN NUMBER AND ASK 20B]\_\_\_\_\_

20a. I'd like to ask you some questions about your congregation's most recent worship service. When was your most recent worship service? [FOR DATE, SEE JOB AID CALENDAR AND WRITE IN MONTH AND DAY OF THE SERVICE. EXAMPLE: 01/14]

DAY OF WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH / DAY

(INTERVIEWER: SKIP TO QUESTION 22.)

20b. Which one of these services would you say was the main service of the week for your congregation? [FOR DATE, SEE JOB AID CALENDAR AND WRITE IN MONTH AND DAY OF THE SERVICE. EXAMPLE: 01/14]

DAY OF WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH / DAY

(INTERVIEWER: SKIP TO QUESTION 22.)

21. I'd like to ask you some questions about the worship service that took place this past week. What was the day and time of this service? [FOR DATE, SEE JOB AID CALENDAR AND WRITE IN MONTH AND DAY OF THE SERVICE. EXAMPLE: 01/14]

DAY OF WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH / DAY

22. How long did this service last? \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS \_\_\_\_\_ MINUTES

23. Was there a sermon or a speech of some sort at this service?

YES.....1  
NO [GO TO Q24].....2

23a. How long did the sermon or speech last? \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS \_\_\_\_\_ MINUTES

24. What language or languages were spoken or sung at this service?

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24a. IF MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE: Which one of these was the primary language in which the service was conducted?

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25. Were languages other than [INSERT LANGUAGES NAMED IN Q24] spoken or sung at any service in the past 12 months?

YES.....1  
NO [GO TO Q26].....2

25a. What other languages were spoken or sung?

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26. Still thinking about [the worship service/the main service] that took place this past week, how many people, including both adults and children, would you say attended? \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEWER: DID THE CONGREGATION HAVE MORE THAN ONE SERVICE IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK? DOES Q20 EQUAL TWO OR MORE?

YES [ASK Q27].....1  
NO [GO TO Q28].....2

27. Of the regularly participating adults in this congregation, how many would you say attended *more than one* of the services held during the previous seven days?

\_\_\_\_\_

28. Still thinking about [the worship service/the main service] that took place this past week, how many different individuals spoke or read to the group at some point in this service? Please don't include those who made brief announcements or informally shared a concern. \_\_\_\_\_

[IF ZERO, GO TO Q29; OTHERWISE ASK Q28A OR Q28B.]

28a. IF Q28 = 1: Was this person male or female?

MALE .....1  
FEMALE.....2

28b. IF Q28 = 2 OR MORE: How many of these readers or speakers were male and how many were female?

MALE # \_\_\_\_\_  
FEMALE # \_\_\_\_\_

29. Was there singing by the congregation at this service?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

30. Was there singing by a choir at this service?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

31. Was there singing by a soloist at this service?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

32. Counting all the musical parts of [this/the main] service this past week, how many minutes would you say were taken up by music? \_\_\_\_\_

33. Was there a time during the service in which people in the congregation greeted each other by shaking hands or some other way?

YES.....1  
NO.....2



34. Was there a time during the service for silent prayer or meditation?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
35. Was there a part of this service specifically directed at children?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
36. Did any teens participate in this service by speaking, reading, singing, or performing, not including participating just by being part of the congregation or the choir?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
37. Did anyone call out "amen" or other expressions of approval?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
38. Was there applause at any point in this service?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
39. Did people laugh out loud at any point in this service?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
40. Was there a written order of service or program that people could follow, either in book form or as a handout?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
41. Was any visual projection equipment used in this service?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
42. Did the people speak or read or recite something together at any point?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
43. Was incense used in this service?
- YES.....1

NO.....2

44. Did any adults jump, shout, or dance spontaneously during this service?

YES.....1

NO.....2

45. Did anyone besides the leader raise their hands in praise during the service?

YES.....1

NO.....2

46. Were any musical instruments used in this service?

YES.....1

NO [GO TO Q47].....2

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
46a. Was a piano used?	1	2
46b. Organ?	1	2
46c. Drums?	1	2
46d. Electric guitar?	1	2

INTERVIEWER: ASK Q47 ONLY OF CHRISTIAN (I.E. ALL CATHOLIC, ORTHODOX, AND PROTESTANT) CONGREGATIONS.

47. Was communion or the Lord's Supper celebrated at this service?

YES.....1

NO.....2

48. For about how long would you say that people in this congregation usually mingle and socialize informally with each other before and after the service?

                                                                
HOURS                                      MINUTES

49. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation participated in a joint worship service with any other congregation?

YES.....1  
NO [GO TO Q50].....2

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
49a. Were any of these services with Protestant congregations?	1	2
49b. Were any of these services with Roman Catholic congregations?	1	2
49c. Were any of these services with Jewish congregations?	1	2
49d. Were any of these services with congregations other than Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish?		

YES.....1  
NO [GO TO Q49e].....2

49d1. With what other type of congregations have you had joint worship in the past 12 months?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

49e. Were any of these services with congregations whose racial or ethnic make-up is different than your congregation's?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

50. Within the past 12 months, was there dance performed by teens or adults at any worship service of your congregation?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

51. Within the past 12 months, was an acting skit or play performed by teens or adults at any worship service of your congregation?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

52. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation hired any singers or other musicians to perform at a worship service?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

53. Within the past 12 months, have people at worship services been told of opportunities for political activity, including petition campaigns, lobbying, or demonstrating?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

54. At any service during the past 12 months was there a time for people other than the leaders of the service to testify or speak about their own religious experience?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

INTERVIEWER: IF CONGREGATION IS CHRISTIAN (I.E. CATHOLIC, ORTHODOX, OR ANY TYPE OF PROTESTANT) ASK Q55 THROUGH Q57. IF CONGREGATION IS NOT CHRISTIAN GO TO SECTION 4
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55. Did people speak in tongues at any service within the past 12 months?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

56. Does your congregation encourage people to use the New International Version of the Bible rather than other translations?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

57. Does your congregation consider the Bible to be the literal and inerrant word of God?

YES.....1  
NO.....2

**SECTION 4: BUILDING USE**

INTERVIEWER: DOES CONGREGATION HAVE ITS OWN BUILDING? (SEE Q12)
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YES.....1
NO [GO TO SECTION 5].....2

58. Within the past 12 months, have there been groups, programs, or events that have *no connection* to your congregation but that have *used or rented space* in your building? This might include other congregations, AA groups, day-care centers, or once-a-year events like fairs, concerts, or art shows.

YES.....1  
 NO [GO TO SECTION 5].....2

58a. Please tell me how many such groups or programs have met in your building within the past 12 months.

NUMBER OF GROUPS

58b. Have any of these groups used your building for rehearsals or performances of musical or theatrical works?

YES.....1  
 NO.....2

58c. Have any of these groups used your building for exhibits of works of art like paintings, photography, or sculpture?

YES.....1  
 NO.....2

**SECTION 5: PROGRAMS**

Now I'd like to ask you about some other organized groups, activities, or programs that your congregation may or may not have.

59. Does your congregation have religious education classes for children, teens, or adults?

YES.....1  
 NO [GO TO Q60].....2

59a. How many different classes meet at least once a month? \_\_\_\_\_

59b. How many children age 12 or younger would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week? \_\_\_\_\_

59c. How many teenagers--those aged 13 to 18--would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week? \_\_\_\_\_

59d. How many adults would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week? \_\_\_\_\_

60. Does your congregation have any choirs, choruses, or other musical groups that sing or perform on a regular basis?

YES.....1  
 NO [GO TO Q61].....2

60a. How many different musical groups are there? \_\_\_\_\_

60b. How many people--adults and children--would you say are in [this group/at least one of these groups]? \_\_\_\_\_

61. Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups of people from your congregation meeting *once a month or more* for religious, social, recreational, or other purposes? Please do not include governing or administrative committees here, and please do not include groups you already have mentioned.

YES.....1  
NO [GO TO Q62].....2

61a. How many such groups have met within the past 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_

61b. How many people--adults and children--would you say have participated at least once in one of these groups within the past 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_

61c. [IF Q61A EQUALS MORE THAN 5 ASK ABOUT THE FIVE BEST ATTENDED GROUPS] For what purpose or purposes do these groups meet?

Purpose 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Purpose 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Purpose 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Purpose 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Purpose 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

62. Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups of people from your congregation who met together besides the ones that meet once a month or more?

YES.....1  
NO [GO TO Q63].....2

62a. How many such groups have met within the past 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_

62b. How many people--adults and children--would you say have participated at least once in one of these groups within the past 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_

62c. [IF Q62A EQUALS MORE THAN 5 ASK ABOUT THE FIVE BEST ATTENDED GROUPS] For what purpose or purposes have these groups met?

Purpose 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Purpose 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Purpose 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Purpose 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Purpose 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

63. Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups or meetings or classes or events specifically focused on the following purposes or activities?

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
63a. To discuss politics?	1	2
63b. To discuss a book people have read other than the Bible?	1	2
63c. To discuss parenting issues?	1	2
63d. An event for cleaning or maintenance of your building?	1	2
63e. For physical healing?	1	2
63f. An effort to get people registered to vote?	1	2

YES NO



63g.	A class for people in your congregation to learn English?	1	2
63h.	To discuss pollution or other environmental issues?	1	2
63i.	An event to organize or encourage people to do volunteer work?	1	2
63j.	To discuss people's problems or concerns at work?	1	2
63k.	To receive or practice gifts of the spirit such as tongues or prophesying?	1	2
63l.	A class for current members about the history or practice of your own religious tradition?	1	2
63m.	A class for prospective or new members?	1	2
63n.	A meeting specifically to pray or meditate?	1	2
63o.	To put on a musical or theatrical performance, not including the choirs you've already mentioned?	1	2
63p.	To attend a live musical or theatrical performance elsewhere?	1	2
63q.	A class to train new religious education teachers?	1	2
63r.	To discuss race relations in our society?	1	2
63s.	To discuss how best to preserve your congregation's own racial or ethnic heritage?	1	2
63t.	To discuss or learn about a religion other than your own?	1	2
63u.	Twelve-step groups such as alcoholics anonymous or similar self-help groups?	1	2

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
63v. To organize or participate in efforts to lobby elected officials of any sort?	1	2
63w. To discuss or learn how to manage one's personal finances?	1	2
63x. To organize or participate in a demonstration or march either in support of or opposition to some public issue or policy?	1	2
63y. To discuss how to improve the management of your congregation's money?	1	2
63z. To take a trip somewhere that required an overnight stay?	1	2
63aa. To plan or conduct an assessment of community needs?	1	2
64. Have voter guides ever been distributed to people through your congregation?		
YES.....		1
NO [GO TO Q65].....		2
64a. Who wrote or produced the voter guide that was distributed?		
_____		
65. Does your congregation have an elementary or high school?		
YES.....		1
NO.....		2
66. Does your congregation give money directly to any college, university, or seminary?		
YES.....		1
NO.....		2
67. Has your congregation participated in or supported social service, community development, or neighborhood organizing projects of any sort within the past 12 months? Please <i>don't</i> include projects that use or rent space in your building but have no other connection to your congregation.		
YES.....		1
NO [GO TO Q72].....		2
67a. What projects or programs have you sponsored or participated in?		

WRITE ON PROGRAM CHART. GET SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO KNOW THE PURPOSE OF EACH PROJECT.

67b. For each of these please tell me whether it is a program or project completely run by your congregation, or whether it is a program that is run by or in collaboration with other groups or organizations. CIRCLE ON PROGRAM CHART.

67c. ASK ONLY ABOUT PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOT PROGRAMS OF JUST THIS CONGREGATION:

With what other organizations does your congregation collaborate on this program? IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK FOR MOST IMPORTANT TWO COLLABORATORS. GET SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO KNOW THE KIND OF ORGANIZATION EACH COLLABORATOR IS.

**Program Chart**

Social Service and Other Programs that Congregation Sponsors or Contributes To

67a. Program Purpose:	67b. Completely Run by Congregation?		67c. Two Most Important Collaborators on Program
	YES	NO	
Program 1. _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____
_____			_____
_____			Collaborator#2 _____
_____			_____
Program 2. _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____
_____			_____
_____			Collaborator#2 _____
_____			_____
Program 3. _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____
_____			_____
_____			Collaborator#2 _____
_____			_____

67a. Program Purpose:	67b. Completely Run by Congregation?		67c. Two Most Important Collaborators on Program
	YES	NO	
Program 4. _____ _____ _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____ _____ Collaborator#2 _____ _____
Program 5. _____ _____ _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____ _____ Collaborator#2 _____ _____
Program 6. _____ _____ _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____ _____ Collaborator#2 _____ _____
Program 7. _____ _____ _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____ _____ Collaborator#2 _____ _____

67a. Program Purpose:	67b. Completely Run by Congregation?		67c. Two Most Important Collaborators on Program
	YES	NO	
Program 8. _____ _____ _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____ _____ Collaborator#2 _____ _____
Program 9. _____ _____ _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____ _____ Collaborator#2 _____ _____
Program 10. _____ _____ _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____ _____ Collaborator#2 _____ _____
Program 11. _____ _____ _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____ _____ Collaborator#2 _____ _____

68. How much money, overall, did your congregation directly spend on all of these projects or programs within the past 12 months? Here, I'm asking about direct cash donations from your congregation, not counting staff time or volunteer time. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEWER: IF Q#17 AND Q#18 EQUAL ZERO (CONGREGATION HAS NO PAID STAFF), SKIP TO Q#70.

69. Within the past 12 months, has anyone who is paid by your congregation spent more than 25% of their work time on one or more of these projects?

- YES.....1
- NO [GO TO Q70].....2

69a. How many of your paid staff spent more than 25% of their work time on one or more of these projects? \_\_\_\_\_

70. Has anyone from your congregation done any volunteer work for one or more of these programs within the past 12 months?

- YES.....1
- NO [GO TO Q71].....2

70a. Of the regularly participating adults in your congregation, how many of them would you say did volunteer work at least once for one or more of these programs within the past 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_

71. Are any of these programs that you've mentioned supported by outside funds directly provided to your congregation by other agencies or organizations?

- YES .....1
- NO [GO TO Q72].....2

71a. Did any of these funds come as donations from foundations, businesses, or United Way?

- YES.....1
- NO [GO TO Q71C].....2

71b. How much did your congregation receive from foundations, businesses, or United Way in your most recent fiscal year? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- 71c. Did any of these funds come from local, state, or federal government?
- YES.....1  
 NO [GO TO Q72].....2
- 71d. How much money did your congregation receive from the government in grants, contracts, or fees during your most recent fiscal year? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [GO TO Q73]
72. Have you heard about legislation in Congress that would enable religious congregations to apply for public money to support their human services programs?
- YES.....1  
 NO.....2
- 72A. Does your congregation have a policy *against* receiving funds from local, state, or federal government?
- YES [GO TO Q73].....1  
 NO.....2
- 72B. Do you think your congregation would apply for government money to support your human services programs if it was available?
- YES.....1  
 NO.....2
73. Within the past 12 months, have any visiting speakers come to your congregation to give a talk at a meeting or event or worship service?
- YES.....1  
 NO [GO TO Q74].....2
- 73a. How many visiting speakers have spoken to your congregation in the past 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_
- 73b. Were any of these visiting speakers:
- |  | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
|--|------------|-----------|
| 73b1. Clergy from other congregations? | 1          | 2         |
| 73b2. Elected government officials?    | 1          | 2         |
| 73b3. Academics or Professors?         | 1          | 2         |



	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
73b4. Official representatives of your denomination or religious group?	1	2
73b5. Representatives of social service organizations in your community?	1	2
73b6. Missionaries?	1	2
73b7. Someone running for office?	1	2
74. Does your congregation make any efforts to recruit new participants?		
YES.....		1
NO [GO TO Q76].....		2
75. Within the past 12 months have you done any of the following?		
	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
75a. Placed a paid ad in a newspaper?	1	2
75b. Encouraged people already in the congregation to invite a new person?	1	2
75c. Conducted or used a survey of your community?	1	2
75d. Mailed or distributed a flyer to people in the community?	1	2
75e. Followed up by phone or face-to-face with people who visit your congregation?	1	2
75f. Have a special formal committee to work on recruitment?	1	2
76. Does your congregation use electronic mail to communicate with members?		
YES.....		1
NO.....		2

77. Does your congregation have a website on the internet?

YES.....1  
 NO.....2

78. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation made use of any type of services offered by a denomination, another religious organization, or an outside consultant of any sort?

YES.....1  
 NO [GO TO Q79].....2

78a. How many times in the past 12 months did your congregation make use of such services? \_\_\_\_\_

78b. What [three most important] services did you use?

78c. Who provided these services to you?

<u>Service</u>	<u>Source of Service</u>
#1 _____ _____	_____
#2 _____ _____	_____
#3 _____ _____	_____

79. Does your congregation operate with a formal, written annual budget?

YES.....1  
 NO.....2

80. What is the total amount of money your congregation received in income from all sources during your most recent fiscal year?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

81. Of this amount, how much came from individuals' donations, dues, or contributions?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

82. During your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation receive any income from the sale or rent of your building or property?

- YES.....1
- NO [GO TO Q83].....2

82a. How much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

83. During your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation receive any income from your denomination or religious group?

- YES.....1
- NO [GO TO Q84].....2

83a. How much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

84. What was your total congregational budget for the most recent fiscal year--the total amount that your congregation spent for all purposes, including standard operating costs, salaries, money sent to your denomination or other religious organizations, and all other purposes? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

85. In your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation give any money to your denomination or convention?

- YES.....1
- NO [GO TO Q86].....2

85a. How much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

86. In the most recent fiscal year, did your congregation give any money to any other religious organizations or agencies, whether or not they are affiliated with your denomination?

- YES.....1
- NO [GO TO Q87].....2

86a. How much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

87. Does your congregation have an endowment, savings account, or other reserve fund?

YES.....1  
 NO [GO TO Q88].....2

87a. How much is in it? \$\_\_\_\_\_

88. Has your congregation filed with the Internal Revenue Service for its own official 501(c)(3) status?

YES, BUT ONLY THROUGH DENOMINATION.....1  
 YES, ON OUR OWN.....2  
 NO.....3

89. In the past 12 months, has your congregation tried to obtain any sort of permit or license from a government authority or office?

YES.....1  
 NO [GO TO Q90].....2

89a. For what purpose did you need this permit or license?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

89b. What was the outcome of your effort to obtain the necessary permit or form? [USE CATEGORIES AS PROBES IF NECESSARY.]

PERMIT/LICENSE WAS GRANTED.....1  
 PERMIT/LICENSE WAS REFUSED.....2  
 DISCONTINUED THE PROCESS BECAUSE WE EXPECTED THE PERMIT TO BE REFUSED.....3  
 PERMIT PROCESS IS ONGOING.....4  
 OTHER. SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_ .....5

**SECTION 6: SOCIAL COMPOSITION**

Now I would like to ask a few questions about the people in your congregation.

QUESTION	a. ENTER NUMBER OR PERCENT	b. CIRCLE DESCRIPTION
90. Thinking of the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants in your congregation, about what percent would you say are new to this congregation in the past year? That is, how many have become involved since [month/last year]?		Number 1 Percent 2
91. Thinking again of these [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants, what percent would you say are female?		Number 1 Percent 2
92. About what percentage would you say have four-year college degrees or more?		Number 1 Percent 2
93. About what percentage of the regular adult participants have less than a high school diploma?		Number 1 Percent 2
94. Of the regular adult participants, about what percentage would you say are over 60 years old?		Number 1 Percent 2
95. What percentage of the regular adult participants would you say are under 35 years old?		Number 1 Percent 2
96. Still thinking about the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants, what percentage would you say live within a ten minute <i>walk</i> of the place where you meet?		Number 1 Percent 2
97. What percent would you say live within a ten minute <i>drive</i> of the place where you meet?		Number 1 Percent 2
98. What percent live more than a 30-minute drive away?		Number 1 Percent 2
99. Of the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants, what percent would you say live in households with income under \$25,000 a year?		Number 1 Percent 2

100. What percent would you say live in households with income higher than \$100,000 a year		Number	1
		Percent	2
101. What percent would you say own their own store or business?		Number	1
		Percent	2
102. What percent of the regular adult participants in your congregation are white and nonhispanic?		Number	1
		Percent	2
103. What percent are black or African American?		Number	1
		Percent	2
104. Hispanic or Latino?		Number	1
		Percent	2
104a. IF Q104 IS MORE THAN ZERO, ASK: What is the largest specific Hispanic ethnicity in your congregation? _____			
105. Asian or Pacific Islander?		Number	1
		Percent	2
105a. IF Q105 IS MORE THAN ZERO, ASK: What is the largest specific Asian ethnicity in your congregation? _____			
106. Any other ethnic groups?  YES (SPECIFY IN 106a-c).....1 NO (SKIP TO 107).....2			
106a. SPECIFY _____		Number	1
		Percent	2
106b. SPECIFY _____		Number	1
		Percent	2
106c. SPECIFY _____		Number	1
		Percent	2
107. Of the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants in your congregation, what percent would you say have come to the United States within the past five years?		Number	1
		Percent	2

108. Of the regular adult participants in your congregation, about what percent live in households in which there are two married adults with children living at home?	Number	1
	Percent	2
109. What percent live in households in which there are children with just one parent?	Number	1
	Percent	2

**SECTION 7: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

The next few questions have to do with how your congregation is organized.

110. Of the [NUMBER IN Q15] regularly participating adults, how many would you say have served in some sort of *leadership* role in this congregation--such as chairing a committee, serving as an officer, teaching a class, or other leadership roles--within the past 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_ [IF 0, GO TO Q111]

110a. Of these [NUMBER FROM Q110] people who have served in leadership roles in the past 12 months, how many of them are male and how many are female?

# MALE \_\_\_\_\_

# FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

111. Have any official congregational committees or boards met in the past 12 months?

YES.....1  
 NO [GO TO Q112].....2

111a. How many committees have met in the past 12 months? \_\_\_\_\_

112. Is there one committee that is the most important governing body or coordinating committee in your congregation?

YES.....1  
 NO [GO TO Q113].....2

112a. How many people are currently on it? \_\_\_\_\_

112b. How many of the people currently on it are male and how many are female?

# MALE \_\_\_\_\_

# FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 8: CONGREGATIONAL RULES**

113. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding what people should eat?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
114. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding dancing?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
115. Does your congregation prohibit smoking tobacco?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
116. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding what sorts of groups outside the congregation people can join?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
117. Does your congregation prohibit the use of alcohol?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
118. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding how much money people give to the congregation?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
119. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms about who single people date or become romantically involved with?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2
120. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding cohabitation of unmarried adults?
- YES.....1  
NO.....2



121. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms concerning homosexual behavior?

- YES.....1
- NO.....2

122. *Politically speaking*, would your congregation be considered more on the conservative side, more on the liberal side, or right in the middle?

- MORE ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE.....1
- RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE.....2
- MORE ON THE LIBERAL SIDE.....3

123. *Theologically speaking*, would your congregation be considered more on the conservative side, more on the liberal side, or right in the middle?

- MORE ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE.....1
- RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE.....2
- MORE ON THE LIBERAL SIDE.....3

124. In every congregation, disagreements and conflicts occasionally arise. Within the last two years, has your congregation experienced a conflict for which a special meeting was called specifically to deal with the disagreement?

- YES.....1
- NO.....2

125. Within the last two years, has your congregation experienced a conflict that led some people to leave the congregation?

- YES.....1
- NO.....2

**END TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

That's it! Thank you very much for participating in the National Congregations Study.

Results from this study should be available sometime in 1999. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the progress of this research, please don't hesitate to call us at [PROJECT PHONE NUMBER]. Thanks again for your time.

INTERVIEWER: Was this questionnaire administered over the phone or in-person?

OVER THE PHONE.....	1
IN-PERSON.....	2
COMBINATION.....	3

