

# The Church Vitality Meter

*This brief survey takes the pulse of your congregation. Like a pulse, it gives only a rough estimate of how strongly your "heart" is beating. ❤️*

<p><b>Please rate your congregation on these items. Think of your congregation as not just the laity, but the entire mix of clergy, laity, and staff.</b></p>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure or Mixed	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
We are always ready to try something new.	5	4	3	2	1
The current morale of this congregation is high.	5	4	3	2	1
This congregation is strongly focused on serving the wider community beyond the congregation.	5	4	3	2	1
This congregation makes a real difference in the lives of children and youth.	5	4	3	2	1
This congregation makes a real difference in the lives of adults.	5	4	3	2	1
When conflict occurs, we are able to resolve it, learn from it and move beyond it.	5	4	3	2	1
In meetings, time is regularly spent praying about, discussing and defining future needs and directions.	5	4	3	2	1
The congregation's leaders are willing to change programs and structures to meet new challenges.	5	4	3	2	1
Members of the congregation have a sense of excitement about the future.	5	4	3	2	1
The members and pastor share a clear vision, goals, or direction for their ministry and mission.	5	4	3	2	1
In general, the pastor and congregation share a common understanding of the pastor's role and ministry.	5	4	3	2	1
Authentic worship undergirds all that we do.	5	4	3	2	1
Members are joyful stewards, sharing their time, talents and money.	5	4	3	2	1
Few people have joined our congregation in the last five years.	5	4	3	2	1
Our financial situation is a threat to our ability to continue as a viable congregation.	5	4	3	2	1
The best years of this congregation were in the past.	5	4	3	2	1
During the last two years, this congregation has experienced a major conflict that caused some people to leave.	5	4	3	2	1
A lack of communication often creates problems.	5	4	3	2	1
<p><b>Add the numbers in each column, and record column totals here:</b></p>					
<p><b>Add column totals together and record overall total here:</b></p>					



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Overall Total	Interpretation
74-90	Very Vital
60-73	Vital
46-59	Somewhat Vital
32-45	Not Vital
18-31	Congregation is in serious decline

Reflect on your results and your answers to the questions.



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