

A Church Survey for Assessing Needs

Ask the leadership of the church to work with you to complete the survey below. Access to the church records or rolls may be helpful.

The number in your congregation who are ages: _____ 1-19

_____ 20-29 _____ 30-45 _____ 46-59 _____ 60-75 _____ 76-90 _____ over 90

The number of older adults in your congregation: _____ living alone

_____ living with a spouse

_____ living with relatives

_____ living with non-relatives

The number of older adults in your congregation who are: _____ employed

_____ seeking employment

_____ retired

The number of older adults in your congregation who are: _____ married

_____ separated or divorced

_____ widowed

The number of older adults in your congregation who are: _____ able to do what they choose in the community _____ do not have use of a car

_____ do not have access to transportation

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3.

4.

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6. The number of older adults in your congregation who are: _____ able to go out only with help

_____ housebound

_____ bedfast

7. The number of older adults in your congregation who have: _____ no relatives nearby

_____ no children

_____ no living relatives

8. List the organizations in your community to which older adults belong:

9. What activities do older adults attend which are part of your church program?

10. What are the perceived unmet needs of the older adults in your congregation?

11. Is there a committee of the church with responsibility for older adults? Which one(s)?

It is important to carefully count the number of people on the rolls of the church rather than estimating them. Accuracy is key to obtaining a true picture; guesswork in this case is often misleading.