**Community of Faith: Demographics Worksheet**

**PURPOSE**: To provide information about the Community of Faith’s ministry and community.

**Who uses it**: Communities of Faith in gathering their profile information for ChurchHub and preparing their Living Faith Story. Copies are sent to the Regional Council in digital form.

Community of Faith:

Address:

Pastoral Charge:

Regional Council:

Date:

Background information to help prepare your Living Faith Story and to determine your ability to support ministry:

**ABOUT OUR PEOPLE:** (Multi-point Communities of Faith will complete Part A, B and C for each congregation)

1. Number of congregations:  1  2  3  NA (e.g. for Outreach Ministries)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Congregation A |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (Name of Congregation) |  | ( # on roll) |  | (Avg. Sunday attendance) |

1. **We think of ourselves MAINLY as**:  Rural  Remote  Small town  Suburban

Urban  Inner City  Other

1. **Most of us live** (check only one):  In apartments  In single-family homes

In retirement homes  In long-term care homes

On working farms  On rural retirement properties

1. **The rest of us live**: (check all that apply)  In apartments  In single-family homes

In retirement homes  In long-term care homes

On working farms  On rural retirement properties

1. **Our congregation includes** (*approx. number in each group*)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Infants and pre-school |  | Children (5-12) |  | Teens (13-19) |  |
| Young adults (20-30) |  | Adults (31-40) |  | Adults (41-50) |  |
| Adults (51-64) |  | Adults (65-70) |  | Adults (71+ ) |  |

1. **The proximity of our members to the church are** (*approx. number in each group*)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 0-5 km |  | 5-10 km |  | 10-15 km |  |
| 15-20 km |  | over 20 km |  |  |  |

1. **Most of us…**: (choose one)

Grew up in this area  Moved to this area for work

Moved here to be close to family or other resources  Moved here for other reasons

1. **Many of us work in the following industries or sectors:** (check all that apply)

Health or social services  Education  Manufacturing  Transportation

Agriculture and food production  Tourism/Hospitality  Retail

Environment  Mining/Forestry  Information Technology

Other (specify):

1. **We work as** (check all that apply):

Employees  Contractors  Owners  Consultants  Managers

1. **Our congregation is like:** (choose one that best applies)

A big family where we all know each other;

A medium sized church where we recognize each other but may not know each other well;

A big church with lots of staff, where small groups of people are close to one another based on common interests.

Other description:

**Our gifts, skills and passions:**

1. In our Community of Faith we have gifts in the following areas:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Gifts | Description |
| Education |  |
| Artistic |  |
| Worship |  |
| Compassion |  |
| Hospitality |  |
| Other |  |

1. In our Community of Faith we have people with these skills:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Skills | Description |
| Play musical  instruments/Sing |  |
| Teaching |  |
| Organizing |  |
| Social Media |  |
| Health Care |  |
| Cooking/Baking |  |
| Listening |  |
| Other |  |
| Other |  |
| Other |  |

1. In our Community of Faith we have people who are passionate about:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Passions | Description |
| Poverty issues |  |
| Affirming Ministry |  |
| Building Community |  |
| Climate Change |  |
| Health Care |  |
| World hunger |  |
| Refugee support |  |
| Social Justice |  |
| Other |  |
| Other |  |
| Other |  |

1. **Our heritage as a Community of Faith: (**check one that best applies):

Has its roots as a Methodist/Congregationalist/Presbyterian/Local Union/Aboriginal congregation prior to Union in 1925;

OR, Began between

1925 and 1945  1945 and 1965  1965 and 2000  After 2000.

1. **We think of our Community of Faith as in the following way:** (choose one that best applies):

We have a new vision and are really excited; maybe not as organized as we will be but really excited; maybe even a bit unrealistic at times.

We are clear about our vision and purpose and are developing the skills and gifts to bring it about; we are excited and optimistic in who we are.

We are clear about our vision and purpose; we have the skills, gifts and confidence to move toward our vision.

We know we are changing; we haven’t yet come to terms with it; we have some anxiety about the future but we are still confident in who we are.

Our congregation is changing rapidly and it is clear that we can no longer continue as we have been; we don’t know, though, how to go forward; we have some anxiety. We believe that we have a future but we can’t yet see it.

We see that the ministry within this community is probably winding down after many positive and productive years of faithful ministry, mission and service; we want to celebrate what we have been as we intentionally and graciously end this ministry.

**ABOUT OUR TANGIBLE ASSETS**

1. **Governance structure**:

How many people are on your Governing Body?

How many are typically present at a meeting of your Governing Body?

1. **Support for Your Ministry:**

Is there support for administrative tasks (e.g. bulletin, scheduling, reception)?  Yes  No

If yes, how many hours per week? If yes, is this  paid or  volunteer?

Who takes the service when your minister is away on holidays or study leave?

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**Ministry and Personnel Committee:**

1. How many members?
2. How often does the committee meet?
3. Has one or more of the committee members attended an M&P Committee Training event in the last three years?  Yes  No

**Our Church Building(s**): (include information for each building if more than one)

1. We don’t have a church building. (if you check this one, please comment briefly on where you worship and what other spaces you use for your ministry.)
2. How many people does the sanctuary hold?
3. What is the seating/set up in the sanctuary (pews, chairs, choir loft, etc.)
4. Is the sanctuary used other than for Sunday worship?  Yes No *if Yes*, how?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Is there a basement?  Yes  No
2. Are there meeting rooms?  Yes  No *if Yes, for what are they used?*

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Is there a nursery?  Yes  No
2. Are the toys/furniture compliant with current safety standards?  Yes  No
3. Are there Sunday School rooms?  Yes  No *if Yes, how many?* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are they multi-purpose use?  Yes  No

1. Are there activity rooms? (i.e. quilting, gym, library)  Yes  No *if yes, please describe.*

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Is there an approved Kitchen?  Yes  No

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Where is the office located for the ministry personnel?

Describe the ministry personnel office:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. To what extent is the building available for ministry purposes compared to being rented out?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What computers/telephones are provided at the church?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Is there a photocopier in the church?  Yes  No
2. Is internet provided at the church?  No Yes *if yes*  High Speed  Dial-up
3. Is the church accessible?  No  Yes Tell us how:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What other measures of accessibility do you provide? (e.g. Assistive hearing device, large print, etc.)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Do you have plans for improving accessibility?  No Yes *if yes*, how?

Click or tap here to enter text.

**ABOUT OUR Geographical COMMUNITY**

1. Our relationship with our neighbours and community is:

**☐** Strong, we know them well and work together

**☐** Good, we have some connections with our neighbours and know about local concerns

**☐** Poor, we don’t know people in the area around the church and have no knowledge of local projects or concerns.

**☐** Improving, we are getting to know people and are learning about the neighbourhood

1. Describe briefly the social and ethnic make-up of the community:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Identify the following about your neighbourhood/community:

Strengths:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Challenges:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Name some ideas where your gifts/skills/passions might be welcome in the community

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Here are two or three websites that offer detailed information about our community:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Other faith communities represented in our neighbourhood/community are:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. We have close ties with the following groups/ organizations/faith communities:

Click or tap here to enter text.