



## CONGREGATIONAL ASSETS INVENTORY: HUMAN CARE OUTREACH

The Congregational Assets Inventory is broken in to five parts:

- Facility
- Human Care and Outreach
- Worship, Christian Education, and Small Groups
- Stewardship, Fellowship, and Recreation
- Equipment

Take all or a few of the inventories. The information can be used to help identify the many blessings God has already provided your congregation as you move to create new or expand/strengthen existing social service outreach ministries.

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The last twelve months is the time frame for these survey questions. Any congregational activities prior to that should not be considered, unless otherwise noted in the question.

**1. Does your church have a formal group charged with the tasks of developing and/or implementing an evangelism program?**

- Yes
- No

**2. Which of the following aspects of a formal greeting and visitor follow-up program does your congregation have in place?**

- Acknowledging visitors sometime during Sunday morning events
  - Sending welcome notes
  - Calling within a few days of the service
  - Delivering a welcome gift
  - Specific effort to greet on future visits
  - Personal invitations to events
  - Accompanying visitor to an event
  - Continued follow-up
  - We have no formal program
  - Other, please specify
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**3. Which of the following does your congregation use to assimilate new members?**

- A new member dinner
  - Mentors for new members
  - Connection to small group
  - Spiritual gift training
  - Guiding them toward service that matches their spiritual gifts, skills, and passions
  - Other, please specify
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**4. Does your congregation offer adult membership classes?**

- Yes
- No

**5. Does your congregation provide stewardship training for new members?**

- Yes
- No

**6. Does your church conduct outreach events designed to connect with your community?**

- Yes
- No

**7. What kind of outreach events does your church conduct?**

- Health fairs
  - Fall Festival (Halloween) events
  - Picnics/Barbecues
  - Carnivals
  - Concerts
  - Art Exhibits
  - Other, please specify
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**8. Does your church intentionally develop new entry points for non-members?**

- Yes
- No

**9. What new entry points have you developed?**

- New small groups
  - Sports groups/teams
  - Hobby/craft groups
  - Book Club
  - Other, please specify
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**10. Describe a successful outreach event. Why do you believe it was successful?**

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**11. Does your church have a formal group charged with the tasks of developing and/or implementing a social ministry program?**

- Yes
- No

**12. Which aspects of social ministry do you have in your congregation?**

- Hands-on projects
- Contribute funds
- Topical Bible studies
- Collect food or goods
- Educate on needs/issues

**13. Of those members involved in social ministry, in which way are the majority involved?**

- Hands-on
  - Contributing funds
  - Collecting food/goods
  - Other, please specify
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**14. Who receives services through your social ministry program?**

- Members
  - Non-members
  - Neighbors
  - Under-served living in other areas
  - Special needs groups
  - Other, please specify
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**15. Does your social ministry program provide emergency financial assistance for basic needs?**

- Yes
- No

**16. For which needs will you consider supplying emergency financial assistance?**

- Food
  - Utilities
  - Phone
  - Rent
  - Mortgage
  - Bus passes
  - Prescriptions
  - Medical Bills
  - Other, please specify
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**17. Which of the following social ministry programs do you currently provide?**

- Food pantry
  - Clothing closet
  - Hot meals
  - ESL classes
  - GED classes
  - Citizenship classes
  - Employment assistance
  - Job readiness
  - Computer classes
  - Tutoring
  - Budgeting classes
  - Substance abuse services
  - Other, please specify
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**18. Do your social ministry efforts include partnerships with any other organizations/congregations?**

- Yes
- No

**19. With what other organizations have your social ministry efforts partnered?**

- Other LC-MS congregation(s)
  - Neighborhood Christian organization(s)
  - Christian non-profit organization(s)
  - Community organization(s)
  - Government organization(s) (local, city, state, or federal)
  - Public School(s)
  - Other, please specify
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**20. Do you receive any funds from the state or federal government for any part of a social ministry program?**

- Yes
- No
- Have in the past

**21. Optional: Describe a successful social ministry program or event that your congregation has undertaken in the last two years.**

**22. Do you have a Wellness or Parish Nurse program?**

- Yes
- No [Skip to 25]

**23. Do you have a Parish Nurse on staff?**

- Yes
- No

**24. Who does your Wellness/Parish Nurse program serve?**

- Members
- Non-members
- Neighbors

**25. Do you have a Stephen Ministry Program?**

- Yes
- No [Skip to 29]

**26. Is your Stephen Ministry program currently active (serving care receivers)?**

- Yes
- No

**27. Which of the following do you have as trained Stephen Ministry leaders?**

- Laypeople
- Pastors
- Other church work professionals

**28. Who does your Stephen Ministry program serve?**

- Members
- Non-members
- Both

**29. Even though you do not have a Stephen Ministry program, do you have member(s) that are trained Stephen Ministers or Stephen Minister Leaders?**

- Yes
- No

**30. Do you conduct or sponsor any support groups?**

- We have no support groups
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Grief support
- Divorce care
- Chronic Pain support
- Other, please specify

**31. Do you provide space, free or rental, for any community groups?**

- No community groups use our facility
- Scouts
- Sport leagues
- Community clubs
- Neighborhood associations
- Other, please specify