

Churches on the Wild Rivers Coast

Q1. Church name

Answered	34
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Respondents (sorted A - Z, by city)

Bandon - First Baptist Church of Bandon
Brookings - Anonymous
Brookings - Anonymous
Brookings - Anonymous
Brookings - Brookings Church of the Nazarene
Brookings - Brookings Church of the Nazarene
Brookings - Living Waters Foursquare Church
Charleston - Anonymous
Coos Bay - Anonymous
Coos Bay - Coast Life Church
Coos Bay - Greenacres Community Church
Coos Bay - Riverview Christian Fellowship
Crescent City - All Tribes Foursquare Church
Crescent City - Anonymous
Crescent City - Anonymous
Crescent City - Anonymous
Crescent City - Cornerstone Assembly of God
Crescent City - Crescent City Church of Christ
Crescent City - Crescent City Foursquare Church
Crescent City - First Baptist Church
Crescent City - Fort Dick Bible Church
Crescent City - Grace Lutheran Church
Crescent City/Hiouchi - Hiouchi Community Fellowship
Gold Beach - Bethany Lutheran
Gold Beach - Calvary Chapel Gold Beach
Gold Beach - First Baptist Church of Gold Beach
Langlois - Anonymous
North Bend - Anonymous
Port Orford - Port Orford Christian Center
Reedsport - Anonymous
Reedsport - Anonymous
Reedsport - United Presbyterian Church
Smith River - Anonymous
Smith River - Smith River United Methodist Church
Winchester Bay - Harbor Baptist Church

Q2. (not applicable)

SECTION ONE - Small Town Assets

Q3. In our town we enjoy a sense of friendliness and community

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	35.29% 12
Agree	55.88% 19
Neither agree nor disagree	8.82% 3
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
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Answered	34
Skipped	1

Q4. In our town there are strong relational/interpersonal/family networks

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	20.59% 7
Agree	61.76% 21
Neither agree nor disagree	11.76% 4
Disagree	5.88% 2
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
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Answered	34
Skipped	1

Q5. We can easily access local leaders (i.e. city council, school officials)

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	20.59% 7
Agree	47.06% 16
Neither agree nor disagree	32.35% 11
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
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Answered	34
Skipped	1

Q6. Community members place a high value on volunteerism and involvement

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	29.41% 10
Agree	50.00% 17
Neither agree nor disagree	20.59% 7
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
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Answered	34
Skipped	1

Q7. The cost of living is reasonable

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	2.94% 1
Agree	47.06% 16
Neither agree nor disagree	20.59% 7
Disagree	23.53% 8
Strongly disagree	5.88% 2
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Answered	34
Skipped	1

Q8. Our community appreciates our history, culture, and sense of place

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	11.76% 4
Agree	64.71% 22
Neither agree nor disagree	17.65% 6
Disagree	5.88% 2
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Answered	34
Skipped	1

Q9. We are surrounded by natural beauty and have easy access to outdoor recreational activities.

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	82.35% 28
Agree	17.65% 6
Neither agree nor disagree	0.00% 0
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Answered	34
Skipped	1

Q10. Our community enjoys a slower pace, a simple lifestyle, and no traffic

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	32.35% 11
Agree	47.06% 16
Neither agree nor disagree	14.71% 5
Disagree	5.88% 2
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Answered	34
Skipped	1

Q11. There is low crime and a high sense of personal safety

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	11.76% 4
Agree	47.06% 16
Neither agree nor disagree	14.71% 5
Disagree	23.53% 8
Strongly disagree	2.94% 1
Answered	34
Skipped	1

Q12. Finish this sentence: "The greatest asset in our community is..."

Answered	33
Skipped	2

Responses (in random order)

- The next generation
- Natural beauty and recreation
- Redwood National Forest and Ocean and Rumiano Cheese Factory.
- The People.

A small group of hard working citizens living in a beautiful setting.
 The sense of beauty and pride in living on the Oregon Coast and Pacific Ocean. Having access to the beauty around us.
 The beauty of the coastline
 Caring for one another.
 The commitment of our non-profits to better the lives of our community.
 Its location, with its great access to the Redwoods, with trails and majestic heights, the Pacific Ocean with its beautiful beaches and amazing sea-life, and the Wild River region, with its roaming forest creatures, rolling fresh water river wonders providing fun and fish.
 Our volunteers
 The beauty of the nature that surrounds us.
 Being a very small town with small schools, there was a better environment for raising our children with plenty of school activities, such as sports, that kept them very involved.
 The natural beauty of our surroundings.
 Strong and lasting families. Strong and lasting businesses. Our expansive and clean outdoor recreation areas.
 The beautiful surroundings
 Peaceful way of life
 Beauty of area
 Wild Rivers Community Foundation
 Our outdoor recreation
 The people.
 Beauty of nature and clean air
 Support
 Its location
 The opportunity to belong.
 The people!
 Our Naturally resources,
 Willingness of community members to strive to be better
 The people.
 The beauty of God's creation!
 Nature
 Our diversity on multiple levels other than race or ethnicity. This would include where people are from, their economical and vocational backgrounds, as well as interests and hobbies.
 Our location on the Oregon Coast

SECTION TWO - Small Town Church Assets

Q13. Our church enjoys a sense of family and relational priority

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	54.55% 18
Agree	36.36% 12
Neither agree nor disagree	3.03% 1
Disagree	6.06% 2
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
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	Answered 33
	Skipped 2

Q14. In our town there is cooperation between local congregations

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	15.15% 5

Agree	36.35%	12
Neither agree nor disagree	30.30%	10
Disagree	18.18%	6
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
Answered		33
Skipped		2

Q15. Our church is very visible in the community

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	27.27%	9
Agree	51.52%	17
Neither agree nor disagree	3.03%	1
Disagree	18.18%	6
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
Answered		33
Skipped		2

Q16. Our church is recognized as a valuable resource by the community

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	24.24%	8
Agree	30.30%	10
Neither agree nor disagree	36.36%	12
Disagree	9.09%	3
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
Answered		33
Skipped		2

Q17. In our local churches there is a deep loyalty and commitment to denominational roots

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	6.06%	2
Agree	36.36%	12
Neither agree nor disagree	36.36%	12
Disagree	21.21%	7
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
Answered		33
Skipped		2

Q18. Our church members have a heightened awareness and are quick to respond to needs in the community

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	12.12%	4
Agree	69.70%	23
Neither agree nor disagree	12.12%	4
Disagree	6.06%	2
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
Answered		33
Skipped		2

Q19. We are experiencing new opportunities to reach immigrants and nearby ethnic populations

Answer Choices	Responses	
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Strongly agree	0.00%	0
Agree	3.03%	1
Neither agree nor disagree	51.52%	17
Disagree	39.39%	13
Strongly disagree	6.06%	2
	Answered	33
	Skipped	2

Q20. We actively engage with local community organizations

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	71.88%	23
No	28.13%	9
	Answered	32
	Skipped	3

If yes, what types of groups are you involved with (i.e. food bank, crisis pregnancy center, etc.)? If no, why not?

Responses (in random order)

Food bank, pregnancy care center, farmers market

We are restructuring what this means as a church body. New changes are happening to change this no into a yes.

We have in the past, but the interest has declined over the years.

Food Bank- Donation of Food and Pregnancy Care Center- Donation of Money and baby Items Local School- Backpack to Students

Food shelf, school, police, fire

As well as being on pastoral staff, I was also outreach coordinator for the Pregnancy Resource Center Of Coos County, which entailed presenting an abstinence program many public schools and clubs in the county and beyond.

Pregnancy Care Center, C.A.N.

Some sharing with the Tolowa Community, Smith River School, Farm workers (not a formal group) County Food Distribution, we have a food bank and clothing give away.

We have community meals usually monthly.

Food distribution; community meals; homeless shelter; pregnancy resource center; drug education in schools; Red Cross blood drives

Food bank, both our church's and the community food bank; local pregnancy center; mission outreach center providing hot meals and other necessities for the homeless population.

Rotary, food bank, meals on wheels, visitor center, school, etc.

Food Bank, Community Kitchen Program, Chetco Activity Center, Schools, Oasis Shelter, Habitat for Humanity

We have a food bank in our church. We are strong supporters/participants in the Coos Bay CPC. Various members are teachers in our schools, coaches of our school sports teams, volunteers with the local fire department and library, work in local businesses (like the post office and the one restaurant and the one store, and in law enforcement.

Community services clean up projects.

individuals from our congregation are involved in a number of groups, but our church is not specifically involved

Can, rescue mission, pregnancy care center, local Coast Guard

Pregnancy care center, Fairgrounds, Wild Rivers Community Foundation, Our Daily Bread Ministries (Mission)

Gospel Outreach mission, food bank, pregnancy center, jail ministry.

FPNO, PRC, Gospel Mission, Young Life, School Bible Clubs, Pray Oregon Coast

We are engaged in both the local food bank and our own crisis, 'food on hand' for homeless and others.

Our building is used by a number of local organizations for meetings and events. Our people volunteer in nearly every meaningful community activity - Library, hospital, women's shelter, food bank, AA, animal shelter, fish hatchery, river clean-up, pizza and game films after home football games, TOPS, Weight Watchers, emergency shelter for hospital, food for transients, concert venue, food for school children over weekends (SnakPac), probably others but can't think of any right now.

Food Bank, Pregnancy Center, Soup Kitchens, Relay for life, Outreach Gospel Mission(Homeless)

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA); Child Abuse and Prevention Council (CAPC); Pregnancy Care Center; Food Bank; Just Serve; Foster and Adoption Care

Sometimes, if they line up with our beliefs.

Local food bank (called Project Blessing), South Coast Gospel Mission in Coos Bay, Pregnancy Resource Center in Coos Bay

We had a partnership with the Gospel Outreach Mission, but it is currently in transition and no longer actively serving the community.

SECTION THREE - Small Town Challenges

Q21. Our community is primarily comprised of an older or ageing population

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	16.13% 5
Agree	48.39% 15
Neither agree nor disagree	16.13% 5
Disagree	19.35% 6
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Answered	31
Skipped	4

Q22. Poverty is a problem in our town

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	32.26% 10
Agree	41.94% 13
Neither agree nor disagree	19.35% 6
Disagree	6.45% 2
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Answered	31
Skipped	4

Q23. There is widespread drug use in our town

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	32.26% 10
Agree	45.16% 14
Neither agree nor disagree	19.35% 6
Disagree	3.23% 1
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Answered	31
Skipped	4

Q24. Alcohol abuse and alcoholism is common

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	29.03% 9
Agree	38.71% 12
Neither agree nor disagree	32.26% 10
Disagree	0.00% 0
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Answered	31
Skipped	4

Q25. Our suicide rates are rising

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	3.23% 1
Agree	25.81% 8
Neither agree nor disagree	67.74% 21

Disagree	3.23%	1
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
	Answered	31
	Skipped	4

Q26. Underemployment/unemployment is a local issue

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	29.03%	9
Agree	54.84%	17
Neither agree nor disagree	12.90%	4
Disagree	3.23%	1
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
	Answered	31
	Skipped	4

Q27. Family dysfunction is common (i.e. divorce, domestic violence, single parent households etc.)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	41.94%	13
Agree	38.71%	12
Neither agree nor disagree	16.13%	5
Disagree	3.23%	1
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
	Answered	31
	Skipped	4

Q28. It is difficult to retain youth

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	35.48%	11
Agree	35.48%	11
Neither agree nor disagree	29.03%	9
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
	Answered	31
	Skipped	4

Q29. There are a lack of options for youth

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	28.13%	9
Agree	59.38%	19
Neither agree nor disagree	12.50%	4
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
	Answered	32
	Skipped	3

Q30. There is a lack of quality health care

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	37.50%	12
Agree	37.50%	12

Neither agree nor disagree	9.38%	3
Disagree	15.63%	5
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
	Answered	32
	Skipped	3

Q31. There is a lack of affordable housing

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	34.38%	11
Agree	46.88%	15
Neither agree nor disagree	9.38%	3
Disagree	9.38%	3
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
	Answered	32
	Skipped	3

Q32. There is a lack of educational opportunities

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	15.63%	5
Agree	34.38%	11
Neither agree nor disagree	25.00%	8
Disagree	25.00%	8
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
	Answered	32
	Skipped	3

Q33. The population in our community is declining as people move to the city

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	0.00%	0
Agree	15.63%	5
Neither agree nor disagree	53.13%	16
Disagree	31.25%	10
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
	Answered	32
	Skipped	3

Q34. There is a resistance to change among our local leaders

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	12.50%	4
Agree	40.63%	13
Neither agree nor disagree	40.63%	13
Disagree	6.25%	2
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
	Answered	32
	Skipped	3

Q35. There are entrenched conflicts within our community

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly agree	6.25%	2

Agree	37.50%	12
Neither agree nor disagree	43.75%	14
Disagree	9.38%	3
Strongly disagree	3.13%	1
Answered		32
Skipped		3

Q36. Our population is constantly shifting as people leave and new people arrive

Answer Choices		Responses
Strongly agree	18.75%	6
Agree	34.38%	11
Neither agree nor disagree	31.25%	10
Disagree	15.63%	5
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
Answered		32
Skipped		3

Q37. Finish this sentence: "The biggest challenge in our community is..."

Answered	32
Skipped	3

- Responses (in random order)
- Being inoculated to Christ because of professing believers who live like the world
 - Unity
 - Homelessness
 - Health Care
 - Leadership
 - The lack of new chain businesses along 101 which will promote the city to others.
 - Lack of a dominant vision in terms of educational and employment opportunities. The schools are uninspiring on many levels.
 - Having a local identity. Most residents relate to the larger cities nearby more than the local community.
 - Economic stagnancy and an aging population.
 - The lack of options for helping the homeless, the poor and destitute, the unemployed, the mentally ill, and aged.
 - Economic growth
 - Health care and employment opportunities
 - Declining opportunity for employment and the depression of the cranberry market for so many of our local people.
 - Economic growth with a limited tax base.
 - Homelessness, unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, and broken homes/families.
 - Dealing with crimes related to drug use
 - Lack of vision and ambition
 - Lack of good jobs
 - Bringing the leaders/pastors of the churches together in unity to work together and not separately.
 - The rise in homeless people and drug use
 - Godlessness
 - affordable housing and jobs for young people
 - Drugs
 - Attracting new businesses
 - Affordable housing and family wage jobs
 - Poverty.
 - We are a Retirement Community, so health Care and retaining youth so employment and cost of living

Poverty and drug & alcohol abuse."

Economics

The drug culture, especially with the legalization of marijuana

Its resistance to economical development and lack of retention of people due to poor healthcare and job placement.

Lack of high paying jobs

SECTION FOUR - Small Town Church Challenges

Q38. Our church struggles with a lack of finances

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	6.25% 2
Agree	25.00% 8
Neither agree nor disagree	31.25% 10
Disagree	31.25% 10
Strongly disagree	6.25% 2
Answered	32
Skipped	3

Q39. We lack other resources, such as facilities, volunteers, etc.

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	3.13% 1
Agree	50.00% 16
Neither agree nor disagree	15.63% 5
Disagree	31.25% 10
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Answered	32
Skipped	3

Q40. We don't have many children or young people in our church

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	21.88% 7
Agree	18.75% 6
Neither agree nor disagree	15.63% 5
Disagree	34.38% 11
Strongly disagree	9.38% 3
Answered	32
Skipped	3

Q41. There are high expectations and demands place on our Pastoral staff

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	9.38% 3
Agree	40.63% 13
Neither agree nor disagree	31.25% 10
Disagree	15.63% 5
Strongly disagree	3.13% 1
Answered	32
Skipped	3

Q42. There are real or perceived restrictions on growth, and a sense that we lack momentum

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	6.25% 2
Agree	28.13% 9
Neither agree nor disagree	25.00% 8
Disagree	31.25% 10
Strongly disagree	9.38% 3
	Answered 32
	Skipped 3

Q43. We have a constant turnover in attendees

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	0.00% 0
Agree	40.63% 13
Neither agree nor disagree	18.75% 6
Disagree	34.38% 11
Strongly disagree	6.25% 2
	Answered 32
	Skipped 3

Q44. Our attendance is declining

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	3.13% 1
Agree	21.88% 7
Neither agree nor disagree	21.88% 7
Disagree	43.75% 14
Strongly disagree	9.38% 3
	Answered 32
	Skipped 3

Q45. There is a resistance to change among our members

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	3.13% 1
Agree	25.00% 8
Neither agree nor disagree	21.88% 7
Disagree	43.75% 14
Strongly disagree	6.25% 2
	Answered 32
	Skipped 3

SECTION FIVE - The Small Town Church & the Wider Body of Christ

Q46. Finish this sentence: "The biggest differences between us and the urban and suburban churches are..."

Answered	28
Skipped	7

Responses (in random order)

Unity and resources

Smaller congregation with limited resources

The population that we have to draw from is quite a bit smaller.

Trained leaders, Millennial families, white collar retirees
 There is definitely a family and an approachable atmosphere here.
 People resources from which to draw.
 Close family feel even when new people come...
 A lack of youthful energy for volunteerism, a smaller mission field from which to grow Christ's church in our community.
 Limited access or opportunity in mission helps, ideas & materials to aid in discipleship and ministry training, or advance fellowship among Christians of a different stripe.
 Percentage of volunteers and availability of finances
 I suppose it would lie in the area of a greater family feel to the local churches here, mostly because of size. I also think we tend to be behind-the-times in the sense that people are not as up to date on what is going on in the world. Some of the new ideas that crop up in the urban churches I am familiar with (Portland, Salem) are resisted here, such as contemporary music and worship trends. I also think that our preaching and teaching tends to be more expositional and less needs-based or topical.
 Our weaknesses are more apparent because we are smaller.
 Income, resources, and congregation size.
 There has always been an issue with communicating and working together as one church body. I am speaking specifically to Evangelicals
 We have a sense of belonging and accountability, while they have excitement and momentum
 Accessibility to events and resources.
 Small town thinking
 Our church refuses to CHANGE
 Scale. I think we all deal with the same issues, the larger churches simply have more of the same things...
 Each member has the potential of interacting with all members
 We're not really connected to the urban churches.
 I don't know. We are pretty isolated from urban and suburban communities simply by geographical distance. I don't think they give us much thought and we don't give them much thought.
 Education.
 The multi-generational attendance in our congregations.
 The people.
 The expectations on me as a pastor
 Its lack of resources in both finances and personnel.
 Church attendance

Q47. Do you think that the small town church is under-represented and under-resourced by the church at large?

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	13.33% 4
Agree	46.67% 14
Neither agree nor disagree	23.33% 7
Disagree	13.33% 4
Strongly disagree	3.33% 1
Answered	30
Skipped	5

Q48. Do you think that there is a renewed interest among Christian leaders and institutions in the small town church?

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	0.00% 0
Agree	26.67% 8
Neither agree nor disagree	36.67% 11
Disagree	26.67% 8
Strongly disagree	10.00% 3
Answered	30
Skipped	5

Q49. Would an increased emphasis on rural/small town ministry by denominations, academic institutions, and national church networks and parachurch organization be effective in assisting small town churches?

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	20.00% 6
Agree	40.00% 12
Neither agree nor disagree	33.33% 10
Disagree	6.67% 2
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
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Answered	29
Skipped	5

If you agree, what is one thing they could focus on that would be helpful?

Responses (in random order)

- I do agree if it was done collaboratively
- Mission outreach to rural areas
- Focus on youth and parks
- At one time in the United Methodist Church the rural church was considered a missional priority and given financial assistance. No longer.
- Technology in ministry, new notions of ministry in a postmodern age
- How various individual churches within small communities can better communicate with each other with regard to each ones needs as well as those needs each church may have identified within the community and what they are doing.
- Helping staff small churches with strong leadership teams
- Perhaps recognizing that small churches are quite effective in producing quality spiritual leadership for the future would give incentive to post-high school Christian education that is more affordable and accessible. At present we have to send our graduates a few hundred miles away and the tuition costs are often out-of-reach. While I do not feel that our church has this need, I am seeing several small churches in our area struggle financially (especially the pastor) and it seems to me that part of a missionary outreach could include financial support of a rural church which acts like a mission outpost itself.
- Financial assistance in placing younger pastors in small churches.
- Free or low-cost resourcing/training.
- Give rural, small town ministry value and recognition; write materials specifically related to unique challenges
- Building bridges with leadership in the smaller towns. Small towns can be cliky in that they don't trust outsiders...when the big city guys do come in, the small town inhabitants often feel like they are going to be used for the big city guys publicity pictures only: "See how we helped out the little guy??"
- I doubt the national church cares enough to even try and if they did, what do they know about rural churches? We're not just a microcosm of urban and suburban church/community.
- Resource development that is designed for rural communities.
- Helping to fund reaching out to our youth.
- Providing interns from Bible Colleges to help the pastors.
- Seminaries training pastors for what they can expect in small towns and churches
- Church planting and/or fresh expressions of church
- Come and attend our services

Q50. Would low-cost regional conferences with relevant topics and speakers experienced in small town ministry be effective in assisting your local church?

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	20.00% 6
Agree	46.67% 14
Neither agree nor disagree	23.33% 7
Disagree	10.00% 3
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
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Answered	30
Skipped	5

If you agree, what is your preferred location for a gathering?

Responses (in random order)

These occur here, but at only one church. The park or a rotation of churches would be more beneficial.
 Within two hours of Crescent City
 School or Nazarene Church
 Coastal: Coos Bay or Newport. Valley: Eugene or Roseburg
 Eugene, OR; Coos Bay, OR
 If not mine (Crescent City, CA), then Grants Pass, Oregon or Eureka, California.
 Port Orford or Brookings
 Coos Bay or Gold Beach (Brookings is a reach for Coos County and Northern Curry County.)
 Conferences can really be a mixed bag; but the connections they provide can be good.
 Crescent City Cultural Center or Fairgrounds
 Open
 Since every conference is far away in a major city, it would be nice to have one closer to home
 In close driving distance.
 Gold Beach, Oregon or Brookings Oregon
 Its not the outside source that grows or keeps a church strong, its followers following Christ
 No farther than Medford to the East, Coos Bay to the north or Crescent City to the south.
 Local when possible, regionally is necessary.
 Crescent Elk Auditorium/ School
 North Bend/Coos Bay
 Either on the Oregon coast or in the Eugene/Roseburg area

Q51. Would the establishment of regional networks that create access to resources (curriculum, guest speakers, outreach and missions resources, etc.), collaboration, and encouragement be effective in assisting your local church?

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	20.69% 6
Agree	31.03% 9
Neither agree nor disagree	31.03% 9
Disagree	13.79% 4
Strongly disagree	3.45% 1
Answered	29
Skipped	6

If you agree, what specific resources or networking opportunities would be most helpful?

Responses (in random order)

Guest speakers as well as outside funding for recreational things for youth, and outreach for the poor.
 Leadership development, discipleship
 Finances to bring in more prominent guest speakers and leaders in our stream
 Help knowing resources available in other churches... having the information updated regularly
 Pulpit supply, youth outreach, worship enhancement (praise music, multimedia, etc...)
 Those that would help in the mission and ministry to young people, young adults and young families
 Media and youth ministry
 I would like to see several local churches band together to support individual missionaries which would enable a furloughed missionary to be able to stay in one place and visit the supporting churches. Meeting with local pastors for prayer and just talking about the ministry is also valuable.
 My experience over 35 years in predominantly small churches is that it is hard to be gone because often the Pastor is responsible for so much. Having access to guest speakers and musicians would be a great asset.
 All those listed.
 Training conferences
 Ministry development and educational opportunities.
 Leadership Training

Q52. Would methods of education and training for Pastors that include a focus on small town ministry and avoid the typical economic burden associated with many schools be effective in assisting your local church?

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	20.00% 6
Agree	50.00% 15
Neither agree nor disagree	20.00% 6
Disagree	10.00% 3
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Answered	30
Skipped	5

Q53. Would case studies of creative solutions and models applicable to small town ministry be effective in assisting your local church?

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	16.67% 5
Agree	56.67% 17
Neither agree nor disagree	23.33% 6
Disagree	3.33% 1
Strongly disagree	0.00% 0
Answered	30
Skipped	5

Q54. Finish this sentence: “The greatest contribution the larger Body of Christ could make to my ministry is....”

Answered	29
Skipped	6

- Responses (in random order)
- Fasting and praying and witnessing
 - A willingness to work alongside me in order to develop a variety of mission and ministry efforts to undertake together with one or two other churches or para-church organizations that would be a benefit to each.
 - All Christian magazines, etc. are generally written by people living in big cities in blue states. Thus they seem to have a bias to urban ministries and reaching liberal people. It would be nice to see some representation of rural America in the national Christian dialogue.
 - Be closer so there is not so much travel involved. Have Presbytery meetings during the week, not on Friday and Saturday.
 - Celebrating each other.
 - Education to help us keep up with modern notions of ministry to a digital generation
 - Fellowship of other pastors.
 - Finances
 - Giving us training and support to reach our small-town community.
 - Help convince the board and congregation that change IS what is best for our church.
 - Help foster further collaboration with other churches in the community
 - Helping us equip the body of Christ for works of service and evangelism.
 - Keep politics out of the church...
 - Paying for church renovations
 - Prayer
 - prayer
 - Prayer
 - Prayer
 - prayer
 - Prayer

Prayer. I know it sounds cliché. I also know its true.
 Prepare pastors for small-town ministry
 Recognize we have things to share. The Gospel and innovation is not limited to the valley.
 Take a sabbatical and come work alongside of me.
 Teamwork
 To recognize that small churches are still relevant to the Kingdom.
 Understanding that bigger is not necessarily better
 Would never happen
 Come and see us

Q55. Finish this sentence: “The greatest contribution the small town church has to make to the larger Body of Christ is....”

Answered	29
Skipped	6

Responses (in random order)

Would never happen
 We are tenacious and personal. Small town doesn't mean small ministry.
 To reach people where they are.
 To bring people to the Gospels--the actual teachings of Christ, not Paul.
 The example of perseverance in ministry, even when it is difficult
 The deep level of relationships we can establish with people.
 The ability to connect with people one on one and build relationships with the body.
 Raising and sending new missionaries, teachers and Pastors.
 Prayer
 Prayer
 People. The small rural church produces committed, godly, missional people who are valuable in ministry wherever they end up.
 Outreach
 Keeping the Gospel active and alive in all the land, sending traditional small-town values into the cities as our young people grow up and move to larger areas.
 Its determination and ability to do more than was hoped for with less than expected, both in turns of financial funds, volunteers, or skills and talents.
 It's ability to connect with people on a more personal level thru Christ-centered intimacy.
 Igniting a passion for the individual.
 Fulfilling the great commission where we are.
 Finances
 Fasting and praying and witnessing
 Everybody is important.
 Connecting people to each other as well as Jesus.
 Closeness and fellowship model
 Celebrating each other.
 Bring more people to God
 Being faithful in their walk with Christ.
 A strong understanding of community.
 A sense of stability and foundation in suburban churches where more rapid change and adaptability is needed.
 A sense of loyalty and commitment to the local body
 Money for their support

SECTION SIX - Information on the Churches that Participated in the Survey

Q56. What is your title?

Answered	30
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Responses

- Pastor
- Associate Pastor
- Minister
- Pastor
- Pastor
- Pastoral staff
- Pastor
- Ordained Minister (Pastor)
- Senior Pastor
- Pastor
- Lead Pastor
- Pastor
- Pastor
- Senior Pastor
- Pastor
- Pastor
- Lead Pastor's wife/Associate Pastor
- Pastor
- Secretary
- Pastor (Senior pastor)
- pastor
- Senior Pastor
- Pastor
- Pastor
- Pastor
- Lead Pastor
- Lead Pastor
- Pastor
- Youth Pastor
- Lay Minister

Q57. How long have you held this position?

Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 5 years	30.00% 9
5 - 10 years	16.67% 5
10 - 20 years	30.00% 9
More than 20 years	23.33% 7
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	Answered 29
	Skipped 5

Q58. What is your average Sunday morning attendance?

Answered	30
Skipped	5

Responses (sorted low - high)

25
25
30
36
45
50
50
50
50
55
60
60
80
75
75
80
100
100
125
130
145
145
145
150
175
240
350
420
500

Q59. Are you associated with a Denomination, family of churches, or other network?

Answered	30
Skipped	5

Responses (sorted A - Z)

ABC (*American Baptist Churches*)
ABC-USA (*American Baptist Churches*)
Assemblies of God
Assemblies of God
Church of the Nazarene
Conservative Baptist Association
Conservative Baptist of America
Family of Christian churches
Foursquare
Foursquare
Grace International
IFCA
Independent Christian/Churches of Christ
No

No, we are complete independent.
 Non-Denom./Calvary Chapel
 Non-denominational
 Presbyterian (USA)
 Southern Baptist
 The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
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 Through our camping program I am associated with Village Missions and by education, with NWCBA.
 United Methodist Church
 We are non denominational, we do have a network of sister churches that have been planted all across the U.S.
 Yes
 Yes
 Yes
 Yes
 Yes
 Yes ELCA (*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*)

Q60. Do you and/or your church participate in any wider local ministerial association or organization (formal or informal)?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	75.86% 22
No	24.14% 7
If yes, describe	21
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Answered	30
Skipped	5

If yes, describe

Responses (in random order)

Informally we give to a college and church planting organization Oregon Christian Evangelistic Fellowship
 A few Local Pastors get together once a month.
 City ministerial assoc., denominational district events
 Monthly prayer meeting with all the churches. Pastoral lunches
 I get together with another local pastor for prayer and chewing the fat. I attend denominational meetings in distant communities as often as possible.
 The United Methodist Church is connected in districts and sub districts with association encouraged.
 Local Bandon Ministerial Association (I am the current president); loose affiliation with the regional ABC-Central Pacific Coast organization, although haven't attended many of their meetings due to travel time restrictions
 Interfaith Fellowship Council, Crescent City
 I meet monthly with the pastor of (*a local church*) in Port Orford
 A small group of Bandon pastors for prayer and local Village Missions churches in our camping program.
 I participate in the Interfaith Fellowship Council which is a group tasked with providing community service opportunities for the faith community and others. We have had local ministerial gatherings in the past but they are very infrequent now, and sparsely attended.
 We work with likeminded churches & organizations out of the area in the mission field
 Lower Umpqua Ministerial Association
 The evangelical pastors of our town get together to pray and catch up on things.
 We actively participate in our sectional and District events
 Gold Beach pastoral association
 All the churches in our town, no matter the denomination
 Meet with other local Bible teaching Pastors monthly
 Church members represent us at Synod and General Assembly
 Local churches gather for Pray Oregon Coast events.
 Camp Fircroft Association; Lower Umpqua Ministerial Association; Myrtlewood Association of CBNW

Q61. How would you describe the demographic of your congregation?

Answered 29
 Skipped 6

Responses (in random order)

- 60 and older. More younger people coming, but hard to keep them.
- Mostly 70+, about 2/3 women and 1/3 men
- A mixture of old and young.
- Coastal low to mid economic; Majority over 60.
- 35-80, white, low to mid income.
- Middle class, educated for the community. Lots of retirees from government work (law enforcement, city/county/state positions), teachers,
- We are primarily an older white congregation with many in their 80s and 90s. Some of those are from the Tolowa tribe. The 'younger people' are in their 50s and 60s. The children and youth are generally grandchildren of members.
- Retirement age
- 95% White, 5% Other70% Professional, semi-Retired or Retired
- Fisherman, low-income families, retired seniors
- We have a strong High School ministry a congregation that covers all age groups but is probably heaviest in the 40-60 zone.
- We are an aging congregation with only a handful of people under the age of 50.
- Older women and young families with children.
- Age? Gender? Employed? Professionals?
- Very evenly spread across the board.
- Mainly Caucasian with a few ethnic groups mixed in. We have a good mix of young families as well as Middle Aged and elderly.
- Middle age and older
- All old people, not enough youth
- Middle aged, primarily white
- All ages and back ground and income
- Middle Aged, middle class
- Older middle class
- Predominantly white
- Aging with some younger people. Multi-racial
- Older, middle class for our rural economy, limited education (HS diploma).
- Multi-generational
- Caucasian with a nice mix of ages.
- It has gotten better, but for several years we were completely missing a generation between the ages of 40-55. We have a lot over 60, and a lot of young kids and their parents, but not much in between.
- Diverse mix of older retirees and young to middle-aged working class families.

Q62. What percentage of your congregation is older than 60 years old?

Answer Choices	Responses
0% - 50%	40.00% 12
50% - 75%	40.00% 12
More than 75%	20.00% 6
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	Answered 30
	Skipped 5

Q63. What do you consider your "community" or the scope of your ministry area? In other words, what town/area/region do your attendees come from?

Answered	29
Skipped	6

Responses (in random order)

Crescent City
A lot of retirees from California. We are hoping to change the scope of influence to young families.

Crescent City & Gasquet & Brookings
Many retired blue collar and working blue collar.

Lakeside to Florence
Coos Bay and North Bend
Del Norte County, primarily, some from Brookings
Smith River and surrounding small towns, Harbor-Brookings.
Mostly local (Bandon), some from the surrounding Coos County
Del Norte County, California
Reedsport
Port Orford, Sixes
Bandon-Langlois-Port Orford
Crescent City proper, and people from the Bertch Tract to Smith River.
Del Norte County (Klamath, Crescent City, Smith River)
Crescent City & Brookings
10-15 mile radius. A few come from Brookings and Agness
Del Norte County
Crescent City, Brookings Oregon, Smith River, Hiouchi
Downtown and country
Brookings Oregon to Port Orford Oregon (54 miles point - point; rural area)
Coos Bay/North Bend
Reedsport
Pistol River to the south, Agness to the east and Nesika Beach to the north.
Hiouchi, Gasquet, Smith River, Crescent City
Del Norte County
North Bend/Coos Bay
Few live in Winchester Bay, where the church is located. Most live up the Smith River or Umpqua River, or in Reedsport or Lakeside
Crescent City, Brookings-Harbor, Pistol River, Gold Beach.

Q64. If people in your town want to go shopping or get sophisticated medical care they will travel to what city or larger town?

Answered	30
Skipped	5

Responses (sorted A - Z)

30 min for a hospital. 2 hours for specialty care and shopping

Coos Bay
Coos Bay
Coos Bay
Coos Bay or Eugene
Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford
Coos Bay, Oregon (or sometimes Eugene, Oregon)
Coos Bay/North Bend, Florence, Roseburg, or Eugene
Eugene
Eugene

Eugene
 Eugene or Coos Bay
 Eugene or Portland
 Eureka, Grants Pass/Medford, Redding, San Francisco/Bay Area.
 Grants Pass and Medford Oregon
 Grants Pass or Medford
 Medford
 Medford
 Medford
 Medford and Eureka
 Medford or Eugene
 Medford or Grants Pass Oregon
 Medford or Grants Pass, OR
 Medford, OR or Eureka, CA
 Medford, Oregon
 Medford, Oregon
 Medford/Grants Pass
 Eureka
 Medford/Grants Pass, Oregon
 Possibly Coos Bay. Most likely Medford, Oregon (3 hours 1 way).
 Shopping is in Crescent City or Brookings, Medical Care is in Grants Pass or Medford.

Q65. Are you interested in learning from our analysis and evaluation of the information gathered through this survey?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	86.67% 26
No	13.33% 4
	<hr/> Answered 30
	Skipped 5

Q66. Could the researcher contact you to ask follow up questions based on your survey responses?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	68.97% 20
No	31.03% 9
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	Skipped 6