

## Survey Results

A survey was taken by the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ Minneapolis to gauge priorities of the congregation. For purposes of reporting survey results, we combined some categories from the survey. Following are the categories:

### Categories

1. Spiritual Growth and Fellowship / Spiritual Care (combined these two (2) categories)
2. Advocacy / Outreach (combined these two (2) categories)
3. Worship
4. Springhouse
5. Logistics (integrated into other categories)

First Christian Church Disciples of Christ Minneapolis is a church of Marthas (service) and Marys (spiritual growth) who value worship and preaching that is relevant to today's world, welcoming all individuals to worship and to the communion table. Come and be fed and reach out and be of service. First Christian values the hybrid worship format of in-person and online spaces.

The narrative budget committee saw the survey categories as having 5 themes represented by the couplings below which we call the "5Rs."

- 1) Respect and Receive
- 2) Resonate and Reflect
- 3) Revere and Rejoice
- 4) Reach Out and Raise Awareness
- 5) Reinvent and Revel

1. As Christ's ambassadors, **WE "RESPECT"** God and God's creation and **WE "RECEIVE"** all God's children by welcoming, affirming and embracing all individuals of any background, ability, economic status, ethnicity, culture, race, gender identity or sexual orientation, including people of all identities without reservation in full fellowship and leadership in our church.

*[This was not a survey category, but a pervasive theme that ran through the survey categories and is a part of our Mission Statement]*

27. Bringing a message of Christ's radical, inclusive love to the world	229
19. A commitment to diversity in our worship, leadership, and community involvement	213
20. A commitment to recognizing and dismantling white supremacy	207
23. Participation in Pride and LGBTQ+ youth events	189
12. Social justice education online (such as the Action Project, Voice 2022, regional programs)	171

17. Pastoral staff representing us at protests, rallies and at the State capitol	154
45. Universal Communication (Meetings conducted on Zoom) <i>[All survey categories use Zoom]</i>	232
2. Like Mary, who sought to hear Jesus, <b>WE “REFLECT”</b> and <b>WE “RESONATE”</b> on God’s word honoring freedom of belief, celebrating our differences and being united by Christ while we listen, share, nurture and play in fellowship with each other. <i>[Spiritual Growth and Fellowship / Spiritual Care categories]</i>	
15. Emergency care support by pastoral staff	202
1. Fellowship gatherings/activities for the whole church, such as sabbatical activities	197
10. Disciples camps for children & youth	192
14. Care visits by pastoral staff	174
16. Pastoral counseling with pastoral staff	164
18. Pastoral staff’s leadership in regional and national disciples work	164
7. Online coffee hours/happy hours	157
11. Adult education	156
8. Celebrating long-term memberships, birthdays and anniversaries	155
4. Women’s fellowship	150
13. Care visits by elders	147
3. As disciples, <b>WE “REVERE”</b> God through worship, prayer, ministering to each other and the body of Christ, and <b>WE “REJOICE”</b> at its impact. <i>[Worship category from the survey]</i>	
39. A high quality, inviting live streamed worship	226
35. Welcoming worship space for in-person/on-site worship	219
37. Streaming our worship services at home, instead of coming to SpringHouse	214
28. Worship service elements that make the bible applicable for today’s world.	203
29. Worship service elements that make the bible relevant for your life.	199
36. Worshipping in the sanctuary in community with other people	198
33. Lay involvement in worship service planning	197
31. Worship music provided by our members through choirs and handbells	196
30. Worship music provided by paid professionals	175
32. Special guest musicians (brass band, Dixieland band, jazz band...)	169
9. Children’s sermon, activity table, Sunday school	167
38. Ability to attend our live-streamed worship in small groups, outside of SpringHouse	152

34. Worship services based on themed worship series	123
4. Like Martha, who sought to be of service, <b>WE “REACH OUT”</b> as disciples of Jesus Christ who actively care for people by serving the local and global community, especially where there is hunger, suffering and brokenness; and <b>WE “RAISE AWARENESS”</b> by advocating for others and bringing the message of Christ’s radical inclusive love to the world. <i>[Advocacy and Outreach categories from the survey]</i>	
21. Hands-on outreach projects (Every Meal, sandwich making, Bags of Grace, etc.	205
26. Our visibility to the community in new ways, as well as our website and a social media presence	203
22. Special outreach collections (food, school supplies, clothing and bedding	199
24. A percentage of our church budget (tithe) devoted to outreach giving	199
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25. Servant trips (domestic/international)	161
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6. FCC & Friends Book Group	133
3. Small group bible study	131
5. Men’s fellowship	110
5. Like Jesus, <b>WE “REVEL”</b> and <b>WE “REINVENT”</b> in what it means to be in ecumenical ministry and mission through our shared worship and community spaces at SpringHouse Ministry Center. <i>[Springhouse category]</i>	
42. Shared children’s and youth ministries with other SpringHouse congregations	195
46. Parking near the church	187
43. Shared activities with other SpringHouse congregations (gardening, Open Streets, Green Team)	174
44. Share fellowship hour with other SpringHouse churches	172
2. Creative, new small group fellowship opportunities( grief support)	165
40. Joint worship services at SpringHouse	155
47. Driving distance to/from church for members and visitors	150
42. Joint worship in the park	140