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SUMMARY: The National Congregations Survey (NCS) elicited from
respondents a description of their religious congregation,
including its membership, the content of its worship service, and
its other activities. NCS sample congregations were selected using
hypernetwork sampling: respondents of the 1998 General Social
Survey (GSS) who said that they attended religious services at
least once a year were asked to report the name and location of
their congregation, as well as an informed contact person. These
congregations comprised the sample for the current study.
Interviews with congregational informants took place via telephone
(92 percent), or in person, if necessary. Most of the informants
were clergy. Respondents were asked to describe their position, the
year the congregation had been founded, when it began worshipping
in its current location, and whether it was formally affiliated
with a denomination or a local association of congregations.
Informants also described the type of building the congregation met
in, whether it belonged to the congregation, and whether visitors
came just to view the building's architecture or artwork.
Respondents were asked for the number of the congregation's members
and participating nonmembers and full- and part-time staff, how
many participated regularly, the number of worship services, and
the demographic characteristics of members and the congregation's
head or senior leader. Respondents described the worship service,
including the length, languages used, and attendance, and whether
the congregation sang, engaged in silent prayer or meditation,
applauded, used incense in the services, or worshipped jointly with
another congregation, among other activities. Informants listed and
described programs sponsored by the congregation other than the
main worship services, including religious education classes;
musical groups; groups meeting around social justice, neighborhood,
or community issues; vacation or summer religious schools; and
groups to help people with substance abuse problems. Informants
indicated whether meetings for purposes such as discussing people's
problems or concerns at work, praying or meditating, discussing
race relations, or taking an overnight trip had occurred in the
past 12 months. Respondents also described the congregation's
participation in social service, community development, or
neighborhood organizing projects such as disaster relief programs,
programs for victims of rape or domestic violence, cleaning
highways or parks, programs focused on physical health needs, and
recreational programs. Informants described the congregation's
budget, the source of its funding, and recipients of the

congregation's funds. In addition, informants were asked to describe the congregation's political and theological leanings from "more on the conservative side" to "more on the liberal side," and whether the congregation had rules or norms governing certain behaviors. Nearly all congregations were placed within a census tract, enabling the inclusion of selected census variables in the data file. Two weights are also included in this study: one that gives a greater weight to congregations that received multiple nominations from GSS respondents, and one that adjusts for over-representation of larger congregations.

UNIVERSE: United States religious congregations.

SAMPLING: A representative sample of United States congregations was collected using a hypernetwork sampling technique. Respondents to the 1998 General Social Survey were asked to name the congregation at which they attended religious services. The congregations nominated by these respondents comprise the NCS sample.

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The National Congregations Study: General Methodological Background

It may seem odd that, even though we have known for decades how to draw high quality national samples of individuals, and even though there have been good national samples of some types of organizations at least since the 1980s, as of the late 1990s there was no high-quality national survey of congregations. There is, however, a straightforward reason that sampling congregations lagged behind sampling other types of organizations: there is no adequate sampling frame--no comprehensive list of American congregations--from which to randomly select a nationally representative sample of congregations. Some denominations have nearly comprehensive lists of associated congregations, but many do not and, of course, no set of denominational lists will include congregations affiliated with no denomination. Telephone books also are problematic sampling frames for congregations. Yellow Page listings miss as many as 20 percent of congregations in some areas, and the subset of listed congregations is not, of course, a random one (Becker and Chaves 2000; cf. Kalleberg et al. 1990).[1] The absence of a comprehensive list of congregations has been a formidable obstacle in the road leading to a nationally representative sample of congregations and the basic knowledge that could be produced by surveying such a sample.

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[1]Independent Sector's 1992 study represents the one major effort to draw a nationally representative sample of congregations using telephone books as the sampling frame. This is a laudable effort, and there is much useful information in the Independent Sector data (Hodgkinson and Weitzman 1992). At the same time, the combination of a telephone book sampling frame and low response rate (19 percent) makes this sample substantially biased towards large congregations.

The National Congregations Study (NCS) overcame this obstacle by using a recent innovation in organizational sampling technology. The key methodological innovation behind the NCS is the insight that organizations attached to a random sample of individuals constitute a random sample of organizations. It therefore is possible to generate a representative sample of organizations even in the absence of a sampling frame that comprehensively lists the units in the organizational population. One simply starts with a random sample of individuals and asks them to name the organization(s) to which they are attached.[2]

The NCS is the first study implementing this sampling strategy for congregations. This section of the codebook briefly describes key features of NCS methodology and the data that it has produced. The NCS is methodologically innovative, and fully appreciating its substantive contributions requires understanding certain features of these data. Still, this discussion of NCS methodology assumes no special expertise either in sampling or in survey research.[3]

Generating the NCS Sample

Generating a hypernetwork sample of organizations requires starting with a random sample of individuals. The NCS was conducted in conjunction with the 1998 General Social Survey (GSS)--an in-person interview with a representative sample of English-speaking adults in

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[2]This procedure--called hypernetwork or multiplicity sampling--was described in McPherson (1982), and it has been used to sample both employing organizations (Kalleberg et al. 1996; Bridges and Villemez 1994; Parcel et al. 1991) and voluntary associations (McPherson 1983).

[3]Readers who want more methodological detail than is provided here may see Chaves et al. (1999).

the United States, conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago (Davis et al. 1998). The 1998 GSS asked respondents who say they attend religious services at least once a year to report the name and location of their religious congregation. The congregations named by these respondents constitute the NCS congregational sample.

Pretesting indicated that, as Spaeth and O'Rourke (1996:43) suggest, it would not have been worthwhile to allow respondents to name more than one congregation, nor to ask for the congregation of a respondent's spouse if he or she attended one different from that of the respondent. Very few pretest respondents attended regularly at more than one place, and very few had spouses who attended somewhere different. Moreover, when there was a spouse who attended a different congregation than did the respondent, there was a substantial drop-off in the quality of contact information that a respondent could provide about a spouse's congregation. Allowing multiple or spousal congregation nominations thus would have introduced considerable complexity in both data collection and sample properties without substantial gain in sample size.

The Probability-Proportional-to-Size Feature of the NCS Sample

The probability that a congregation will appear in this sample is proportional to its size. Because congregations are nominated by individuals attached to them, larger congregations are more likely to be in the sample than smaller congregations. Also, because the GSS sometimes interviews multiple people in the same neighborhood, some congregations are nominated by more than one GSS respondent. Weighted only to account for duplicate nominations, NCS data describe distributions of religious service attenders across congregations of different types. When the data are weighted inversely proportional to congregational size, univariate

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distributions represent distributions of congregations without respect to how many people are in them. Both of these distributions often will be substantively interesting. The key methodological point is that, although larger congregations are overrepresented in the NCS sample, they are overrepresented by a known degree, and that overrepresentation can therefore be undone with weights. The next section in this codebook describes how to use the relevant weights.

Collecting NCS Data

The GSS is a face-to-face interview conducted by experienced and well-trained interviewers who were instructed to glean from respondents as much locational information about their congregations as possible. NCS data were collected using the same interviewers who collected data from GSS respondents. This meant that, when turning to collection of the congregational data, the interviewer was on site and was better able to locate the congregations named by GSS respondents, identify an informed leader to interview, and follow-up with an in-person visit if telephone contact failed to yield a completed questionnaire. Using the same field staff also permitted recontacting GSS respondents in cases where additional locational information about congregations was needed. We attribute much of the success of NCS data collection to this administrative integration of the individual- and organization-level data collection efforts, and we strongly endorse Spaeth and O'Rourke's (1996:42-43) recommendation to conduct hypernetwork organizational studies in such an integrated fashion.

Once the congregational sample was generated, nominated congregations were located, and the NCS gathered congregational data using a one-hour interview with one key informant--a minister, priest, rabbi, or other staff person or leader--from each nominated congregation.

Three-quarters of NCS interviews were with clergy; 91% were with staff of some sort; the

remaining 9% were with non-staff congregational leaders. Every effort was made to conduct

these interviews by telephone, but we followed-up with face-to-face visits if telephone contact

was difficult. Ninety-two percent of the interviews were completed by phone. The NCS

response rate is 80%; complete data were collected from 1236 congregations.[4]

NCS Measurement Strategy

The most important general methodological issue confronted in constructing the NCS

questionnaire involved the validity and reliability consequences of relying on a single key

informant to report a congregation's characteristics. What congregational characteristics is it

reasonable to expect a single organizational informant to report validly and reliably? What

congregational characteristics is it best to avoid trying to measure by this method? Three general

research findings guided questionnaire construction. First, social psychologists consistently find

that people are biased reporters of the beliefs and attitudes of other individuals in that they

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[4]The 80% response rate for the NCS is calculated using the conservative "RR3" method

recommended by the American Association for Public Opinion Research (1998:18-19). This

rate includes in the denominator the number of congregations of unknown sample eligibility that

we estimate would have been eligible for sample inclusion if we had complete information. If

we assume that *all* congregations of unknown eligibility would be eligible for sample inclusion,

and therefore include all of the (126) eligibility-unknown congregations in the denominator of

the response rate, the NCS response rate still would be 77%. (This is the "minimum response

rate" as defined by the American Association for Public Opinion Research.) Our cooperation

rate--the percentage of congregations contacted who participated in the NCS--was 85%.

systematically over-estimate the extent to which other individuals share the informant's own views (Ross, Greene, and House 1976; Marks and Miller 1987). This "false consensus effect" persists even when people are given objective information about the attitudes and beliefs of the group about which they are asked to report (Krueger and Clement 1994) and, important for relating this research tradition to reporting about congregations, the bias is *stronger* when individuals are asked to report about groups or aggregates with which they identify or of which they are a part (Mullen, Dovidio, Johnson, and Copper 1992). The false consensus bias is evident even when informants report about their friends' beliefs or attitudes (Marks and Miller 1987:76).

Second, organizational sociology has shown that organizations do not always have unified and cohesive goals, identities, missions, or cultures (Scott 1992, Chapter 11). Different subsets of employees or members, different cliques, and people involved in different parts of the organization may have different, sometimes conflicting, goals, and different subsets of people within the same organization may see the organization's mission in very different ways. There might, of course, be official and formal goals or missions, and a key informant would be in a position to report the content of such official goals, but the likelihood of variation inside organizations regarding goals, missions, and identities makes it problematic to seek a key informant's judgment about organizational goals or missions other than formal and official ones. Questions about organizational goals or missions assume the existence of clear goals, missions, or collective identities, and such an assumption may or may not be justified. In a situation where goals are ambiguous or contested or variable, an informant's judgment about an organization's goals or mission is likely to represent the informant's interpretation of a complex reality rather than a more or less publicly available cultural fact about the congregation.

Third, in one of the few attempts to compare different methods of measuring characteristics of voluntary associations, McPherson and Rotolo (1995) measured four different characteristics (size, sex composition, age composition, and educational composition) by three different methods (reports from a group official, reports from a randomly chosen respondent to a survey, and direct observation of a group meeting). They found very high correlations (between .8 and .9) among all three logged measures of size and sex composition, and only slightly smaller correlations between the leader report and direct observation for age and educational composition (.73 and .77, respectively). They conclude that, for these four variables, "reports from an officer are just as reliable as direct-canvass measures and could reasonably be substituted for the latter" (McPherson and Rotolo 1995:1114).[5] Marsden and Rohrer (2001) find that key informant reports of organizational size and age are more reliable for single-site organizations (such as congregations), and when the key informant is in a leadership position.

This literature validates several key aspects of NCS questionnaire construction and data collection strategy. From the false-consensus literature: key informants will not be very good at validly reporting the values, opinions, and beliefs of congregants. From the sociological

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[5]Half of the GSS respondents who named a congregation were also asked, "About how many members does this congregation have?" When both the GSS respondent's size report and the NCS informant's size report are logged, the two reports are correlated at about .7. Logging is appropriate because a constant, say, 10% discrepancy between two reports implies a much bigger discrepancy in absolute value among larger congregations (where one report might say 1000 people and another 1100 people) than among smaller congregations (where one report might say 100 people and another 110 people). Logging the size estimates treats the percentage difference between the two estimates as more important than the absolute value difference.

literature on organizational goals: informants also will be unreliable reporters of a congregation's aggregate or overall goal or mission. On the positive side, from the research on key informant reporting: key informants, especially clergy, will be very good at reporting more or less directly observable features of the congregation and its people. Hence, the NCS questionnaire includes very few items, common in other key informant surveys of congregations, that asked the informant to report on congregants' goals, beliefs, values, or other aspects of their internal lives.[6] Nor does it include many items asking informants to describe, without tangible referents, general congregational goals or identities or missions.[7] Instead, almost all NCS items ask the informant to report on more or less directly observable aspects of a congregation, and NCS interviewers attempted whenever possible to use clergy as the key informant. Of course, restricting NCS questionnaire content largely to reports of more or less directly observable characteristics does not eliminate all threats to measurement validity and reliability. This restriction does, however, reduce certain kinds of known threats to validity and reliability. In a context where there were many more potential items to include than time to include them, this restriction seemed a sensible one to invoke, especially since the resulting questionnaire still generates rich data on a wide range of subjects.

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[6]We did not, for example, include items of the form, "How true is it that members/participants of your congregation are very excited and enthusiastic about the congregation's future?" or "How true is it that your congregation feels like one large, close-knit family?"

[7]We did not, for example, include items of the form, "How important is it to your congregation's sense of mission that you provide a close, family-like atmosphere?" or "How important is it to your congregation's sense of mission that you help the poor and those in need?"

Responses to Open-Ended Questions

The NCS included many open-ended items. Because the verbatim responses sometimes contain information identifying the congregation, the verbatim responses themselves are not included in the public data set. However, the NCS research team coded these verbatim responses into sets of variables, many of which are included here. Researchers interested in working directly with the verbatim responses should contact the Principal Investigator to arrange access.

Appending Census Tract Data

After congregational data were collected, geographical information software was used to identify each congregation's census tract. Census tract data from the 1990 United States Census was then appended to each congregation's data record. We were able to place all but one congregation in its census tract.

Concerns about respondent anonymity prevent us from including all of the detailed census variables on the public version of the NCS dataset. The public dataset includes only six variables based on each congregation's census tract. These variables are included at the end of the dataset and described at the end of the codebook. Researchers interested in additional census variables or in more detailed versions of these six census variables should contact the Principal Investigator to arrange access.

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Understanding the Probability-Proportional-to-Size Feature of the NCS Sample:

Using WEIGHT1 and WEIGHT2

This section describes in more detail an important feature of the National Congregations Study (NCS) sample. It is intended to clarify the meaning of NCS results when various weights, or no weights, are applied.

The probability that a congregation will appear in this sample is proportional to its size. Because congregations entered this sample by virtue of nomination by individuals attached to them, larger congregations are more likely to be in the sample than smaller congregations. Additionally, because congregations were nominated by individuals who were themselves sampled in clusters, some congregations were nominated by more than one respondent. WEIGHT1 allows congregations nominated by more than one respondent to count for more. It simply weights each case by the number of times it was nominated, adjusting so that the total N is still 1236. Whether or not one should use this weight depends on how one assesses the assumption that, if the individuals who provided duplicate congregational nominations lived in other places, they still would attend a congregation which is in important respects like the one they currently attend. If this assumption is reasonable, then WEIGHT1 should be used; if this assumption is not reasonable, WEIGHT1 probably should not be used.

Left unweighted (or weighted by WEIGHT1), univariate statistics from the NCS thus describe the characteristics of congregations in terms of the *number of people* in congregations with those characteristics. In this case, each churchgoer is given equal weight.

When the data are weighted inversely proportional to congregational size, however, each congregation is given equal weight, regardless of its size. WEIGHT2 accomplishes this by

weighting each case inversely proportional to the number of regularly participating adults (NUMADLTS), adjusting so that the total N is still 1236. When this weight is applied, univariate statistics describe the characteristics of congregations in terms of the *number of congregations* with those characteristics. Often, both of these numbers will be substantively interesting. The key point is that, although larger congregations are overrepresented in the NCS sample, they are overrepresented by a known degree, and that overrepresentation is undone with WEIGHT2.

A contrived example may help clarify this very important feature of the NCS sample. Suppose that there are only two congregations in the universe, one with 1000 regular attenders and the other with 100 regular attenders. Suppose further that the 1000-person congregation runs a child-care center and the 100-person congregation does not. We might express this reality in one of two ways. We might say that 91% of the people are in a congregation that provides child-care (1000/1100), or we might say that 50% of the congregations provide child-care (1/2). It should be clear that both of these are meaningful numbers, and both are numbers we might want to know.

A very attractive feature of the NCS is that it can provide both sorts of numbers. Left unweighted (or weighted by WEIGHT1), a percentage or mean from the NCS will be analogous to the 91% in this example. When the data are weighted by WEIGHT2, NCS univariate statistics are analogous to the 50% in this example.

When an unweighted percentage (or one generated using WEIGHT1) is bigger than a percentage generated with WEIGHT2, as in this example, that means that larger congregations are more likely to have this characteristic. When the first percentage is bigger, smaller congregations are more likely to have the characteristic. When the two percentages are the same, the characteristic is unrelated to size.

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Variables and Codes

Variable names are in CAPS. The question numbers (Q5, Q6, etc.) refer to item numbers in the NCS questionnaire. The questions are reproduced here exactly as they appeared in the questionnaire. Clarifying remarks on items or coding are included on variables for which they are necessary. Variable names are left-justified under the appropriate survey question.

The following missing data values are used throughout:

> **.** = Legitimate skip
> -1 = Refused
> -2 = Don't know
> -3 = All other missing data (some legitimate skips may be coded -3)

CASEID   Case number

REGION   Region in which congregation is located

> 1 = New England
> 2 = Middle Atlantic
> 3 = East North Central
> 4 = West North Central
> 5 = South Atlantic
> 6 = East South Central
> 7 = West South Central
> 8 = Mountain
> 9 = Pacific

> Remarks: See *Statistical Abstracts* (any edition), U.S. Bureau of the Census, for a list of states within regions.

Q5.   What is your position in this congregation?

POS1
> 1 = Pastor or co-pastor
> 2 = Senior (head) pastor or minister
> 3 = Administrative pastor/Administrator
> 4 = Interim pastor or administrator
> 5 = Pastoral coordinator
> 6 = Associate, assistant or junior pastor
> 7 = Bishop
> 8 = Vicar

9 = Rector
10 = Rabbi
11 = Priest
12 = Director or Executive Director
13 = Pastoral associate
14 = Director of religious education
15 = Other ministerial staff
16 = Secretary, clerk or receptionist
17 = Office manager or administrative assistant
18 = Business or operations manager
19 = Vice President of Operations
20 = Other administrative or managerial staff
21 = Elder or presiding elder, overseer
22 = Congregation president
23 = Member, chair, or trustee of executive board
25 = Lay leader
26 = Congregation member
27 = Pastor's spouse
28 = Intern or seminarian
29 = Minister in residence
30 = Imam
31 = Minister, clergy or reverend
32 = State representative or other regional clergy or adminstrator
33 = Bishop's counselor
34 = Warden
35 = Other
36 = Can't tell
37 = Deacon
38 = Administrative secretary
39 = Assistant to pastor

Remarks: This variable was coded from verbatim responses to Q5. It identifies the position of the key informant who reported on the congregation's characteristics.

Q6.   In what year was your congregation officially founded?

FOUNDED   4 digit year

Q7.   In what year did your congregation begin worshiping at its current location?

STRTWRSH   4 digit year

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Q8.   Is your congregation formally affiliated with a denomination, convention, or some
            similar kind of association?

HAVEDEN   1 = Yes
                     2 = No

        Remarks: This variable is coded 1 for congregations that we knew to be affiliated with a
                 denomination even if the informant responded "No" to Q8.

Q8a.   [IF Q8=1] Please tell me the names of *all* denominations or other associations that
             your congregation belongs to.

        Remarks: This question was asked only if Q8=1. Several denomination and religious
                 tradition variables were constructed from the verbatim responses to Q8a and
                 from other information. Four such variables are included on the public data
                 set:

                 (1) DENOM1 codes each congregation's denomination, either as reported in
                 Q8a or, in some cases, from other sources.

                 (2) TRAD codes each congregation's religious tradition, without respect to
                 formal affiliation with a denomination. For most congregations,
                 TRAD=DENOM1. However, for congregations that did not report affiliation
                 with a denomination, we sometimes were able to use other information (for
                 example, the congregation's name) to identify the congregation's religious
                 tradition. TRAD, therefore, may assign a congregation to a tradition even if
                 Q8=2.

                 (3) DENCODE3 combines the information from DENOM1 and TRAD to
                 create an aggregated religious family variable. Note that DENCODE3 places
                 congregations in a category if the religious tradition of the congregation was
                 clear, even if Q8=2. This coding mainly affected independent Baptist
                 congregations, which are in the Baptist category on DENCODE3 even if they
                 report no formal affiliation on Q8.

                 (4) TRAD2 uses DENCODE3 and TRAD to create a highly aggregated
                 religious tradition variable of the sort often used in analyses. TRAD2 is not
                 simply a recode of DENCODE3.

                 DENOM1 and TRAD can be used to construct aggregated religious family
                 variables other than the ones we have constructed.

DENOM1   Denominational Affiliation

2 = Catholic
3 = Orthodox Judaism
4 = Conservative Judaism
5 = Reform Judaism
6 = Judaism, unspecified
8 = Moravian
9 = Christian and Missionary Alliance
11 = American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.
12 = National Baptist Convention of America
13 = National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.
14 = Southern Baptist Convention
15 = National Baptist
16 = National Association of Free Will Baptists
17 = Baptist, unspecified
18 = Baptist Churches Association of America
19 = Independent Baptist Churches
20 = African Methodist Episcopal
21 = African Methodist Episcopal Zion
22 = United Methodist
23 = Church of The United Brethren in Christ
24 = International Pentecostal Church of Christ
30 = Lutheran, Unspecified
31 = Association of Free Lutheran Congregations
32 = Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
33 = Evangelical Lutheran Church Wisconsin Synod
35 = Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
36 = Churches of God
37 = Church of God in Christ
40 = Presbyterian Church of America
41 = Evangelical Presbyterian Church
42 = Cumberland Presbyterian Church
43 = Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
44 = Disciples of Christ
45 = Evangelical Church
46 = Evangelical Reformed
47 = Evangelical Free Church
48 = Elim Fellowship
49 = Christian Church of North America General Council
50 = Episcopal Church
51 = Reformed Episcopal Church
52 = Full Gospel
53 = Foursquare Gospel
54 = Baptist Bible Fellowship
55 = Free Methodist Church

58 = Jehovah's Witness
59 = Mormons, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS)
61 = Reorganized LDS
62 = General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches
63 = Conservative Mennonite Conference
64 = Mennonite Church
65 = Church of The Nazarene
66 = Pentecostal Assemblies of the World
67 = Pentecostal Church of God
68 = United Church of Religious Science
69 = Pentecostal Holiness
70 = United Pentecostal Council
77 = Seventh Day Adventists
80 = Unitarian Universalist
81 = United Church of Christ
83 = Wesleyan
93 = National Missionary Baptist
95 = Unity Church
97 = Calvary Chapel
100 = Fellowship of Grace Brethren
101 = Church of The Living God
102 = Divine Science
119 = Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)
120 = Pentecostal, unspecified
133 = Primitive Baptist
134 = Independent Fundamental Church of America
138 = Worldwide Apostolic Church
145 = Restoration Movement
148 = National Spiritualist Association
149 = Assemblies of God
152 = Church of the Brethren
157 = Christian Reformed
158 = Church of Christ Scientist
159 = Congregational Christian Churches
161 = Evangelical Covenant
162 = Reformed Church in America
163 = Progressive National Baptist Convention
164 = General Association of Regular Baptist Churches
165 = Baptist General Conference
166 = Church of Christ
167 = Churches of Christ
171 = Apostolic
172 = Church of Lutheran Brethren
173 = Holy Church of Deliverance
174 = Fellowship of Inner City Word of Faith Ministry
175 = Evangelistic Church and Mission Association

176 = Willow Creek Association
177 = Morning Star International Ministries
178 = Christian Evangelistic Assembly
179 = Ukrainian Orthodox
180 = Sunni Orthodox
181 = Greek Orthodox
182 = Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
183 = Conservative Baptist Association of America
184 = Baptist Missionary Association of America
185 = Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)
186 = Orthodox Church in America
187 = Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus Service
188 = Independent Christian Church Association
189 = Armenian
190 = Church of God
191 = North American Baptist Conference
192 = Independent Assemblies
193 = Christian Evangelistic Assemblies
194 = North American Christian Convention
195 = Masonic Temple
196 = Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches
197 = Islamic
198 = Buddhist
199 = Evangelical Missions Foundation
200 = Hindu
300 = Unspecified Christian
333 = Interdenominational

TRAD   Religious tradition (see above Remarks for details on variable
                construction)

1 = Same value as for DENOM1
2 = Can't tell
3 = Baptist
4 = Pentecostal
5 = Lutheran
6 = Apostolic
12 = Muslim
15 = Church of Christ
16 = Reform Judaism
17 = Congregational
18 = Sikh
22 = Seventh Day Adventist
23 = Jehovah's Witness
24 = Scientology
26 = Hindu

34 = Calvary Chapel
35 = Mormons, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS)
36 = Catholic
37 = Presbyterian
38 = Church of God
39 = First Spiritualist
40 = Christian, not otherwise specified
41 = Non-Christian, Non-Jewish, not otherwise specified

DENCODE3   Denominational Affiliation (see above Remarks for details on variable construction)

0 = No identifiable tradition
1 = Roman Catholic
2 = Baptist
6 = Methodist
9 = Lutheran
12 = Presbyterian or Reformed
14 = Pentecostal
17 = Other moderate or liberal Protestants
18 = Episcopal Church
22 = Other conservative, evangelical, or sectarian Protestants
23 = Other Christian, not otherwise specified
24 = Non-Christian

TRAD2   Religious Tradition (see above Remarks for details on variable construction)

0 = No identifiable tradition
1 = Roman Catholic
2 = White conservative, evangelical, or fundamentalist
3 = Black Christian
4 = White liberal or moderate
5 = Other Christian
6 = Non-Christian

Remarks: On this variable "Black Christian" (TRAD2=3) means affiliated with one of the seven major *denominations* that are predominantly African American. Predominantly African American congregations affiliated with predominantly white denominations are coded with their relevant religious tradition; they are not coded 3 on TRAD2.

Q9.   Is your congregation affiliated with any local association of congregations such as a local council of churches?

LOCALAFF   1 = Yes
                  2 = No

   Remarks: The skip instruction attached to Q8 was incorrect. When Q8=2, informants should have been asked Q9, but instead interviewers were directed to Q10. Because of this error, Q9 was asked only of congregations who reported an affiliation with a denomination. LOCALAFF therefore should be used with caution and interpreted appropriately.

Q10.   Does your congregation meet in a [church/temple/mosque], or some other kind of building?

Q10a.   [IF Q10=2] What type of building does your congregation currently use for the primary worship services?

   Remarks: Responses to Q10 and Q10a were consolidated into one variable.

BLDGTYPE   1 = School
                  7 = Store front
                  20 = Church, synagogue, temple or mosque
                  21 = Other

Q11.   Do visitors ever come to view the building or the worship space to look at its architecture, or at artwork like stained glass windows or statues?

VIEWBLDG   1 = Yes
                  2 = No

Q12.   Does this building belong to your congregation, or does it belong to another group that loans or rents space to you?

OWNBLDG   1 = Belongs to congregation or denomination
                  2 = Belongs to another group

Q13.   How many persons would you say are associated *in any way* with the religious life
             of this congregation--counting both adults and children, counting both regular and
             irregular participants, counting both official or registered members and also
             participating nonmembers. What is the total number of persons associated with this
             congregation to any degree at all?

NUMTOTAL   Number of persons

Q14.   How many persons--counting both adults and children--would you say *regularly
             participate* in the religious life of your congregation--*whether or not* they are
             officially members of your congregation?

NUMREGLR   Number of persons

Q15.   How many *adults*--people 18 years or older--would you say regularly participate in
             the religious life of your congregation?

NUMADLTS   Number of adults

     Remarks: Because NUMADLTS was used to create the weighting variable, WEIGHT2,
              we imputed a value to NUMADLTS for cases with missing data. IMPSIZE is
              coded 1 for cases for which NUMADLTS was imputed.

IMPSIZE   1 = Size imputed for NUMADLTS
                  0 = Size not imputed

Q16.   Is there one person who is the head or senior clergy person or religious leader in
             your congregation?

CLERGONE   1 = Yes
                  2 = No [GO TO Q17]

Q16a.   Is this person male or female?

CLERGSEX   1 = Male
                  2 = Female

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Q16b. What race or ethnicity [are you/is this person]?

CLERRACE 1 = White
          2 = Black or African American
          3 = Hispanic
          4 = Asian or Pacific Islander
          5 = Other

Q16c. In what year did [you/this person] become the head or senior clergy person or religious leader?

CLERYEAR 4 digit year

Q16d. How old [are you/is this person]?

CLERGAGE 2 digit age

Q16e. What is the highest level of education [you have/this person has] received?

CLEREDUC 1 = Less than high school
          2 = High school diploma
          3 = Some college, but no four-year degree
          4 = Four-year college degree
          5 = Graduate degree
          6 = Other (includes unspecified religious institutions)
          7 = Not applicable, no single head clergy

Q17. How many people currently work in this congregation as *full-time paid staff*?

FTSTAFF Number of persons

Q18. How many people currently are *part-time paid employees* of this congregation, including people who receive regular fees for singing or other work?

PTSTAFF Number of persons

Q19.   In a *typical* week, how many worship services does your congregation hold?

NUMSERV1   2 digit number

I'd like to ask you some questions about the [main] worship service that took place this past week.

Remarks: Q19-Q21 established a reference on which Q22-Q47 are based. Congregations having only one (Q19=1) service in the past week are asked to think about this service. Congregations with multiple services (Q19>1) are asked to think about the "main" service in the past week. Congregations not having a service last week (Q19=0) are asked to think about the most recent service they did have.

Q22.   How long did this service last?

LENGTH   Time in minutes

Q23.   Was there a sermon or a speech of some sort at this service?

SERMON   1 = Yes
                  2 = No

Q23a.   [IF Q23=1] How long did the sermon or speech last?

SERMTIME   Time in minutes

Remarks: If a congregation did not have a sermon (SERMON = 2), SERMTIME was set at zero.

Q24.   What language or languages were spoken or sung at this service?

SERVLNG1   First language mentioned
SERVLNG2   Second language mentioned
SERVLNG3   Third language mentioned

                  1 = African Dialect
                  2 = American Sign Language
                  3 = Arabic
                  4 = Aramaic
                  5 = Armenian
                  6 = Bangladeshi
                  7 = Bulgarian

8 = Chinese
11 = Creole
15 = Dutch
16 = English
17 = Ethiopian
18 = Fijian
19 = Filipino
21 = Finnish
22 = French
23 = German
25 = Greek
28 = Haitian
30 = Hebrew
31 = Nigerian
32 = Hindi
33 = Hungarian
34 = Icelandic
35 = Indonesian
36 = Italian
37 = Japanese
38 = Kenyan
39 = Korean
41 = Latin
42 = Latin and Greek
43 = Lithuanian
44 = Native American or American Indian
46 = Norwegian
48 = Pennsylvania Dutch
49 = Persian
50 = Polish
51 = Portugese
52 = Punjabi
53 = Romanian
54 = Russian
55 = Samoan
58 = South African
59 = Spanish
61 = Swahili
63 = Tongan
64 = Vietnamese
65 = Welsh
66 = Yiddish
67 = Zulu
70 = Swedish
71 = Indian

74 = Turkish
81 = Lebanese
82 = Tamil
84 = Pakistani
85 = Coptic
86 = Hawaiian
87 = Ukrainian
90 = Other

Remarks: SERVLNG1, 2, and 3, were coded from verbatim responses to Q24.

Q24a.   [IF MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE MENTIONED] Which one of these was the primary language in which the service was conducted?

MAINLANG   Coded from verbatim responses using the same categories used for Q24

Q25.   Were languages other than [INSERT LANGUAGES NAMED IN Q24] spoken or sung at any service in the past 12 months?

OTHLANG   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q25a.   [IF Q25=1] What other languages were spoken or sung?

OTHLANG1   First language mentioned
OTHLANG2   Second language mentioned
OTHLANG3   Third language mentioned

                   Coded from verbatim responses using the same categores used for Q24

Q26.   Still thinking about [the worship service/the main service] that took place this past week, how many people, including both adults and children, would you say attended?

NUMATTND   Number of persons

Q27.   [IF Q19>1] Of the regularly participating adults in this congregation, how many would you say attended *more than one* of the services held during the previous seven days?

ATTMORE   Number of persons

   Remarks: If a congregation had only 1 or no services (NUMSERV1 < 2), ATTMORE was set at zero.

Q28.   Still thinking about [the worship service/the main service] that took place this past week, how many different individuals spoke or read to the group at some point in this service? Please don't include those who made brief announcements or informally shared a concern.

NUMSPOKE   Number of persons

Q28a.   [IF Q28 = 1] Was this person male or female?

SEXSPKR   1=Male
                    2=Female

Q28b.   [IF Q28 = 2 OR MORE] How many of these readers or speakers were male and how many were female?

MALESPKR   Number of males

FEMSPKR   Number of females

   Remarks: If a congregation reported that no one spoke at their main service (NUMSPOKE = 0), MALESPKR and FEMSPKR were set at zero. If a congregation reported 1 person speaking at their main service (NUMSPOKE = 1), MALESPKR was set to 1 if SEXSPKR = 1, and set to 0 if SEXSPKR = 2. Likewise, FEMSPKR was set to 1 if SEXSPKR = 2, and set to 0 if SEXSPKR = 1.

Q29.   Was there singing by the congregation at this service?

SINGING   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q30.   Was there singing by a choir at this service?

CHOIR   1 = Yes
                         2 = No

Q31.   Was there singing by a soloist at this service?

SOLOIST   1 = Yes
                         2 = No

Q32.   Counting all the musical parts of [this/the main] service this past week, how many minutes would you say were taken up by music?

MUSICMIN   Time in minutes

Q33.   Was there a time during the service in which people in the congregation greeted each other by shaking hands or some other way?

GREET   1 = Yes
                         2 = No

Q34.   Was there a time during the service for silent prayer or meditation?

MEDITATE   1 = Yes
                         2 = No

Q35.   Was there a part of this service specifically directed at children?

KIDTIME   1 = Yes
                         2 = No

Q36.   Did any teens participate in this service by speaking, reading, singing, or performing, not including participating just by being part of the congregation or the choir?

TEENPART   1 = Yes
                         2 = No

Q37.   Did anyone call out "amen" or other expressions of approval?

AMEN   1 = Yes
                          2 = No

Q38.   Was there applause at any point in this service?

APPLAUSE   1 = Yes
                          2 = No

Q39.   Did people laugh out loud at any point in this service?

LAUGH   1 = Yes
                          2 = No

Q40.   Was there a written order of service or program that people could follow, either in book form or as a handout?

PROGRAM   1 = Yes
                          2 = No

Q41.   Was any visual projection equipment used in this service?

OVERHEAD   1 = Yes
                          2 = No

Q42.   Did the people speak or read or recite something together at any point?

CONGREAD   1 = Yes
                          2 = No

Q43.   Was incense used in this service?

INCENSE   1 = Yes
                          2 = No

Q44.   Did any adults jump, shout, or dance spontaneously during this service?

JUMP   1 = Yes
                        2 = No

Q45.   Did anyone besides the leader raise their hands in praise during the service?

RAISEHND   1 = Yes
                        2 = No

Q46.   Were any musical instruments used in this service?

INSTMENT   1 = Yes
                        2 = No [GO TO Q47]

Q46a.   Was a piano used?

PIANO   1 = Yes
                        2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported that no musical instruments were used during the
                 main service (INSTMENT = 2), PIANO was set at 2.

Q46b.   Organ?

ORGAN   1 = Yes
                        2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported that no musical instruments were used during the
                 main service (INSTMENT = 2), ORGAN was set at 2.

Q46c.   Drums?

DRUMS   1 = Yes
                        2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported that no musical instruments were used during the
                 main service (INSTMENT = 2), DRUMS was set at 2.

Q46d.   Electric guitar?

ELECGTR   1 = Yes
                     2 = No

      Remarks: If a congregation reported that no musical instruments were used during the
            main service (INSTMENT = 2), ELECGTR was set at 2.

Q47.   [ASKED ONLY OF CHRISTIAN CONGREGATIONS] Was communion or the
             Lord's Supper celebrated at this service?

COMMUN   1 = Yes
                     2 = No

Q48.   For about how long would you say that people in this congregation usually mingle
             and socialize informally with each other before and after the service?

SOCLTIME   Time in minutes

Q49.   Within the past 12 months, has your congregation participated in a joint worship
             service with any other congregation?

JOINTWOR   1 = Yes
                     2 = No [GO TO Q50]

Q49a.   Were any of these services with Protestant congregations?

PROTWOR   1 = Yes
                     2 = No

      Remarks: If a congregation reported no joint worship services (JOINTWOR = 2),
            PROTWOR was set at 2. Also, see remarks on data cleaning associated with
            Q49d1 below.

Q49b.   Were any of these services with Roman Catholic congregations?

CATHWOR   1 = Yes
                     2 = No

      Remarks: If a congregation reported no joint worship services (JOINTWOR = 2),
            CATHWOR was set at 2.

Q49c.   Were any of these services with Jewish congregations?

JEWWOR   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no joint worship services (JOINTWOR = 2),
                 JEWWOR was set at 2.

Q49d.   Were any of these services with congregations other than Protestant, Catholic, or
            Jewish?

OTHWOR   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no joint worship services (JOINTWOR = 2),
                 OTHWOR was set at 2. Some congregations responded 'Yes' to this question,
                 but then mentioned only Protestant congregations in the follow-up question,
                 Q49d1. These responses were recoded to 'No' on OTHWOR. Some
                 respondents answered 'Yes' to Q49d but provided no specifics in response to
                 the follow-up open-ended question. In these cases, no change to OTHWOR
                 was made. Also see remarks associated with Q49d1.

Q49d1.   [IF Q49d=1] With what other type of congregations have you had joint worship in
            the past 12 months?

OTHWOR1   First mention
OTHWOR2   Second mention
OTHWOR3   Third mention

                    1 = Eastern Orthodox
                    2 = Mormons, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS)
                    3 = Buddhist
                    4 = Muslim
                    5 = Sikh
                    6 = Masonic Lodge
                    7 = Bahai
                    8 = Hindu
                    10 = Other congregation of the same denomination

        Remarks: This variable was coded from the verbatim responses to Q49d1. Some
                 respondents listed only Protestant congregations in answering this question. In
                 addition, some respondents who mentioned at least one congregation that was
                 not Catholic, Jewish, or Protestant also listed a Protestant congregation as their
                 2nd or 3rd mention. All mentions of Protestant congregations were ignored.

Q49e.   Were any of these services with congregations whose racial or ethnic make-up is different than your congregation's?

RACEWOR   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q50.   Within the past 12 months, was there dance performed by teens or adults at any worship service of your congregation?

EVERDANC   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q51.   Within the past 12 months, was an acting skit or play performed by teens or adults at any worship service of your congregation?

EVERSKIT   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q52.   Within the past 12 months, has your congregation hired any singers or other musicians to perform at a worship service?

EVERHIRE   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q53.   Within the past 12 months, have people at worship services been told of opportunities for political activity, including petition campaigns, lobbying, or demonstrating?

POLOPPS   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q54.   At any service during the past 12 months was there a time for people other than the leaders of the service to testify or speak about their own religious experience?

TESTIFY   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q55.   Did people speak in tongues at any service within the past 12 months?

TONGUES   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

        Remarks: Q55-Q57 were asked only of Christian congregations.

Q56.   Does your congregation encourage people to use the New International Version of
            the Bible rather than other translations?

NIV   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

        Remarks: Q55-Q57 were asked only of Christian congregations.

Q57.   Does your congregation consider the Bible to be the literal and inerrant word of
            God?

INERRANT   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

        Remarks: Q55-Q57 were asked only of Christian congregations.

Q58.   Within the past 12 months, have there been groups, programs, or events that have *no
        connection* to your congregation but that have *used or rented space in* your building?
        This might include other congregations, Alcoholics Anonymous groups, day-care centers,
        or once-a-year events like fairs, concerts, or art shows.

USEBLDG   1 = Yes
                   2 = No [GO TO Q59]

        Remarks: Q58 was asked only of congregations that owned their own building
                 (OWNBLDG=1).

Q58a.   Please tell me how many such groups or programs have met in your building within
            the past 12 months.

NUMUSE   Number of groups or programs

        Remarks: If a congregation reported that no outside groups use their building
                 (USEBLDG = 2), NUMUSE was set at zero.

Q58b.   Have any of these groups used your building for rehearsals or performances of musical or theatrical works?

REHEARSE   1 = Yes
                     2 = No

    Remarks: If a congregation reported that no outside groups use their building (USEBLDG = 2), REHEARSE was set at 2.

Q58c.   Have any of these groups used your building for exhibits of works of art like paintings, photography, or sculpture?

EXHIBIT   1 = Yes
                     2 = No

    Remarks: If a congregation reported that no outside groups use their building (USEBLDG = 2), EXHIBIT was set at 2.

Q59.   Does your congregation have religious education classes for children, teens, or adults?

RELED   1 = Yes
                     2 = No [GO TO Q60]

Q59a.   How many different classes meet at least once a month?

NUMCLASS   Number of classes

    Remarks: If a congregation reported no religious education classes (RELED = 2), NUMCLASS was set at zero.

Q59b.   How many children age 12 or younger would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week?

NUMKIDS   Number of children

    Remarks: If a congregation reported no religious education classes (RELED = 2), NUMKIDS was set at zero.

Q59c.   How many teenagers--those aged 13 to 18--would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week?

NUMTEENS   Number of teenagers

> Remarks: If a congregation reported no religious education classes (RELED = 2), NUMTEENS was set at zero.

Q59d.   How many adults would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week?

NUMADULT   Number of adults

> Remarks: If a congregation reported no religious education classes (RELED = 2), NUMADULT was set at zero.

Q60.   Does your congregation have any choirs, choruses, or other musical groups that sing or perform on a regular basis?

ANYCHOIR   1 = Yes
                  2 = No [GO TO Q61]

Q60a.   How many different musical groups are there?

NUMCHOIR   Number of musical groups

> Remarks: If a congregation reported no choirs or musical groups (ANYCHOIR = 2), NUMCHOIR was set at zero.

Q60b.   How many people--adults and children--would you say are in [this group/at least one of these groups]?

INCHOIR   Number of persons

> Remarks: If a congregation reported no choirs or musical groups (ANYCHOIR = 2), INCHOIR was set at zero.

Q61.   Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups of people from your
            congregation meeting *once a month or more* for religious, social, recreational, or
            other purposes? Please do not include governing or administrative committees
            here, and please do not include groups you already have mentioned.

GRPX   1 = Yes
                        2 = No [GO TO Q62]

Q61a.   How many such groups have met within the past 12 months?

NUMGRPX   Number of groups

      Remarks: If a congregation reported no groups (GRPX = 2), NUMGRPX was set at zero.

Q61b.   How many people--adults and children--would you say have participated at least
            once in one of these groups within the past 12 months?

INGRPX   Number of persons

      Remarks: If a congregation reported no groups (GRPX = 2), INGRPX was set at zero.

Q61c.   For what purpose or purposes do these groups meet?

      Remarks: Verbatim responses to Q61c and Q62c were coded into a series of dichotomous
               variables, each of which indicates whether a congregation mentioned a group
               of a particular type in response to either Q61c or Q62c. See Q62c for the list
               of these variables.

Q62.   Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups of people from your
            congregation who met together besides the ones that meet once a month or more?

GRPY   1 = Yes
                        2 = No [GO TO Q63]

Q62a.   How many such groups have met within the past 12 months?

NUMGRPY   Number of groups

      Remarks: If a congregation reported no groups (GRPY = 2), NUMGRPY was set at zero.

Q62b.   How many people--adults and children--would you say have participated at least once in one of these groups within the past 12 months?

INGRPY   Number of persons

      Remarks: If a congregation reported no groups (GRPY = 2), INGRPY was set at zero.

Q62c.   For what purpose or purposes have these groups met?

      Remarks: Verbatim responses to Q61c and Q62c were coded into a series of dichotomous variables, each of which indicates whether a congregation mentioned a group of a particular type in response to either Q61c or Q62c. For each variable listed below, a code of 1 means that a group of that sort was mentioned at least once in response to either Q61c or Q62c. Note that these variables are not mutually exclusive. A group whose purpose is to discuss current events or community issues, for example, is coded 1 on both ACTION and DISCUSS. Note also that these variables are coded at the congregation level, not at the group level. This means that, if a congregation has 1 codes on several of these variables, analysts will not be able to judge whether those codes refer to one group or to more than one group. A group-level data set is available from the Principal Investigator upon request.

      If congregations have no groups (GRPX = 0 and GRPY = 0), these congregations are assigned a value of 0 on each variable representing the presence of groups of various types.

          1 = Mentions at least one group of this type in Q61c or Q62c
          0 = No group of this type named by informant

ACTION   Groups meeting around social justice, neighborhood, or community issues

ACTIVITY   Unspecified outings or group activities

ALTAR   Groups to decorate or care for the altar; altar society/guild

BIBLE   Bible studies

BUSINESS   Groups meeting for business or financial purposes

CHURCH   Groups meeting to care for congregational buildings or property

CLOTHES   Sewing groups

COUPLE   Groups specifically for couples, including marriage preparation classes

CRAFT	Arts & crafts
DECO	Groups meeting to decorate or beautify the church
DISCUSS	Discussion groups on any subject
DIVORCE	Divorce support groups
DRAMA	Groups meeting to produce plays or other dramatic performance
EDUC	Groups with education purposes (not including religious education), including study groups, teacher training, book clubs, PTAs, tutoring, fundraising for schools, and so on.
ELDERLY	Groups specifically for senior citizens
ETHNIC	Groups specifically for people from certain racial/ethnic groups
FAMILY	Groups meeting for the purpose of supporting families, including marriage training, wedding or baby showers, discussion of pregnancy issues or family values
FEMALE	Groups specifically for women
FEST	Festivals, bazaars, craft fairs, or other celebrations
FOOD	Groups explicitly involving food, including picnics, dinners, lunches, coffee hours
FUND	Groups focused on fund-raising
GAME	Bingo, cards, or other game-playing
HEALTH	Groups focused on individuals' physical well-being, including blood pressure workshops, diet groups, etc.
HOLIDAY	Groups focused on holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.
HOLYNAME	Holy Name Society
HOMELESS	Groups oriented toward helping the homeless
HOUSE	Groups whose purpose is to build or repair houses or otherwise provide shelter, including Habitat for Humanity projects

JOB	Groups whose purpose is to help individuals find jobs or advance in their careers
KID	Groups specifically for children, youth, or young adults
LEAD	Meetings of congregational leaders, including meetings of trustees, elders, deacons, parish council, and so on
LITCOM	Groups focused on the congregation's worship or liturgy
MISSION	Groups whose purpose is explicitly described as a "mission" or "missionary"
MUSIC	Groups focused on music
NEEDY	Groups whose purpose is to help the economically needy, not including groups focused on helping the homeless
NEWMEM	Groups focused on new members of the congregation
OTHERGRP	Groups whose purpose was unclear
OUTREACH	Groups whose explicit purpose is to recruit new members or evangelize
PARENT	Groups specifically for parents
PRAY	Groups meeting for the purpose of prayer, worship, or devotional activity
PRISON	Groups whose purpose is the help those in jails or prisons
PROMISE	Promise Keepers
REC	Groups with recreational purposes
RELEDB	Groups whose purpose is religious education, not including groups coded 1 on VBS or BIBLE
RELIGB	Groups meeting for religious purposes, not including groups coded 1 on VBS, BIBLE, RELEDB, or SPIR
RELTRG	Groups whose purpose is to train individuals for leadership roles in the congregation
SICK	Groups focused on helping the physically or mentally ill
SINGLE	Groups specifically for singles

SIT	Groups for child or elder care
SOCIAL	Groups explicitly for social or "fellowship" purposes
SPANISH	Groups specifically for Latinos and/or those who speak Spanish
SPEAK	Group whose purpose is to listen to a speaker
SPIR	Groups explicitly for spiritual growth
STUDY	Groups for study, teaching, or education whose specific content is unclear
SUBSTANC	Groups to help people with substance abuse problems
SUPPORT	Support groups for people dealing with specific problems or issues, such as troubled kids, depression, bereavement, abuse, grief, or illness, not including groups coded 1 on SUBSTANC
SVC	Groups whose purpose is community service or volunteering of some sort
TEACHER	Groups whose purpose is to support teachers either within the congregation or within congregation-related schools
TRAINB	Groups whose purpose is to train individuals to perform some sort of concrete task
TRAVEL	Groups whose purpose is travel to somewhere outside the congregation
USHER	Meeting of ushers or stewards
VBS	Vacation or summer bible schools
VDP	St. Vincent de Paul
VISIT	Groups whose purpose is to visit others, such as shut-ins, incarcerated individuals, or the sick

Q63.   Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups or meetings or classes or events specifically focused on the following purposes or activities?

Q63a.   To discuss politics?

POLITICS   1 = Yes
                2 = No

Q63b.   To discuss a book people have read other than the Bible?

BOOKS   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q63c.   To discuss parenting issues?

PARENTS   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q63d.   An event for cleaning or maintenance of your building?

CLEAN   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q63e.   For physical healing?

HEALING   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q63f.   An effort to get people registered to vote?

VOTERREG   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q63g.   A class for people in your congregation to learn English?

LRNENGL   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q63h.   To discuss pollution or other environmental issues?

ENVIRON   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q63i.   An event to organize or encourage people to do volunteer work?

ORGVOLS   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q63j.   To discuss people's problems or concerns at work?

WORKPROB   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q63k.   To receive or practice gifts of the spirit such as tongues or prophesying?

SPRGIFTS   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q63l.   A class for current members about the history or practice of your own religious
             tradition?

OWNTRAD   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q63m.   A class for prospective or new members?

NEWMEMS   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q63n.   A meeting specifically to pray or meditate?

TOPRAY   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q63o.   To put on a musical or theatrical performance, not including the choirs you've
             already mentioned?

PERFORM   1 = Yes
                 2 = No

Q63p.   To attend a live musical or theatrical performance elsewhere?

SPECTATE   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q63q.   A class to train new religious education teachers?

TRAIN   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q63r.   To discuss race relations in our society?

RACEREL   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q63s.   To discuss how best to preserve your congregation's own racial or ethnic heritage?

HERITAGE   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q63t.   To discuss or learn about a religion other than your own?

OTHTRAD   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q63u.   Twelve-step groups such as alcoholics anonymous or similar self-help groups?

SELFHELP   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q63v.   To organize or participate in efforts to lobby elected officials of any sort?

LOBBY   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q63w.   To discuss or learn how to manage one's personal finances?

OWNMONY   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q63x.   To organize or participate in a demonstration or march either in support of or
             opposition to some public issue or policy?

MARCH   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q63y.   To discuss how to improve the management of your congregation's money?

CONGMONY   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q63z.   To take a trip somewhere that required an overnight stay?

OVERNITE   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q63aa.   To plan or conduct an assessment of community needs?

ASSESS   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q64.   Have voter guides ever been distributed to people through your congregation?

VOTRGDS1   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q64a.   [IF Q64=1] Who wrote or produced the voter guide that was distributed?

VOTRGDS2   1 = City or state government
                   2 = Candidate or Political Party, not otherwise specified
                   3 = Church member, clergy or other congregation
                   4 = Local council of churches, or ecumenical organization
                   5 = Pro-life groups
                   6 = League of Women Voters
                   7 = NAACP
                   8 = Catholic church: regional or diocesan office or newspaper
                   9 = FLARE
                   10 = Citizens Concerned for the Constitution
                   11 = Ohio Round Table
                   12 = Christian Coalition

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13 = 700 Club and/or Pat Robertson
14 = Focus on the Family and/or Dr. James Dobson
15 = Dr. James Kennedy's group
16 = Citizens for Traditional Values and/or Lou Sheldon
17 = Family Forum (Michigan)
18 = Regional church office, denomination unspecified
19 = Other
20 = Can't tell
21 = Common Cause
22 = Moral Majority
23 = Statewide family organizations (i.e., Colorado for Family Values, Florida Family Council)

Remarks: This variable was coded from verbatim responses to Q64a.

Q65.   Does your congregation have an elementary or high school?

HAVESCHL   1 = Yes
                2 = No

Q66.   Does your congregation give money directly to any college, university, or seminary?

COLLEGE   1 = Yes
               2 = No

Q67.   Has your congregation participated in or supported social service, community development, or neighborhood organizing projects of any sort within the past 12 months? Please *don't* include projects that use or rent space in your building but have no other connection to your congregation.

SOCLSERV   1 = Yes
                2 = No [GO TO Q72]

Q67a.   What projects or programs have you sponsored or participated in?

Remarks: Informants were probed to describe as many programs as they could recall. Verbatim responses to Q67a were coded into a series of dichotomous variables, each of which indicates whether a congregation mentioned a program of a particular type. For each variable listed below, a code of 1 means that a group of that sort was mentioned at least once in response to Q67a. Note that these variables are not mutually exclusive. A program described as "feeding the homeless," for example, is coded 1 on both FOODA and HOMELESA. Note also that these variables are coded at the congregation level, not at the program level. This means that, if a congregation has 1 codes on several of these variables, analysts will not be able to judge whether those codes refer to one program or to more than one group. A program-level data set is available from the Principal Investigator upon request.

If congregations do not have any social service groups (SOCLSERV = 2), these congregations are assigned a value of 0 on each variable representing the presence of groups of various types.

1 = Mentions at least one program of this type in response to Q67a
0 = No program of this type named by informant

ABUSEDA   Programs for victims of rape or domestic violence

ACTIONA   Programs focused on social justice or political activity

AGENCYA   Programs mentioning a general purpose social service agency such as St. Vincent De Paul, Catholic Social Services, Lutheran Social Services, United Way, Red Cross, etc.

ANNUALA   An activity that explicitly occurs seasonally, at holidays, or annually

CASHA   Giving cash to the needy

CLEANA   Clean highways and/or parks

CLOTHESA   Programs focused on clothing or blankets, including rummage sales

DISASTEA   Disaster relief programs

DONATEA   Programs explicitly mentioning giving or loaning money to individuals or organizations

EDUCA   Programs with educational purposes, not including religious education and not including mentoring

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ELDERLYA	Programs directed specifically toward senior citizens
ETHNICA	Programs focused on issues of race or ethnicity
FAMILYA	Programs for family-related issues
FOODA	Programs focused on feeding the hungry
GENDERA	Programs specifically directed at either females in particular or males in particular
HABITATA	Habitat for Humanity projects
HEALTHA	Programs focused on physical health needs
HOUSEA	Programs for home building, repair, or maintenance, including Habitat for Humanity projects; also includes day sheltering programs
HOMELESA	Programs directed at the homeless or transients
IMMIGA	Programs directed at immigrants, migrants, or refugees, including English-as-a- Second-Language classes
INTLA	Programs explicitly mentioning beneficiaries outside the United States, including "Crop Walk"
JOBA	Programs whose purpose is to help people obtain jobs
JOBTRAIN	Programs whose purpose is specifically to train people in work skills or job-seeking skills
KIDA	Programs specifically focused on children, youth, or young adults as beneficiaries
LONG	Programs explicitly focused on addressing long-term needs or involving substantial face-to-face contact between service providers and the needy
MENTORA	Tutoring or mentoring for children or youth
NEEDYA	Programs mentioning helping the needy or the poor in an unspecified way
OTHERPRG	Programs whose purpose is unclear, or programs with clear purposes that do not occur frequently enough to warrant their own variables.
PERIODIA	Program or activity that explicitly occurs periodically but more frequently than once per year

PRISONA   Programs focused on those in prisons or in trouble with the law, or with their families

RECA   Recreational programs

RELIGA   Programs with explicit religious content

SECUREA   Programs focused on crime prevention, crime victims, or police and fire departments

SHORT   Programs explicitly providing only short-term, emergency, or temporary assistance

SICKA   Programs specifically directed at people who are physically or mentally ill or injured, or at relatives of the ill or injured

SOCSVCA   Programs described as "community service" without further elaboration

SUBSTANA   Programs targeting substance abusers

SUPPHOUA   Programs providing furniture, household items, and programs providing money for rent or utilities

VISITA   Programs whose main purpose is to visit people

VOLA   Programs explicitly mentioning volunteering, not including Habitat for Humanity projects

TOTPROG   Total number of programs listed in response to Q67a

    Remarks: This variable was calculated from verbatim responses to Q67a.

Q67b.   For each of these please tell me whether it is a program or project completely run by your congregation, or whether it is a program that is run by or in collaboration with other groups or organizations.

Q67c.   With what other organizations does your congregation collaborate on this program?

Remarks: Informants were asked Q67b with respect to every program they mentioned. If they reported that a program involved collaboration, they were asked Q67c and were allowed to mention up to two collaborators for each program. Verbatim responses to Q67c were coded into a series of dichotomous variables, each of which indicates whether a congregation mentioned a collaborator of a particular type. For each collaborator variable listed below, a code of 1 means that a collaborator of that sort was mentioned for at least one program mentioned by the informant in response to Q67a. Note that these variables are not mutually exclusive. A collaborator that is another congregation, for example, is coded 1 on both CONG and RELIG. Note also that these variables are coded at the congregation-level. A program-level data set, available from the Principal Investigator upon request, includes these variables at the program level.

GOVT   1 = Mentions at least one government collaborator
                    0 = Mentions no government collaborator for any program

Remarks: If a congregation reported no social service programs (SOCLSERV = 2), GOVT was set at zero.

OTHSEC   1 = Mentions at least one secular, non-governmental collaborator
                    0 = Mentions no secular, non-governmental collaborator

Remarks: If a congregation reported no social service programs (SOCLSERV = 2), OTHSEC was set at zero.

ANYSEC   1 = Mentions at least one secular collaborator of any type, including governmental
                    0 = Mentions no secular collaborator of any type

Remarks: If a congregation reported no social service programs (SOCLSERV = 2), ANYSEC was set at zero.

CONG   1 = Mentions at least one other congregation(s) as collaborator(s)
                    0 = Mentions no other congregations as collaborator

Remarks: If a congregation reported no social service programs (SOCLSERV = 2), CONG was set at zero.

OTHREL   1 = Mentions at least one non-congregational religious collaborator
                    0 = Mentions no non-congregational religious collaborator

Remarks: If a congregation reported no social service programs (SOCLSERV = 2), OTHREL was set at zero.

RELIG   1 = Mentions at least one religious collaborator of any type, including
                                        other congregations
                               0 = Mentions no religious collaborators of any type

       Remarks: If a congregation reported no social service programs (SOCLSERV = 2),
                RELIG was set at zero.

NOCOLL   1 = Mentions no collaborator on any mentioned program
                               0 = Mentions some collaborator on some program

       Remarks: If a congregation reported no social service programs (SOCLSERV = 2),
                NOCOLL was set at 1.

Q68.   How much money, overall, did your congregation directly spend on all of these
               projects or programs within the past 12 months? Here, I'm asking about direct cash
               donations from your congregation, not counting staff time or volunteer time.

PROGCOST   Dollar amount

       Remarks: If a congregation reported no social service programs (SOCLSERV = 2),
                PROGCOST was set at zero.

Q69.   Within the past 12 months, has anyone who is paid by your congregation spent
               more than 25% of their work time on one or more of these projects?

PRGSTAF1   1 = Yes
                       2 = No

       Remarks: If a congregation reported no social service programs (SOCLSERV = 2),
                PRGSTAF1 was set at 2.

Q69a.   [IF Q69=1] How many of your paid staff spent more than 25% of their work time
               on one or more of these projects?

PRGSTAF2   Number of persons

       Remarks: If a congregation reported no staff working more than 25% of the time on a
                social service project (PRGSTAF1 = 2), PRGSTAF2 was set at zero

Q70.   Has anyone from your congregation done any volunteer work for one or more of
               these programs within the past 12 months?

PRGVOL1   1 = Yes
                       2 = No

Q70a.   [IF Q70=1] Of the regularly participating adults in your congregation, how many of them would you say did volunteer work at least once for one or more of these programs within the past 12 months?

PRGVOL2   Number of persons

     Remarks: If a congregation reported no volunteers working on a social service project (PRGVOL1 = 2), PRGVOL2 was set at zero.

Q71.   Are any of these programs that you've mentioned supported by outside funds directly provided to your congregation by other agencies or organizations?

OUTFUNDS   1 = Yes
                    2 = No [GO TO Q72]

Q71a.   Did any of these funds come as donations from foundations, businesses, or United Way?

FOUND1   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

     Remarks: If a congregation reported no outside funds going to support a social service project (OUTFUNDS = 2), FOUND1 was set at 2.

Q71b.   How much did your congregation receive from foundations, businesses, or United Way in your most recent fiscal year?

FOUND2   Dollar amount

     Remarks: If a congregation reported receiving no money from foundations, businesses or the United Way (FOUND1 = 2), FOUND2 was set at zero.

Q71c.   Did any of these funds come from local, state, or federal government?

GOVFUND1   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

     Remarks: If a congregation reported no outside funds going to support a social service project (OUTFUNDS = 2), GOVFUND1 was set at 2.

Q71d.   How much money did your congregation receive from the government in grants, contracts, or fees during your most recent fiscal year?

GOVFUND2   Dollar amount

    Remarks: If a congregation reported receiving no money from the government (GOVFUND1 = 2), GOVFUND2 was set at zero.

Q72.   Have you heard about legislation in Congress that would enable religious congregations to apply for public money to support their human services programs?

LEGAWARE   1 = Yes
                2 = No

Q72a.   Does your congregation have a policy against receiving funds from local, state, or federal government?

POLICY   1 = Yes
              2 = No

Q72b.   [IF Q72a=2] Do you think your congregation would apply for government money to support your human services programs if it was available?

APPLYGOV   1 = Yes
              2 = No

    Remarks: If a congregation reported having a policy against applying for government funds (POLICY = 1), APPLYGOV was set at 2.

Q73.   Within the past 12 months, have any visiting speakers come to your congregation to give a talk at a meeting or event or worship service?

SPEAKRS1   1 = Yes
              2 = No [GO TO Q74]

Q73a.   How many visiting speakers have spoken to your congregation in the past 12 months?

SPEAKRS2   Number of visiting speakers

    Remarks: If a congregation reported no visiting speakers (SPEAKRS1 = 2), SPEAKRS2 was set at zero.

Q73b.   Were any of these visiting speakers:

Q73b1.   Clergy from other congregations?

SPCLERG   1 = Yes
               2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no visiting speakers (SPEAKRS1 = 2), SPCLERG
                 was set at 2.

Q73b2.   Elected government officials?

SPGOV   1 = Yes
             2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no visiting speakers (SPEAKRS1 = 2), SPGOV was
                 set at 2.

Q73b3.   Academics or Professors?

SPPROF   1 = Yes
              2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no visiting speakers (SPEAKRS1 = 2), SPPROF
                 was set at 2.

Q73b4.   Official representatives of your denomination or religious group?

SPDENOM   1 = Yes
               2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no visiting speakers (SPEAKRS1 = 2), SPDENOM
                 was set at 2.

Q73b5.   Representatives of social service organizations in your community?

SPSOCSRV   1 = Yes
                2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no visiting speakers (SPEAKRS1 = 2), SPSOCSRV
                 was set at 2.

Q73b6.   Missionaries?

SPMISS   1 = Yes
                      2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no visiting speakers (SPEAKRS1 = 2), SPMISS was
                 set at 2.

Q73b7.   Someone running for office?

SPCAND   1 = Yes
                      2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no visiting speakers (SPEAKRS1 = 2), SPCAND
                 was set at 2.

Q74.   Does your congregation make any efforts to recruit new participants?

RECRUIT   1 = Yes
                      2 = No [GO TO Q76]

Q75.   Within the past 12 months have you done any of the following?

Q75a.   Placed a paid ad in a newspaper?

ADVERT   1 = Yes
                      2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no efforts to recruit new participants (RECRUIT =
                 2), ADVERT was set at 2.

Q75b.   Encouraged people already in the congregation to invite a new person?

INVITE   1 = Yes
                      2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no efforts to recruit new participants (RECRUIT =
                 2), INVITE was set at 2.

Q75c.   Conducted or used a survey of your community?

SURVEY   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no efforts to recruit new participants (RECRUIT =
                 2), SURVEY was set at 2.

Q75d.   Mailed or distributed a flyer to people in the community?

FLYER   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no efforts to recruit new participants (RECRUIT =
                 2), FLYER was set at 2.

Q75e.   Followed up by phone or face-to-face with people who visit your congregation?

FOLLOWUP   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no efforts to recruit new participants (RECRUIT =
                 2), FOLLOWUP was set at 2.

Q75f.   Have a special formal committee to work on recruitment?

FORMCOMM   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no efforts to recruit new participants (RECRUIT =
                 2), FORMCOMM was set at 2.

Q76.   Does your congregation use electronic mail to communicate with members?

EMAIL   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q77.   Does your congregation have a website on the Internet?

WEBSITE   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q78.   Within the past 12 months, has your congregation made use of any type of services offered by a denomination, another religious organization, or an outside consultant of any sort?

CONSULT1   1 = Yes
                2 = No [GO TO Q79]

Q78a.   How many times in the past 12 months did your congregation make use of such services?

CONSULT2   Number of Consultations

        Remarks: If a congregation reported no use of outside consultants (CONSULT1 = 2), CONSULT2 was set at 2.

Q78b.   What [three most important] services did you use?

SERVICE1   First mention
SERVICE2   Second mention
SERVICE3   Third mention

                1 = Congregational growth (including evangelization, outreach, advertising)
                2 = Congregational planning
                3 = Personnel searches
                4 = Substitute or temporary personnel
                5 = Staff education, support and/or in-service
                6 = Worship, music
                7 = Religious activities and/or educational events
                8 = Secular activities and/or educational events
                9 = Religious education and administration (includes Sunday school curriculum)
                10 = School management (includes preschool)
                11 = Youth activities and ministry
                12 = Architecture, real estate, construction and/or engineering (includes building and grounds maintenance)
                13 = Fund-raising
                14 = Grant applications
                15 = Financial management, including taxes, and insurance
                16 = Legal advice
                17 = Community organizing and related issues
                18 = Mental health professionals and social work
                19 = Health related activities
                20 = Church law and records
                21 = Computers and/or networking
                22 = Other

23 = Congregational activities and/or education events, not otherwise specified

24 = Can't tell

25 = Stewardship programs

26 = Missionary programs

27 = Social service program delivery and/or advocacy

28 = General ministry programs (including retreats and leadership development)

29 = Service delivery, government programs

Remarks: These variables were coded from verbatim responses to Q78b.

Q78c.   Who provided these services to you?

SOURCE1   First mention
SOURCE2   Second mention
SOURCE3   Third mention

1 = Private secular firm or sole practitioner (includes members)

2 = Private firm or sole practitioner, religious or secular not specified

4 = Professor

5 = Clergy or evangelist

7 = Publishing houses, religious

9 = Community organizing agency

10 = IAF

11 = Congregations (own denomination)

12 = Congregations (other denomination)

13 = Regional office of own denomination

14 = Regional office of other denomination

15 = National office of own denomination

16 = National office of other denomination

17 = Office of own denomination, level unspecified

18 = Office of other denomination, level unspecified

19 = Other religious firm, organization or sole practitioner

20 = Other

21 = Can't tell

22 = Congregation, unspecified denomination

23 = Government employee or agency

24 = Accrediting officer

Remarks: These variables were coded from verbatim responses to Q78c.

Q79.   Does your congregation operate with a formal, written annual budget?

BUDGET   1 = Yes
              2 = No

Q80.   What is the total amount of money your congregation received in income from all
            sources during your most recent fiscal year?

INCOME   Dollar amount

Q81.   Of this amount, how much came from individuals' donations, dues, or
            contributions?

INCIND   Dollar amount

Q82.   During your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation receive any income
            from the sale or rent of your building or property?

INCBLDG1   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q82a.   [IF Q82=1] How much?

INCBLDG2   Dollar amount

    Remarks: If a congregation reported no income from their building (INCBLDG1 = 2),
             INCBLDG2 was set to zero.

Q83.   During your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation receive any income
            from your denomination or religious group?

INCDEN1   1 = Yes
                  2 = No

Q83a.   [IF Q83=1] How much?

INCDEN2   Dollar amount

    Remarks: If a congregation reported no income from their denomination (INCDEN1 =
             2), INCDEN2 was set to zero.

Q84.   What was your total congregational budget for the most recent fiscal year— the
            total amount that your congregation spent for all purposes, including standard
            operating costs, salaries, money sent to your denomination or other religious
            organizations, and all other purposes?

SPEND   Dollar amount

Q85.   In your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation give any money to your
            denomination or convention?

SPNDDEM1   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q85a.   [IF Q85=1] How much?

SPNDDEM2   Amount in dollars

    Remarks: If a congregation reported not giving any money to their denomination
            (SPNDDEM1 = 2), SPNDDEM2 was set to zero.

Q86.   In the most recent fiscal year, did your congregation give any money to any other
            religious organizations or agencies, whether or not they are affiliated with your
            denomination?

SPNDREL1   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q86a.   [IF Q86=1] How much?

SPNDREL2   Amount in Dollars

    Remarks: If a congregation reported not giving money to any religious organzations
            (SPNDREL1 = 2), SPNDREL2 was set to zero.

Q87.   Does your congregation have an endowment, savings account, or other reserve
            fund?

ENDOW   1 = Yes
                    2 = No

Q87a.   [IF Q87=1] How much is in it?

ENDOWAMT   Amount in Dollars

    Remarks: If a congregation reported not having an endowment, savings account or other
            reserve fund (ENDOW = 2), ENDOWAMT was set to zero.

Q88.   Has your congregation filed with the Internal Revenue Service for its own official 501(c)(3) status?

IRS   1 = Yes, but only through denomination
                    2 = Yes, on our own
                    3 = No

Q89.   In the past 12 months, has your congregation tried to obtain any sort of permit or license from a government authority or office?

PERMIT   1 = Yes
                    2 = No [GO TO Q90]

Q89a.   For what purpose did you need this permit or license?

PERMPURP   1 = Kitchen
                    2 = Building or remodeling
                    3 = Liquor license
                    4 = Day care license
                    5 = Bingo, gambling, or raffle license
                    6 = Signage or statue
                    7 = Burning
                    8 = Festival or bazaar
                    9 = Parade or march
                    10 = Boiler
                    11 = Mailing
                    12 = Zoning
                    13 = Tax exemption
                    15 = Food license
                    16 = Workers' compensation
                    17 = Soup kitchen
                    18 = Fire department
                    19 = Re-zoning
                    20 = Expand cemetery
                    21 = Vehicle License
                    22 = School registration
                    23 = Build houses
                    24 = Handicapped permit
                    25 = Health permit
                    26 = Visa
                    27 = Elevator
                    28 = Resale permit
                    29 = Historic site status
                    30 = Radio station

    Remarks: These variables were coded from verbatim responses to Q89a.

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Q89b.   What was the outcome of your effort to obtain the necessary permit or form?

GETPERM1   1 = Permit or license was granted
                2 = Permit or license was refused
                3 = Discontinued process because we expected refusal
                4 = Application process is ongoing
                5 = Other

Q90.   Thinking of the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants in your
            congregation, about what percent would you say are new to this congregation in the
            past year? That is, how many have become involved since [month/last year]?

NEWPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we
             calculated a percent for NEWPCT.

Q91.   Thinking again of these [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants, what
            percent would you say are female?

FEMPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we
             calculated a percent for FEMPCT.

Q92.   About what percentage would you say have four-year degrees or more?

BAPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we
             calculated a percent for BAPCT.

Q93.   About what percentage of the regular adult participants have less than a high school
            diploma?

NODIPPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we
             calculated a percent for NODIPPCT.

Q94.   Of the regular adult participants, about what percentage would you say are over 60 years old?

GT60PCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    <u>Remarks</u>: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for GT60PCT.

Q95.   What percentage of the regular adult participants would you say are under 35 years old?

LT35PCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    <u>Remarks</u>: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for LT35PCT.

Q96.   Still thinking about the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants, what percentage would you say live within a ten minute *walk* of the place where you meet?

SHRTWPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    <u>Remarks</u>: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for SHRTWPCT.

Q97.   What percent would you say live within a ten minute *drive* of the place where you meet?

SHRTDPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    <u>Remarks</u>: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for SHRTDPCT.

Q98.   What percent live more than a 30-minute drive away?

LONGDPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    <u>Remarks</u>: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for LONGDPCT.

Q99.   Of the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants, what percent would you say live in households with income under $25,000 a year?

POORPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for POORPCT.

Q100.   What percent would you say live in households with income higher than $100,000 a year?

RICHPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for RICHPCT.

Q101.   What percent would you say own their own store or business?

OWNPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for OWNPCT.

Q102.   What percent of the regular adult participants in your congregation are white and non-Hispanic?

WHITEPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for WHITEPCT.

Q103.   What percent are Black or African American?

BLACKPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for BLACKPCT.

Q104.   Hispanic or Latino?

LATINPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

    Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for LATINPCT.

Q105.   Asian or Pacific Islander?

ASIANPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

        Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we
                calculated a percent for ASIANPCT.

Q106.   Any other ethnic groups?

OTHRGRP   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q106a-c   [IF Q106=1] Specify _____

ETHNIC1   First Mention
ETHNIC2   Second Mention
ETHNIC3   Third Mention

                   1 = Latin American
                   2 = Asian
                   3 = African
                   4 = Middle Eastern
                   5 = Pacific Islander
                   6 = Native American Indian
                   7 = European
                   8 = Eastern European
                   9 = North American
                   10 = Mixed or diverse

        Remarks: These variables were coded from verbatim responses to Q106a-c.

Q107. Of the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants in your congregation, what
       percent would you say have come to the United States within the past five years?

IMMPCT   Percent of regular adult participants

        Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we
                calculated a percent for IMMPCT.

Q108.　　　Of the regular adult participants in your congregation, about what percent live in households in which there are two married adults with children living at home?

TFAMPCT　　　　Percent of regular adult participants

　　Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for TFAMPCT.

Q109.　　　What percent live in households in which there are children with just one parent?

SPARPCT　　　　Percent of regular adult participants

　　Remarks: If an informant replied with an absolute number rather than a percent, we calculated a percent for SPARPCT.

Q110.　　　Of the [NUMBER IN Q15] regularly participating adults, how many would you say have served in some sort of *leadership* role in this congregation-- such as chairing a committee, serving as an officer, teaching a class, or other leadership roles-- within the past 12 months? [IF ZERO, GO TO Q111]

LEADERS　　　　Number of Persons

Q110a.　　　Of these [NUMBER FROM Q110] people who have served in leadership roles in the past 12 months, how many of them are male and how many are female?

MALELEAD　　　　Number of males

FEMLEAD　　　　Number of females

　　Remarks: If a congregation reported no people serving as leaders (LEADERS = 2), MALELEAD and FEMLEAD have been set to zero.

Q111.　　　Have any official congregational committees or boards met in the past 12 months?

COMMITEE　　　　1 = Yes
　　　　　　　　　　2 = No

Q111a.　　　[IF Q111=1] How many committees have met in the past 12 months?

NUMCOMM　　　　Number of committees

　　Remarks: If a congregation reported no committees meeting in the past 12 months (COMMITEE = 2), NUMCOMM was set at 0.

Q112.   Is there one committee that is the most important governing body or coordinating committee in your congregation?

MAINCOMM   1 = Yes
                  2 = No [GO TO Q113]

Q112a.   How many people are currently on it?

MAINSIZE   Number of persons

     Remarks: If a congregation reported no main committee (MAINCOMM = 2), MAINSIZE was set at 0.

Q112b.   How many of the people currently on it are male and how many are female?

MAINMALE   Number of males

MAINFEM   Number of females

     Remarks: If a congregation reported no main committee (MAINCOMM = 2), MAINMALE and MAINFEM were set at 0.

Q113.   Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding what people should eat?

DIET   1 = Yes
                  2 = No

Q114.   Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding dancing?

DANCING   1 = Yes
                  2 = No

Q115.   Does your congregation prohibit smoking tobacco?

SMOKING   1 = Yes
                  2 = No

Q116.   Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding what sorts of groups outside the congregation people can join?

JOINING   1 = Yes
                  2 = No

Q117.   Does your congregation prohibit the use of alcohol?

ALCOHOL   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q118.   Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding how much
             money people give to the congregation?

GIVING   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q119.   Does your congregation have any special rules or norms about who single people
             date or become romantically involved with?

DATING   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q120.   Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding cohabitation of
             unmarried adults?

COHABIT   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q121.   Does your congregation have any special rules or norms concerning homosexual
             behavior?

HOMOSEX   1 = Yes
                   2 = No

Q122.   *Politically speaking,* would your congregation be considered more on the
             conservative side, more on the liberal side, or right in the middle?

LIBCON   1 = More on the conservative side
                   2 = Right in the middle
                   3 = More on the liberal side

Q123.   *Theologically speaking,* would your congregation be considered more on the
             conservative side, more on the liberal side, or right in the middle?

THEOLOGY   1 = More on the conservative side
                   2 = Right in the middle
                   3 = More on the liberal side

Q124.   In every congregation, disagreements and conflicts occasionally arise. Within the last two years, has your congregation experienced a conflict for which a special meeting was called specifically to deal with the disagreement?

CONFLCT1   1 = Yes
                     2 = No

Q125.   Within the last two years, has your congregation experienced a conflict that led some people to leave the congregation?

CONFLCT2   1 = Yes
                     2 = No

MODE   Mode of questionnaire administration

                     1 = Over the phone
                     2 = In person
                     3 = Combination of over the phone and in person

NOMINATE   Number of General Social Survey respondents who nominated each congregation

WEIGHT1   A weight variable that takes into account the fact that some congregations were nominated by multiple General Social Survey respondents. It is the NOMINATE variable, adjusted so that the overall N is 1236 when the weight is applied.

WEIGHT2   A weight variable that adjusts for the fact that a congregation's probability of appearing in the NCS sample is proportional to its size. It is the inverse of NUMADLTS (Q15), adjusted so that the overall N is 1236 when the weight is applied. When this weight is applied, univariate distributions represent the distribution of congregations without respect to how many people are in them. When this weight is off, univariate distributions represent the distribution of religious service attenders across congregations of various types.

Selected Census Variables:

Remarks: Each congregation (except one) was placed in a census tract, and 1990 census data for relevant tracts were appended to the congregational data. In order to protect respondent anonymity, full census data cannot be included on the public data set. However, the following six variables, each constructed from 1990 census data, are included. Researchers interested in more detailed census data should contact the Principal Investigator.

1 = Congregation's census tract has this feature
0 = Congregation's census tract does not have this feature

COLL50   At least 50% of the individuals aged 25 years or more in the census tract have at least some college education

POOR30   At least 30% of the individuals in the census tract are below the official poverty level

IMM5   At least 5% of the individuals people in the census tract arrived in the United States since 1980

BLCK80   At least 80% of the individuals in the census tract are African American

UNEMP5   At least 5% of the individuals aged 16 years or more in the census tract are unemployed

URBAN   1 = Predominantly urban census tract
                2 = Predominantly suburban census tract
                3 = Predominantly rural census tract

NATIONAL CONGREGATIONS STUDY
Questionnaire

FACE SHEET

DATE OF INTERVIEW: |____/____/____|

GSS ID NUMBER: _____

NCS ID NUMBER (PROVIDED BY FM): _____

INTERVIEWER'S NAME: _____

Obtain this information from the NCS Information Form or from your Field Manager

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONGREGATION: _____
_____
_____
_____
_____

PHONE NUMBER OF CONGREGATION: _____

NAME OF RESPONDENT: _____

PHONE NUMBER OF RESPONDENT: _____

NATIONAL CONGREGATIONS STUDY
Questionnaire

START TIME: _____

Thank you for participating in the National Congregations Study. This study is the first national survey of religious congregations ever conducted in the United States. Your congregation was selected randomly, and the success of this study depends very much on your cooperation. We are very appreciative of your time.

Please know that everything you tell me will be completely confidential. The results of this survey will be reported only in aggregate form, and no one will be able to match your congregation to the data.

Do you have any questions about confidentiality or other aspects of this research?

SECTION 1: CONTACT INFORMATION

First, I'd like to be sure I have the correct contact information.

1.   What is the full name of your congregation?

_____

_____

2.   What is the full street address and telephone number of your congregation?

_____

_____

_____

_____

PHONE #: _____

2a.   What county is your congregation in?_____

3.   Is this also the address at which your congregation receives mail?

        Yes [GO TO Q4] 1
        No 2

    3a.   At what address does your congregation receive mail?

    _____

    _____

    _____

    _____

4.   What is *your* name, address, and telephone number?

    NAME: _____

    ADDRESS: _____

                 _____

                 _____

                 _____

    PHONE #:   _____

5.   What is your position in this congregation?

    _____

    _____

    _____

SECTION 2:   BASIC INFORMATION

Thank you. Now I'd like to ask you some basic questions about your congregation.

6.   In what year was your congregation officially founded? _____

7.   In what year did your congregation begin worshiping at its current location?   _____

8.	Is your congregation formally affiliated with a denomination, convention, or some similar kind of association?

          YES 1
          NO [GO TO Q10] 2

    8a.	Please tell me the names of *all* denominations or other associations that your congregation belongs to.

          First Mention: _____

          Second Mention:_____

          Third Mention: _____

9.	Is your congregation affiliated with any local association of congregations such as a local council of churches?

          YES 1
          NO 2

10.	Does your congregation meet in a [church/temple/mosque], or some other kind of building?

          Church / synagogue / temple / mosque [GO TO Q11] 1
          Something else 2

    10a.	What type of building does your congregation currently use for the primary worship services? PROBE WITH CATEGORIES IF NECESSARY.

          SCHOOL 1
          NONCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTER 2
          HOTEL 3
          THEATRE 4
          PRIVATE HOME 5
          SHOPPING MALL 6
          STORE FRONT 7
          OTHER 8
          SPECIFY _____

11. Do visitors ever come to view the building or the worship space to look at its architecture, or at artwork like stained glass windows or statues?

YES 1
NO 2

12. Does this building belong to your congregation, or does it belong to another group that loans or rents space to you?

BELONGS TO CONGREGATION OR DENOMINATION 1
BELONGS TO ANOTHER GROUP 2

13. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the size of your congregation. I'm interested in several ways you might measure the size of your congregation.

First, how many persons would you say are associated *in any way* with the religious life of this congregation--counting both adults and children, counting both regular and irregular participants, counting both official or registered members and also participating nonmembers. What is the total number of persons associated with this congregation to any degree at all?

NUMBER _____

14. How many persons--counting both adults and children--would you say *regularly participate* in the religious life of your congregation--*whether or not* they are officially members of your congregation?

NUMBER _____

15. How many *adults*--people 18 years or older--would you say regularly participate in the religious life of your congregation?

NUMBER _____

16. Now I would like to ask a few questions about [you/the senior clergy person].

Is there one person who is the head or senior clergy person or religious leader in your congregation? [CODE WITHOUT ASKING IF YOU KNOW FROM Q5 THAT R IS THE HEAD OR SOLE OR SENIOR CLERGY PERSON IN THIS CONGREGATION.]

YES 1
NO [GO TO Q17] 2

16a. CODE Q16A WITHOUT ASKING IF R IS THE HEAD OR SENIOR CLERGY PERSON.

Is this person male or female?

MALE 1
FEMALE 2

16b . What race or ethnicity [are you/is this person]? (IF NECESSARY, READ CATEGORIES)

> WHITE 1
> BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN 2
> HISPANIC 3
> > SPECIFY SPECIFIC ETHNICITY_____
> ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER 4
> > SPECIFY SPECIFIC ETHNICITY_____
> OTHER 5
> > SPECIFY_____

16c . In what year did [you/this person] become the head or senior clergy person or religious leader? _____

16d. How old [are you/is this person]? _____

16e. What is the highest level of education [you have/this person has] received?

> LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL [GO TO Q17] 1
> HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA [GO TO Q17] 2
> SOME COLLEGE BUT NOT A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE   [GO TO Q17] 3
> FOUR YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE (E.G. BA, BS) [GO TO Q17] 4
> GRADUATE DEGREE (INCLUDING A BD--BACHELOR OF DIVINITY) . . 5
> OTHER [GO TO Q17] 6
> > SPECIFY_____

16f. Please tell me what graduate degree or degrees [you have/that person has] and what school or schools they are from.

School	Degree
1._____	_____
2._____	_____
3._____	_____

17. How many people currently work in this congregation as *full-time paid staff*? _____

18. How many people currently are *part-time paid employees* of this congregation, including people who receive regular fees for singing or other work? _____

SECTION 3:   WORSHIP

I'd like to ask you some questions about how worship is conducted in your congregation.

19.   In a *typical* week, how many worship services does your congregation
hold?_____

20.   Thinking just of *this past* week--Monday through Sunday--how many worship services
were there for this congregation?

> NONE [GO TO Q20A] 99
> ONE [GO TO Q21] 01
> OTHER [WRITE IN NUMBER AND ASK 20B]_____

20a.   I'd like to ask you some questions about your congregation's most recent worship
service. When was your most recent worship service? [FOR DATE, SEE JOB
AID CALENDAR AND WRITE IN MONTH AND DAY OF THE SERVICE.
EXAMPLE: 01/14]

DATE:

DAY OF WEEK: _____   TIME:_____   _____/_____
                                                                                      MONTH / DAY

(INTERVIEWER: SKIP TO QUESTION 22.)

20b.   Which one of these services would you say was the main service of the week for
your congregation? [FOR DATE, SEE JOB AID CALENDAR AND WRITE IN
MONTH AND DAY OF THE SERVICE. EXAMPLE: 01/14]

DATE:

DAY OF WEEK: _____   TIME:_____   _____/_____
                                                                                      MONTH / DAY

(INTERVIEWER: SKIP TO QUESTION 22.)

21.   I'd like to ask you some questions about the worship service that took place this past
week. What was the day and time of this service?   [FOR DATE, SEE JOB AID
CALENDAR AND WRITE IN MONTH AND DAY OF THE SERVICE.
EXAMPLE: 01/14]

DATE:

DAY OF WEEK: _____   TIME:_____   _____/_____
                                                                                      MONTH / DAY

22.   How long did this service last?   _____HOURS   _____MINUTES

23.   Was there a sermon or a speech of some sort at this service?

        YES 1
        NO [GO TO Q24] 2

        23a.   How long did the sermon or speech last?_____HOURS   _____MINUTES

24.   What language or languages were spoken or sung at this service?

                                                        _____

                                                        _____

                                                        _____

        24a.   IF MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE: Which one of these was the primary
                language in which the service was conducted?   _____

                                                        _____

25.   Were languages other than [INSERT LANGUAGES NAMED IN Q24] spoken or sung at
        any service in the past 12 months?

        YES 1
        NO [GO TO Q26] 2

        25a.   What other languages were spoken or sung?

                                                        _____

                                                        _____

                                                        _____

26.   Still thinking about [the worship service/the main service] that took place this past week,
        how many people, including both adults and children, would you say
        attended?_____

INTERVIEWER: DID THE CONGREGATION HAVE MORE THAN ONE SERVICE
                 IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK? DOES Q20 EQUAL TWO OR MORE?

                 YES [ASK Q27] 1
                 NO   [GO TO Q28] 2

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27.   Of the regularly participating adults in this congregation, how many would you say attended *more than one* of the services held during the previous seven days?

_____

28.   Still thinking about [the worship service/the main service] that took place this past week, how many different individuals spoke or read to the group at some point in this service? Please don't include those who made brief announcements or informally shared a concern._____   [IF ZERO, GO TO Q29; OTHERWISE ASK Q28A OR Q28B.]

        28a. IF Q28 = 1:   Was this person male or female?

                                                       MALE 1
                                                       FEMALE 2

        28b. IF Q28 = 2 OR MORE: How many of these readers or speakers were male and how many were female?

                                                      MALE #_____

                                                      FEMALE #_____

29.   Was there singing by the congregation at this service?

        YES 1
        NO 2

30.   Was there singing by a choir at this service?

        YES 1
        NO 2

31.   Was there singing by a soloist at this service?

        YES 1
        NO 2

32.   Counting all the musical parts of [this/the main] service this past week, how many minutes would you say were taken up by music?_____

33. Was there a time during the service in which people in the congregation greeted each other by shaking hands or some other way?

    YES 1
    NO 2

34. Was there a time during the service for silent prayer or meditation?

    YES 1
    NO 2

35. Was there a part of this service specifically directed at children?

    YES 1
    NO 2

36. Did any teens participate in this service by speaking, reading, singing, or performing, not including participating just by being part of the congregation or the choir?

    YES 1
    NO 2

37. Did anyone call out "amen" or other expressions of approval?

    YES 1
    NO 2

38. Was there applause at any point in this service?

    YES 1
    NO 2

39. Did people laugh out loud at any point in this service?

    YES 1
    NO 2

40. Was there a written order of service or program that people could follow, either in book form or as a handout?

    YES 1
    NO 2

41.   Was any visual projection equipment used in this service?

        YES 1
        NO 2

42.   Did the people speak or read or recite something together at any point?

        YES 1
        NO 2

43.   Was incense used in this service?

        YES 1
        NO 2

44.   Did any adults jump, shout, or dance spontaneously during this service?

        YES 1
        NO 2

45.   Did anyone besides the leader raise their hands in praise during the service?

        YES 1
        NO 2

46.   Were any musical instruments used in this service?

        YES 1
        NO [GO TO Q47] 2

		YES	NO
46a.	Was a piano used?	1	2
46b.	Organ?	1	2
46c.	Drums?	1	2
46d.	Electric guitar?	1	2

INTERVIEWER: ASK Q47 ONLY OF CHRISTIAN (I.E. ALL CATHOLIC,
                       ORTHODOX, AND PROTESTANT) CONGREGATIONS.

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47.   Was communion or the Lord's Supper celebrated at this service?

        YES 1
         NO 2

48.   For about how long would you say that people in this congregation usually mingle and socialize informally with each other before and after the service?

                                                    _____   _____
                                                   HOURS   MINUTES

49.   Within the past 12 months, has your congregation participated in a joint worship service with any other congregation?

        YES 1
        NO [GO TO Q50] 2

		YES	NO
49a.	Were any of these services with Protestant congregations?	1	2
49b.	Were any of these services with Roman Catholic congregations?	1	2
49c.	Were any of these services with Jewish congregations?	1	2

49d.   Were any of these services with congregations other than Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish?

                YES 1
                NO [GO TO Q49e] 2

        49d1.   With what other type of congregations have you had joint worship in the past 12 months?

                        1. _____

                        2. _____

                        3. _____

49e.   Were any of these services with congregations whose racial or ethnic make-up is different than your congregation's?

                YES 1
                NO 2

50.   Within the past 12 months, was there dance performed by teens or adults at any worship service of your congregation?

        YES 1
        NO 2

51. Within the past 12 months, was an acting skit or play performed by teens or adults at any worship service of your congregation?

> YES 1
> NO 2

52. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation hired any singers or other musicians to perform at a worship service?

> YES 1
> NO 2

53. Within the past 12 months, have people at worship services been told of opportunities for political activity, including petition campaigns, lobbying, or demonstrating?

> YES 1
> NO 2

54. At any service during the past 12 months was there a time for people other than the leaders of the service to testify or speak about their own religious experience?

> YES 1
> NO 2

> | INTERVIEWER: | IF CONGREGATION IS CHRISTIAN (I.E. CATHOLIC, ORTHODOX, OR ANY TYPE OF PROTESTANT) ASK Q55 THROUGH Q57. IF CONGREGATION IS NOT CHRISTIAN GO TO SECTION 4 |
> |---|---|

55. Did people speak in tongues at any service within the past 12 months?

> YES 1
> NO 2

56. Does your congregation encourage people to use the New International Version of the Bible rather than other translations?

> YES 1
> NO 2

57. Does your congregation consider the Bible to be the literal and inerrant word of God?

> YES 1
> NO 2

SECTION 4: BUILDING USE

INTERVIEWER: DOES CONGREGATION HAVE ITS OWN BUILDING? (SEE Q12)
 	
        YES 1
        NO [GO TO SECTION 5] 2

58.   Within the past 12 months, have there been groups, programs, or events that have *no connection* to your congregation but that have *used or rented space in* your building? This might include other congregations, AA groups, day-care centers, or once-a-year events like fairs, concerts, or art shows.

        YES 1
        NO [GO TO SECTION 5] 2

    58a.   Please tell me how many such groups or programs have met in your building within the past 12 months.

                     _____
                     NUMBER OF GROUPS

    58b.   Have any of these groups used your building for rehearsals or performances of musical or theatrical works?

        YES 1
        NO 2

    58c.   Have any of these groups used your building for exhibits of works of art like paintings, photography, or sculpture?

        YES 1
        NO 2

SECTION 5: PROGRAMS

Now I'd like to ask you about some other organized groups, activities, or programs that your congregation may or may not have.

59.   Does your congregation have religious education classes for children, teens, or adults?

        YES 1
        NO [GO TO Q60] 2

    59a.   How many different classes meet at least once a month? _____

59b. How many children age 12 or younger would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week? _____

59c. How many teenagers--those aged 13 to 18--would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week?_____

59d. How many adults would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week?_____

60. Does your congregation have any choirs, choruses, or other musical groups that sing or perform on a regular basis?

YES 1
NO [GO TO Q61] 2

60a. How many different musical groups are there? _____

60b. How many people--adults and children--would you say are in [this group/at least one of these groups]?_____

61. Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups of people from your congregation meeting *once a month or more* for religious, social, recreational, or other purposes? Please do not include governing or administrative committees here, and please do not include groups you already have mentioned.

YES 1
NO [GO TO Q62] 2

61a. How many such groups have met within the past 12 months? _____

61b. How many people--adults and children--would you say have participated at least once in one of these groups within the past 12 months?_____

61c. [IF Q61A EQUALS MORE THAN 5 ASK ABOUT THE FIVE BEST ATTENDED GROUPS] For what purpose or purposes do these groups meet?

Purpose 1   _____

        _____

        _____

Purpose 2   _____

_____

_____

Purpose 3   _____

_____

_____

Purpose 4   _____

_____

_____

Purpose 5   _____

_____

_____

62.   Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups of people from your congregation who met together besides the ones that meet once a month or more?

YES 1
NO [GO TO Q63] 2

62a.   How many such groups have met within the past 12 months?_____

62b.   How many people--adults and children--would you say have participated at least once in one of these groups within the past 12 months?_____

62c.   [IF Q62A EQUALS MORE THAN 5 ASK ABOUT THE FIVE BEST ATTENDED GROUPS] For what purpose or purposes have these groups met?

Purpose 1   _____

_____

_____

Purpose 2   _____

                                       _____

                                       _____

Purpose 3   _____

                                       _____

                                       _____

Purpose 4   _____

                                       _____

                                       _____

Purpose 5   _____

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                                       _____

63.   Within the past 12 months, have there been any groups or meetings or classes or events specifically focused on the following purposes or activities?

		YES	NO
63a.	To discuss politics?	1	2
63b.	To discuss a book people have read other than the Bible?	1	2
63c.	To discuss parenting issues?	1	2
63d.	An event for cleaning or maintenance of your building?	1	2
63e.	For physical healing?	1	2
63f.	An effort to get people registered to vote?	1	2

		YES	NO
63g.	A class for people in your congregation to learn English?	1	2
63h.	To discuss pollution or other environmental issues?	1	2
63i.	An event to organize or encourage people to do volunteer work?	1	2
63j.	To discuss people's problems or concerns at work?	1	2
63k.	To receive or practice gifts of the spirit such as tongues or prophesying?	1	2
63l.	A class for current members about the history or practice of your own religious tradition?	1	2
63m.	A class for prospective or new members?	1	2
63n.	A meeting specifically to pray or meditate?	1	2
63o.	To put on a musical or theatrical performance, not including the choirs you've already mentioned?	1	2
63p.	To attend a live musical or theatrical performance elsewhere?	1	2
63q.	A class to train new religious education teachers?	1	2
63r.	To discuss race relations in our society?	1	2
63s.	To discuss how best to preserve your congregation's own racial or ethnic heritage?	1	2
63t.	To discuss or learn about a religion other than your own?	1	2
63u.	Twelve-step groups such as alcoholics anonymous or similar self-help groups?	1	2

		YES	NO
63v.	To organize or participate in efforts to lobby elected officials of any sort?	1	2
63w.	To discuss or learn how to manage one's personal finances?	1	2
63x.	To organize or participate in a demonstration or march either in support of or opposition to some public issue or policy?	1	2
63y.	To discuss how to improve the management of your congregation's money?	1	2
63z.	To take a trip somewhere that required an overnight stay?	1	2
63aa.	To plan or conduct an assessment of community needs?	1	2

64. Have voter guides ever been distributed to people through your congregation?

YES 1
NO [GO TO Q65] 2

64a. Who wrote or produced the voter guide that was distributed?

_____

65. Does your congregation have an elementary or high school?

YES 1
NO 2

66. Does your congregation give money directly to any college, university, or seminary?

YES 1
NO 2

67. Has your congregation participated in or supported social service, community development, or neighborhood organizing projects of any sort within the past 12 months? Please *don't* include projects that use or rent space in your building but have no other connection to your congregation.

Yes 1
No [GO TO Q72] 2

67a.   What projects or programs have you sponsored or participated in?

WRITE ON PROGRAM CHART. GET SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO KNOW
THE PURPOSE OF EACH PROJECT.

67b.   For each of these please tell me whether it is a program or project completely run
by your congregation, or whether it is a program that is run by or in collaboration
with other groups or organizations. CIRCLE ON PROGRAM CHART.

67c.   ASK ONLY ABOUT PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOT PROGRAMS OF JUST
THIS CONGREGATION:

With what other organizations does your congregation collaborate on this
program? IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK FOR MOST IMPORTANT TWO
COLLABORATORS. GET SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO KNOW THE KIND OF
ORGANIZATION EACH COLLABORATOR IS.

Program Chart

Social Service and Other Programs that Congregation Sponsors or Contributes To

67a.   Program Purpose:

67b.Completely Run by
Congregation?

67c. Two Most Important
Collaborators on Program

YES   NO

Program 1._____   1   2   Collaborator#1 _____

_____   _____

                                                                                                         Collaborator#2 _____

_____   _____

Program 2._____   1   2   Collaborator#1 _____

_____   _____

                                                                                                         Collaborator#2 _____

_____   _____

Program 3._____   1   2   Collaborator#1 _____

_____   _____

                                                                                                         Collaborator#2 _____

_____   _____

67a. Program Purpose:

67b. Completely Run by
Congregation?

67c. Two Most Important
Collaborators on Program

YES   NO

Program 4._____   1   2   Collaborator#1 _____

_____

_____   Collaborator#2 _____

_____

_____

Program 5._____   1   2   Collaborator#1 _____

_____

_____   Collaborator#2 _____

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_____

Program 6._____   1   2   Collaborator#1 _____

_____

_____   Collaborator#2 _____

_____

_____

Program 7._____   1   2   Collaborator#1 _____

_____

_____   Collaborator#2 _____

67a. Program Purpose:	67b. Completely Run by Congregation?		67c. Two Most Important Collaborators on Program
	YES	NO	
Program 8._____ _____ _____ _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____ _____ Collaborator#2 _____ _____
Program 9._____ _____ _____ _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____ _____ Collaborator#2 _____ _____
Program 10._____ _____ _____ _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____ _____ Collaborator#2 _____ _____
Program 11._____ _____ _____	1	2	Collaborator#1 _____ _____ Collaborator#2 _____

68.   How much money, overall, did your congregation directly spend on all of these projects or programs within the past 12 months? Here, I'm asking about direct cash donations from your congregation, not counting staff time or volunteer time. $_____

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│ INTERVIEWER: IF Q#17 AND Q#18 EQUAL ZERO (CONGREGATION HAS NO   │
│   PAID STAFF), SKIP TO Q#70.   │
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69.   Within the past 12 months, has anyone who is paid by your congregation spent more than 25% of their work time on one or more of these projects?

         YES 1
         NO [GO TO Q70] 2

   69a.   How many of your paid staff spent more than 25% of their work time on one or more of these projects?_____

70.   Has anyone from your congregation done any volunteer work for one or more of these programs within the past 12 months?

         YES 1
         NO [GO TO Q71] 2

   70a.   Of the regularly participating adults in your congregation, how many of them would you say did volunteer work at least once for one or more of these programs within the past 12 months?_____

71.   Are any of these programs that you've mentioned supported by outside funds directly provided to your congregation by other agencies or organizations?

         YES 1
         NO [GO TO Q72] 2

   71a.   Did any of these funds come as donations from foundations, businesses, or United Way?

            YES 1
            NO [GO TO Q71C] 2

   71b.   How much did your congregation receive from foundations, businesses, or United Way in your most recent fiscal year? $_____

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71c.   Did any of these funds come from local, state, or federal government?

YES 1
NO [GO TO Q72] 2

71d.   How much money did your congregation receive from the government in grants, contracts, or fees during your most recent fiscal year? $_____ [GO TO Q73]

72.   Have you heard about legislation in Congress that would enable religious congregations to apply for public money to support their human services programs?

YES 1
NO 2

72A.   Does your congregation have a policy *against* receiving funds from local, state, or federal government?

YES [GO TO Q73] 1
NO 2

72B.   Do you think your congregation would apply for government money to support your human services programs if it was available?

YES 1
NO 2

73.   Within the past 12 months, have any visiting speakers come to your congregation to give a talk at a meeting or event or worship service?

YES 1
NO [GO TO Q74] 2

73a.   How many visiting speakers have spoken to your congregation in the past 12 months? _____

73b.   Were any of these visiting speakers:

		YES	NO
73b1.	Clergy from other congregations?	1	2
73b2.	Elected government officials?	1	2
73b3.	Academics or Professors?	1	2

		YES	NO
73b4.	Official representatives of your denomination or religious group?	1	2
73b5.	Representatives of social service organizations in your community?	1	2
73b6.	Missionaries?	1	2
73b7.	Someone running for office?	1	2

74.   Does your congregation make any efforts to recruit new participants?

YES 1
NO [GO TO Q76] 2

75.   Within the past 12 months have you done any of the following?

		YES	NO
75a.	Placed a paid ad in a newspaper?	1	2
75b.	Encouraged people already in the congregation to invite a new person?	1	2
75c.	Conducted or used a survey of your community?	1	2
75d.	Mailed or distributed a flyer to people in the community?	1	2
75e.	Followed up by phone or face-to-face with people who visit your congregation?	1	2
75f.	Have a special formal committee to work on recruitment?	1	2

76.   Does your congregation use electronic mail to communicate with members?

YES 1
NO 2

77. Does your congregation have a website on the internet?

>   YES 1
>   NO 2

78. Within the past 12 months, has your congregation made use of any type of services offered by a denomination, another religious organization, or an outside consultant of any sort?

>   YES 1
>   NO [GO TO Q79] 2

78a. How many times in the past 12 months did your congregation make use of such services?_____

78b. What [three most important] services did you use?

78c. Who provided these services to you?

Service   Source of Service

#1 _____   _____

   _____   _____

#2_____   _____

   _____   _____

#3_____   _____

   _____   _____

79. Does your congregation operate with a formal, written annual budget?

>   YES 1
>   NO 2

80. What is the total amount of money your congregation received in income from all sources during your most recent fiscal year? $_____

81. Of this amount, how much came from individuals' donations, dues, or contributions?
$_____

82. During your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation receive any income from the sale or rent of your building or property?

       YES 1
       NO [GO TO Q83] 2

       82a. How much? $_____

83. During your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation receive any income from your denomination or religious group?

       YES 1
       NO [GO TO Q84] 2

       83a. How much? $_____

84. What was your total congregational budget for the most recent fiscal year--the total amount that your congregation spent for all purposes, including standard operating costs, salaries, money sent to your denomination or other religious organizations, and all other purposes? $_____

85. In your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation give any money to your denomination or convention?

       YES 1
       NO [GO TO Q86] 2

       85a. How much? $_____

86. In the most recent fiscal year, did your congregation give any money to any other religious organizations or agencies, whether or not they are affiliated with your denomination?

       YES 1
       NO [GO TO Q87] 2

       86a. How much? $_____

87.   Does your congregation have an endowment, savings account, or other reserve fund?

        YES 1
        NO [GO TO Q88] 2

87a.   How much is in it? $_____

88.   Has your congregation filed with the Internal Revenue Service for its own official
501(c)(3) status?

        YES, BUT ONLY THROUGH DENOMINATION 1
        YES, ON OUR OWN 2
        NO 3

89.   In the past 12 months, has your congregation tried to obtain any sort of permit or license
from a government authority or office?

        YES 1
        NO [GO TO Q90] 2

89a.   For what purpose did you need this permit or license?

        _____

        _____

89b.   What was the outcome of your effort to obtain the necessary permit or form?
        [USE CATEGORIES AS PROBES IF NECESSARY.]

        PERMIT/LICENSE WAS GRANTED 1
        PERMIT/LICENSE WAS REFUSED 2
        DISCONTINUED THE PROCESS BECAUSE WE EXPECTED THE
        PERMIT TO BE REFUSED 3
        PERMIT PROCESS IS ONGOING 4
        OTHER. SPECIFY_____ 5

SECTION 6: SOCIAL COMPOSITION

Now I would like to ask a few questions about the people in your congregation.

QUESTION	a. ENTER NUMBER OR PERCENT	b. CIRCLE DESCRIPTION
90. Thinking of the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants in your congregation, about what percent would you say are new to this congregation in the past year? That is, how many have become involved since [month/last year]?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
91. Thinking again of these [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants, what percent would you say are female?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
92. About what percentage would you say have four-year college degrees or more?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
93. About what percentage of the regular adult participants have less than a high school diploma?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
94. Of the regular adult participants, about what percentage would you say are over 60 years old?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
95. What percentage of the regular adult participants would you say are under 35 years old?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
96. Still thinking about the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants, what percentage would you say live within a ten minute *walk* of the place where you meet?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
97 . What percent would you say live within a ten minute *drive* of the place where you meet?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
98. What percent live more than a 30-minute drive away?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2

QUESTION	a. ENTER NUMBER OR PERCENT	b. CIRCLE DESCRIPTION
99. Of the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants, what percent would you say live in households with income under $25,000 a year?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
100. What percent would you say live in households with income higher than $100,000 a year		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
101. What percent would you say own their own store or business?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
102. What percent of the regular adult participants in your congregation are white and nonhispanic?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
103. What percent are black or African American?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
104. Hispanic or Latino?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
104a. IF Q104 IS MORE THAN ZERO, ASK: What is the largest specific Hispanic ethnicity in your congregation? _____		
105. Asian or Pacific Islander?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
105a. IF Q105 IS MORE THAN ZERO, ASK: What is the largest specific Asian ethnicity in your congregation? _____		
106. Any other ethnic groups? YES (SPECIFY IN 106a-c) . . . . 1 NO (SKIP TO 107) 2		

QUESTION	a. ENTER NUMBER OR PERCENT	b. CIRCLE DESCRIPTION
106a. SPECIFY_____		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
106b. SPECIFY_____		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
106c SPECIFY_____		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
107. Of the [NUMBER FROM Q15] regular adult participants in your congregation, what percent would you say have come to the United States within the past five years?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
108. Of the regular adult participants in your congregation, about what percent live in households in which there are two married adults with children living at home?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2
109. What percent live in households in which there are children with just one parent?		Number . . . . . 1 Percent 2

SECTION 7: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The next few questions have to do with how your congregation is organized.

110.   Of the [NUMBER IN Q15] regularly participating adults, how many would you say have served in some sort of *leadership* role in this congregation--such as chairing a committee, serving as an officer, teaching a class, or other leadership roles--within the past 12 months? _____ [IF 0, GO TO Q111]

110a.   Of these [NUMBER FROM Q110] people who have served in leadership roles in the past 12 months, how many of them are male and how many are female?

MALE_____

FEMALE_____

111. Have any official congregational committees or boards met in the past 12 months?

> Yes 1
> No [GO TO Q112] 2

> 111a. How many committees have met in the past 12 months?_____

112. Is there one committee that is the most important governing body or coordinating committee in your congregation?

> Yes 1
> No [GO TO Q113] 2

> 112a. How many people are currently on it? _____.

> 112b. How many of the people currently on it are male and how many are female?

> # MALE _____

> # FEMALE_____

SECTION 8: CONGREGATIONAL RULES

113. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding what people should eat?

> YES 1
> NO 2

114. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding dancing?

> YES 1
> NO 2

115. Does your congregation prohibit smoking tobacco?

> YES 1
> NO 2

116. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding what sorts of groups outside the congregation people can join?

> YES 1
> NO 2

117. Does your congregation prohibit the use of alcohol?

        YES 1
        NO 2

118. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding how much money people give to the congregation?

        YES 1
        NO 2

119. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms about who single people date or become romantically involved with?

        YES 1
        NO 2

120. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms regarding cohabitation of unmarried adults?

        YES 1
        NO 2

121. Does your congregation have any special rules or norms concerning homosexual behavior?

        YES 1
        NO 2

122. *Politically speaking*, would your congregation be considered more on the conservative side, more on the liberal side, or right in the middle?

        MORE ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE 1
        RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE 2
        MORE ON THE LIBERAL SIDE 3

123. *Theologically speaking*, would your congregation be considered more on the conservative side, more on the liberal side, or right in the middle?

        MORE ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE 1
        RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE 2
        MORE ON THE LIBERAL SIDE 3

124. In every congregation, disagreements and conflicts occasionally arise. Within the last two years, has your congregation experienced a conflict for which a special meeting was called specifically to deal with the disagreement?

      Yes 1
      No 2

125. Within the last two years, has your congregation experienced a conflict that led some people to leave the congregation?

      Yes 1
      No 2

END TIME:_____

That's it! Thank you very much for participating in the National Congregations Study.

Results from this study should be available sometime in 1999. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the progress of this research, please don't hesitate to call us at [PROJECT PHONE NUMBER]. Thanks again for your time.

INTERVIEWER: Was this questionnaire administered over the phone or in-person?

      OVER THE PHONE 1
      IN-PERSON 2
      COMBINATION 3