

**CLERK'S ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

**Return to Presbytery Clerk By \_\_\_\_\_ 2008**

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY

	CHURCH PIN	LOCATION OF CHURCH (CITY OR TOWN, STATE)	NAME OF CHURCH
MAILING ADDRESS OF CHURCH AS RECORDED BY THE OFFICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY			

**Clerks of Session May Find it Necessary to Consult With Pastors or Treasurers on Some Questions**  
 The reason for asking each question can be found on the back page.

**Form may be completed on the web:  
[www.pcusa.org/clerks2007](http://www.pcusa.org/clerks2007)**

**Financial Information**

Q-1. Does your congregation have loans with any of the following groups or institutions? (Check *all* that apply and indicate the approximate balance and interest rate on loans from each institution.)

	Approximate Balance:	Interest Rate (%):
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Banks or financial institutions .....	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program (PILP).....	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 General Assembly Loan Program.....	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Presbytery or Synod.....	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Other (specify): _____ .....	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 No loans		

Q-2. Does your congregation have any plans to expand or renovate your facilities within the next two years?

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Yes, definitely | → | Q-2a. What is the estimated cost of the project(s) (if known)? \$ _____            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Yes, possibly   |   | Q-2b. Will this project require a capital campaign (a special fundraising effort)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 No              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Yes, definitely   |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Yes, possibly   |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 No  |

Q-3. Does your congregation currently have funds invested in any of the following financial instruments? (Check *all* that apply and indicate the approximate amount invested in each.)

	Approximate Amount Invested:
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Certificates of deposit .....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Money market accounts.....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Bonds or treasuries .....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Stocks or mutual funds .....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Other (please specify): _____ .....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 No funds invested → Skip to Q-5	

Q-4. Who manages your invested funds? (Check *all* that apply.)

- 1 A brokerage/investment firm
- 2 New Covenant Funds (sponsored by the Presbyterian Foundation)
- 3 A bank
- 4 We manage our own portfolio
- 5 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

Q-5. In the last two years, how many work teams did your congregation send to help with disaster relief efforts in the U.S.? If none, write "0" (zero) and skip to Q-7. \_\_\_\_\_ teams

Q-6. With what other organizations did you coordinate the sending out of such work teams? (Check **all** that apply.)

- 1 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)
- 2 Presbytery, synod, another PC(USA) congregation, or another PC(USA) entity
- 3 A non-PC(USA) organization
- 4 None, we sent teams on our own → Q-6a. Who is the point of contact in your church for such work?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

### Children's Programs

Q-7. Does your church house any weekday programs for young children (age 6 or younger)?

- 1 Yes → → Q-7a. Which of the following best describes your program(s)? (Check **all** that apply)
- 2 No
  - 1 Half-day preschool or daycare
  - 2 Full-day preschool or daycare
  - 3 Parents' Morning Out or Parents' Day Out
  - 4 Infant/Toddler program
  - 5 Headstart
  - 6 Separate school renting space
  - 7 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### Bequests and Planned Giving

Q-8. How many new gifts did your congregation receive in 2007 from estates (i.e., proceeds from gift annuities, charitable trusts, beneficiary of life insurance or retirement accounts, or charitable bequests)? If none, write "0" (zero) and skip to Q-10.

Number of new gifts from estates received in 2007: \_\_\_\_\_

Total value of all new gifts your congregation received from estates in 2007: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Q-9. How many of the new gifts from estates in Q-8 were bequests? If none, write "0" (zero) and skip to Q-10.

Number of new bequests received in 2007: \_\_\_\_\_ or 1 All of them

Total value of all new bequests your congregation received in 2007: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Q-10. Does your congregation have a program that encourages members to "remember the church" in their wills?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Q-11. In any of the past three years, has your congregation used the Presbyterian Foundation's wills emphasis resource materials?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Q-12. Is your church the beneficiary of a permanent fund held by the Presbyterian Foundation?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

### Christian Witness

Q-13. Does your congregation currently:

- |   | Yes                        | No                         |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. Have a specific program, or plan to make intentional efforts, to share the gospel with Muslims, Hindus, Jews, and people of other (non-Christian) faiths in your community? <input type="checkbox"/> 1                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| b. Work with neighbors of non-Christian religious traditions either to respond to human needs (food pantries, disaster relief, homelessness, HIV/AIDS, etc.) or to otherwise engage in joint service work? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| c. Make intentional efforts to build relationships of respect and hospitality with people of non-Christian religious traditions in which all learn about each other's cultures and share their faith?..... <input type="checkbox"/> 1       | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |
| d. Engage with neighbors of non-Christian faiths in other ways? (please specify): _____ ..... <input type="checkbox"/> 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 |

Q-14. What is the name of the person in your congregation who is most involved in dialogues and witness among neighbors of non-Christian faiths?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Q-15. How interested would your congregation be in each of the following types of resources for helping Presbyterians become more articulate as Christian witnesses among neighbors of non-Christian faiths?

	<u>How Interested?</u>		
	Very	Somewhat	Not at All
a. Suggestions for building relationships with people of other faiths, including how to share the Christian faith with others openly, honestly, and respectfully .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
b. Materials for conducting a program or class on witness among people of other faiths .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
c. Models of effective and respectful witness by Christians among neighbors of other faiths .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
d. A training program in faith sharing, with attention to learning how to talk clearly about what we believe and what God asks of us .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
e. Materials to help children and youth learn about other religions and the faith practices of children and youth of other faiths .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
f. Other (please specify): .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

**Music**

Q-16. What is the name of your congregation’s Director of Music or other person in charge of music for the congregation?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

**Multicultural Ministries**

Q-17. Some models of multicultural ministry are listed below. Please check **all** models that apply to your congregation.

- 1 A congregation that provides space for a nesting congregation or an immigrant fellowship of people from a culture different from the larger congregation
- 2 A congregation with one cultural majority (at least 80% of membership) and significant presence of other cultures (20% or less)
- 3 A congregation with no one cultural majority
- 4 A bi-cultural congregation with two distinctly different cultures (that each make up less than 80%)
- 5 A new congregation intentionally begun as a multicultural congregation
- 6 A congregation intentionally transformed into a multicultural congregation in a changing neighborhood
- 7 None of the above

Q-18. Does your congregation regularly use a language other than English for a large portion of any of its worship services?

- 1 Yes → → Q-18a. If yes, what other language(s) is (are) used? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 No

**Guest Preachers**

Q-19. The 1999 General Assembly urged all congregations to **invite** racial ethnic ministers to preach during Sunday worship services at least annually. Did your congregation invite a racial ethnic minister (other than your Pastor if he or she is a racial ethnic minister) to preach during 2007?

- 1 Yes → Q-19a. If yes, on how many Sundays did a racial ethnic minister serve as guest preacher? (If all invitations were turned down, enter “0” – zero.) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 No ↘ Q-19b. If no, when was the last time your congregation invited a racial ethnic minister to preach there?
  - 1 During 2006
  - 2 2-3 years ago
  - 3 4-6 years ago
  - 4 7-9 years ago
  - 5 10 years or more
  - 6 Never/don’t know

## World Mission

Q-20. Does your congregation have a committee that focuses on world (or international) mission?

- 1 Yes → → Q-20a. Name of contact person for this committee: \_\_\_\_\_  
2 No E-mail of this person: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Q-20b. Would this person like to receive World Mission's monthly electronic newsletter about Presbyterian mission work around the world? 1 Yes 2 No

Q-21. What resources or information from the World Mission offices of the General Assembly Council would facilitate your congregation's international mission in the next two years? (Check **all** that apply.)

- 1 Materials for training participants in short-term mission trips  
2 Training for leaders of short-term mission trips  
3 List of recommended travel agencies for use in planning short-term mission trips  
4 Recommendations about short-term mission trip insurance  
5 Materials to help your congregations' mission committee (e.g., planning and promoting the committee's work, selecting international projects to fund, nurturing the call of individuals to a missionary vocation, supporting PC(USA) missionaries through financial gifts and prayer)  
6 Information on inviting a missionary to speak to your congregation  
7 Mission interpretation material—how to tell the story of the Church's world mission  
8 Recommended overseas ministries with which to partner for an effective international mission program  
9 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
10 Not interested in such resources

**Thank you for completing this survey.**

**Responses can be submitted on the web: [www.pcusa.org/clerks2007](http://www.pcusa.org/clerks2007)**

### Reasons for These Questions:

**Financial Information:** The Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program asks these questions to determine which churches might benefit from PILP's low-cost loans and investment products.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:** PDA asks these questions to learn more about the extent to which congregations are involved in direct disaster assistance efforts.

**Children's Programs:** The office of Child Advocacy asks these questions to learn more about weekday congregational programs for young children.

**Bequests and Planned Giving:** The Presbyterian Church Foundation asks these questions to learn about congregational estate planning needs.

**Christian Witness:** The office of Interfaith Relations asks these questions to help respond to a General Assembly mandate to equip Presbyterians to be articulate Christian witnesses among people with other faiths.

**Music:** The Presbyterian Association of Musicians asks this question to be able to directly contact leaders involved in congregational music programs.

**Multicultural Ministries:** The office of Multicultural Ministries asks these questions to understand whether there has been change in the number of multicultural congregations since these questions were last asked in 2002.

**Guest Preachers:** The Office of the General Assembly asks these questions in response to a General Assembly mandate.

**World Mission:** The World Mission program asks these questions to learn more about congregational needs regarding international mission.