

Clerk's Annual Questionnaire 2009: A Summary of Responses

Introduction

The Research Services office annually develops and distributes a questionnaire that goes out with the *Session Annual Statistical Report* to the clerks of session of all PC(USA) congregations. Research Services staff work with other entities of the PC(USA) to develop questions for inclusion on the *Clerk's Annual Questionnaire*. Distribution of this form takes place at the end of the year. This report describes findings from responses for the year ending December 31, 2009.

The questionnaire for 2009 included questions on such topics as collegiate ministries, hunger ministries, world mission, guest preachers, books and resources usage, seminaries and theological education, bequests and planned giving, and finances. Surveys were mailed to the 173 presbyteries to be distributed to the 10,751 congregations that existed at the end of 2008. Completed surveys were returned from a little more than seven of ten congregations (72%). This year, the majority of surveys (88%) were completed on a Web-based program, while 12% were submitted via hard copy.

A summary of findings is presented below. Complete percentage responses for each question follow in an appendix.

Findings

Clerk of Session

This year's form asked for the clerk of session's name and email address, and the majority of congregations (91%) supplied this information.

Guest Preachers

An overture approved by the 1999 General Assembly urged all congregations to invite racial-ethnic ministers (other than the congregations' own installed pastors, if racial-ethnic) to preach during a Sunday worship service at least annually. Three in ten congregations (31%) had invited a racial-ethnic minister to preach during at least one Sunday service in 2009. In about half of these congregations (53%), a racial-ethnic minister preached on one Sunday only. These numbers have been relatively stable since 1999, as Table 1 below shows.

Table 1: Percent of Congregations Inviting Racial-Ethnic Guest Preachers, by Year

Year	Invited Racial-Ethnic Guest Preacher	If Invited, Preached Just One Sunday
2009	31%	53%
2008	30%	47%
2007	31%	49%
2006	29%	52%
2005	29%	52%
2004	29%	52%
2003	30%	51%
2002	30%	53%
2001	31%	52%
2000	29%	52%
1999	28%	Not asked

Of those congregations that did not invite a racial-ethnic guest preacher in the last year, 39% indicated that their congregation had never done so or that they did not know when it last happened. Another 14% had done so the previous year, 18% had done so two to three years ago, 13% had done so between four and six years ago, and 17% had invited a racial-ethnic guest preacher seven or more years ago.

Hunger Ministries

The majority of congregations (86%) report they are currently engaged in a hunger ministry. Table 2 shows specific hunger ministries that congregations are involved in either alone, or with their presbytery or with another congregation, (or both). Overall, food pantries and environmental actions are most common.

Table 2: Types of Hunger Ministries Congregations Are Involved in

	Congregation Alone	With Presbytery or Another Congregation	Both Ways	Not Done
Provided or supported a food pantry	40%	38%	7%	7%
Took measures to be eco-friendly (reducing electricity use, recycling, etc.)	66%	4%	2%	27%
Provided funding for international hunger or poverty reduction programs	26%	27%	7%	41%
Provided funding or volunteer support for local poverty reduction programs	28%	21%	8%	41%
Served meals to the hungry	26%	21%	8%	45%
Other hunger-related efforts	24%	6%	4%	66%
Used or sold fair trade coffee or other fair trade products	25%	4%	2%	69%
Used CentsAbility resources (formerly Two-Cents-a-Meal) to raise awareness and funds for the fight against hunger	16%	9%	3%	73%
Used other Presbyterian Hunger Program educational resources or curriculum	14%	7%	2%	78%
Forwarded legislative alerts about hunger issues to interested members	9%	3%	1%	86%
Grew food that was shared at a food pantry or feeding program	8%	3%	2%	88%
Participated in Bread for the World's offering of letters	4%	2%	1%	93%
Participated in a Fair Food campaign (e.g., increasing wages for tomato pickers)	3%	2%	1%	94%
Used <i>Just Eating? Practicing Our Faith at the Table</i> curriculum	2%	1%	1%	97%

Congregations were asked if they wanted assistance from the Presbyterian Hunger Program in seven areas. One in three congregations (33%) wanted assistance in at least one area. The percentages interested in help in each area are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Areas in Which Assistance From the Presbyterian Hunger Program Is Desired

	Percent of Congregations
Help developing criteria to identify effective hunger and poverty programs to support	19%
Help going beyond treating the symptoms of hunger to address systemic, root causes of hunger	17%
Help with personal or communal "just living" (living more simply)	16%
Help developing models to deepen relationships with feeding program recipients	15%
Help with church or community gardening projects	15%
Help building a local food system to feed the hungry	13%
Help connecting to international partners working on hunger issues	12%

World Mission

Half of reporting congregations (52%) have a committee that focuses on world (or international) mission. Almost two out of three congregations with such a committee (64%) want to receive a monthly electronic newsletter about Presbyterian mission work around the world.

Collegiate Ministries

Nearly half of PCUSA congregations said there was a college or university within five miles of their building (46%), and of these, one in four (39%) provide support or ministry to students who attend nearby colleges or universities. Table 4 illustrates the different types of support or ministries offered to students attending colleges or universities near the congregation.

Table 4: Types of Support or Ministry Provided to Nearby College Students

	Of Congregations that Support College Students	Of All Congregations
Financial support	55%	25%
Volunteers from congregation work with this ministry	52%	24%
Pastor or other staff from congregation works with this ministry	46%	21%
Use of facilities for this ministry	39%	18%
Other	26%	12%

Seven in ten congregations (71%) have at least one member who lives away from home while attending a college or university. The average number of college students reported by congregations with at least one such member is ten students. Only four in ten congregations with a member away at college (38%) have someone in the congregation who is responsible for ministering to these students while they are away. This person is about equally likely to be either a staff member (48%) or a volunteer (52%). About one in five congregations (18%) want to learn more about PC(USA) Collegiate Ministries and provided contact information for follow-up.

Presbyterian Publishing Corporation

The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC) publishes books and resources for leaders and members of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and for the wider ecumenical audience. When asked about their purchasing decisions, congregations indicated they were more likely to purchase PPC books and resources for ministry, Bible study, and Christian education from either Cokesbury bookstores or Cokesbury online, as shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Likelihood of Purchasing PPC Books and Resources From Various Sources

	Very or Somewhat Likely
Cokesbury (bookstores or online)	82%
Directly from PPC	68%
Amazon.com on-line bookstore	58%
PC(USA) Marketplace on-line	57%
Barnes and Noble (bookstores or on-line)	37%
Borders (bookstores or on-line)	28%

Congregations were asked about the extent to which four factors influence decisions about where to purchase books and resources for ministry, Bible study, and Christian education. Table 6 shows that price is the most influential factor.

Table 6: Factors Influencing Congregational Decision About Where to Purchase Books and Resources for Ministry, Bible Study, and Christian Education

	To A Great Extent
Who offers the best price	52%
The way we usually make such purchases	32%
Who offers the best service	31%
Other	18%

Among the “other” factors that influence purchase decisions are availability, convenience, selection, quality, shipping costs, speed of delivery, theology, content, time, variety, and preferences for locally-owned bookstores.

Seminaries and Theological Education

The majority of congregations (81%) do not have a relationship with any students currently attending a PC(USA) seminary. Only 11% report that a member of the congregation currently is enrolled at a PC(USA) seminary; 4% have a student from a seminary currently attending the church; 3% have a student currently working as an intern; 2% have a seminary student working in another position at the church; and 6% have some other relationship with a Presbyterian seminary student.

In more than half of congregations, either members or pastors participated in some kind of theological continuing education over the past year (58%). Three out of ten congregations (30%) report someone participated in theological continuing education sponsored by a PC(USA) seminary, and similar numbers (30%) had someone take part in theological continuing education *not* sponsored by a seminary. Another 17% said a member or pastor participated in theological continuing education sponsored by a non-PC(USA) seminary.

Only one in four congregations (39%) report supporting seminaries in the past year. Table 7 shows the types of support given, with a contribution to the Theological Education Fund being most common.

Table 7: Types of Support Given to Seminaries in the Past Year

	Percent of Congregations
A financial contribution to the Theological Education Fund	21%
A financial contribution directly to a student at a PC(USA) seminary	10%
A financial contribution to one or more particular PC(USA) seminaries	9%
A financial contribution to a student at a non-PC(USA) seminary	5%
Another type of support to PC(USA) seminaries	3%
A financial contribution to one or more non-PC(USA) seminaries	2%
No support for seminaries	61%

A large majority of congregations (96%) *do not* currently have a particular person or committee that represents PC(USA) seminaries through the Seminary Support Network or promotes them through the Theological Education Fund, and are not interested in doing so.

Financial Information

Loans. Almost one in four congregations (24%) had loans during 2009. One in seven congregations (14%) had loans from banks or other financial institutions. Smaller proportions had loans from presbyteries or synods (4%), the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program (4%), or the General Assembly Loan Program (3%).

The median balances for loans range from approximately \$103,630, for the General Assembly Loan Program, to approximately \$236,448 for bank loans.¹ Loans from presbyteries and synods are smaller, with a median of \$43,000.

Loans congregations had taken out from PC(USA)-related organizations feature lower interest rates than those from financial institutions. The median interest rate for loans from PC(USA)-related organizations range from 5.00% to 5.35%. The median interest rate for loans from banks or other financial institutions is 6.00%. (See Table 8.)

Table 8: Median Loan Balances and Interest Rates for Congregations with Loans from Various Sources

Loan Source	Median Balance	Median Interest Rate
Banks or financial institutions	\$236,448	6.00%
Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program	\$198,110	5.25%
General Assembly Loan Program	\$103,630	5.35%
Presbytery or synod	\$43,000	5.00%
Other	\$81,000	5.00%

Expansion and Renovation Plans. A little more than one-fourth of congregations (28%) report that they “possibly” or “definitely” plan to expand or renovate congregational facilities within the subsequent two years. The median estimated cost of those expansion or renovation projects is \$60,000. Of those who reported such plans, three-quarters (75%) said their congregations would “definitely” or “possibly” need to undertake a capital campaign to finance the cost of the project.

Investments. As Table 9 shows, the majority of congregations (92%) report that they hold investments. More than half had funds invested in certificates of deposit (53%), about half had money market accounts (47%), and four in ten had stocks or mutual funds (41%). More than a third of congregations (37%) had money invested in savings accounts. One-quarter (23%) specified some other type of investment, and about one in ten congregations had invested in bonds or treasuries (10%).

Table 9: Percentages of Congregations with Funds Invested in Various Financial Instruments and the Median Amount Invested

Types of Investment	Percentage with Investments in this Instrument	Median Investment Amount
Certificates of deposit	53%	\$45,000
Money market accounts	47%	\$43,849
Stocks or mutual funds	41%	\$105,884
Savings accounts	37%	\$13,586
Other investments	23%	\$35,000
Bonds or treasuries	10%	\$99,404
No funds invested	8%	—

Note: Percentages do not total 100% because congregations could report more than one type of investment.

¹ The median of an ordered series of numbers is the number for which half of the numbers in the series are greater in value. The median of this series of numbers (1, 2, 4), for example, is 2.

Six in ten congregations with investments (61%) report that the congregation manages its own investment portfolio. Brokerage or investment firms (26%), banks (24%), and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation or its New Covenant Funds affiliate (22%), each manage some or all investment funds for about a quarter of congregations. Another 5% said some other entity manages all of its investments.

Bequests and Major Gifts. Less than one-quarter of congregations (23%) received bequests in 2009 (gifts of money, stocks, or other property left to the church through a will when someone dies). The median total amount of bequests received in 2009 was \$10,000.

When asked how many other gifts from estates were received in 2009, the majority of congregations (93%) reported none. Only 7% said one or more. The median total value of all new gifts was \$6,398.

A quarter of congregations (25%) have programs in place to encourage members to include the congregation in their wills. When asked if the congregation had ever been the beneficiary of a gift through the Foundation, the majority said no (92%). Only about a quarter of congregations (24%) say it is important to have its resources invested consistent with the Social Witness Policy of the PC(USA) (also known as Mission Responsibility Through Investing, or MRTI). Congregations were asked if their church asks its members for gifts over and above their annual stewardship commitment and giving to special offerings, and responses were fairly evenly split: 48% said yes, and 52% said no.



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CLERK’S ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

Survey Questions and Responses

Clerks of Session May Find it Necessary to Consult with Pastors or Treasurers on Some Questions

Form may be completed on the web: www.pcusa.org/clerks2009

Number of congregations.....	10,657
Number of questionnaires completed	7,642
Response rate	72%

Please provide your clerk of session’s name and email address below.

[Tabulated separately]

Number of clerk of sessions that provided their name and email address..... 91%

Guest Preachers

Q-1. 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 2009?

Yes..... 31%
 No..... 69%

Q-1a. If yes, on how many Sundays did a racial-ethnic minister serve as guest preacher? (If all invitations were turned down, enter “0” – zero.) n=2,304

One	53%
Two	21%
Three	10%
Four	5%
Five.....	3%
Six or more.....	9%
Mean.....	2.7
Median.....	1.0

Q-1b. If no, when was the last time your congregation invited a racial-ethnic minister to preach there? n=5,223

During 2008.....	14%
2-3 years ago	18%
4-6 years ago	13%
7-9 years ago	6%
10 years ago or more	11%
Never/don’t know.....	39%

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Collegiate Ministries

Q-2.	Are there one or more colleges or universities of any type within five miles of your congregation's building(s)?	
	Yes.....	46%
	No → <i>Skip to Q-4</i>	54%
Q-3.	Does your congregation provide or support any ministry to students attending nearby college or university campuses?	
	Yes.....	39%
	No.....	61%
		n=3,448
Q-3a.	[If "Yes,"] In what capacity does your congregation provide or support ministry to students at nearby colleges or universities? (Check all that apply.)	n=1,326
		◆
	Financial support for this ministry	55%
	Pastor or other staff from your congregation works with this ministry.....	46%
	Volunteers from your congregation work with this ministry	52%
	Use of your facilities for this ministry.....	39%
	Other (please specify): _____	26%
Q-4.	Does your congregation have any members who live away from home while attending college or university?	
	Yes.....	71%
	No → <i>Skip to Q-6</i>	29%
Q4-a.	[If "Yes,"] How many? _____ college students	
		n=5,333
	1.....	16%
	2.....	14%
	3.....	11%
	4 – 5.....	17%
	6 – 10.....	19%
	11 – 15.....	8%
	16 – 20.....	5%
	21 – 29.....	3%
	30 – 49.....	4%
	50 – 74.....	1%
	75 – 99.....	1%
	100 or more	1%
	Mean.....	9.8
	Median.....	5.0
Q-5.	Is anyone in your congregation responsible for ministry to your congregation's members who are away at college?	
	Yes.....	38%
	No.....	62%
		n=5,333

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- Q-5. Is anyone in your congregation responsible for ministry to your congregation's members who are away at college? n=5,333
[cont.]
- Q-5a. [If "Yes,"] Is this person a staff member of the congregation or a volunteer? n=2,016
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|----------------|-----|
| Staff..... | 48% |
| Volunteer..... | 52% |
- Q-5b. Please provide the name and email address of the person responsible for ministry to your congregation's members while they are away at college: *(Please print.)*
- [tabulated separately]
- Q-6. Would any people from your congregation like to learn more about PC(USA) Collegiate Ministries?
- | | |
|----------|-----|
| Yes..... | 18% |
| No..... | 82% |

Q-6a. [If "Yes,"] Please provide the name and email address of up to two people who would like to learn more about PC(USA) Collegiate Ministries: *(Please print.)*

[tabulated separately]

Hunger Ministries

- Q-7. Is your congregation currently engaged in any hunger ministries?
- | | |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 86% |
| No..... | 14% |
- Q-8. In the past two years, which of the following has your congregation done? For those your congregation has done, indicate whether it was alone or in conjunction with your presbytery or other congregations, or both. Mark the far right column for those your congregation has **not** done in the past two years.
- a. Provided or supported a food pantry that distributes non-perishable food
- | | |
|---|-----|
| Yes, our congregation alone | 40% |
| Yes, with presbytery or other congregations | 38% |
| Checked both of the above..... | 15% |
| Not done..... | 7% |
- b. Served meals to the hungry
- | | |
|---|-----|
| Yes, our congregation alone | 26% |
| Yes, with presbytery or other congregations | 21% |
| Checked both of the above..... | 8% |
| Not done..... | 45% |

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Q-8. In the past two years, which of the following has your congregation done? For those your congregation has done, indicate whether it was alone or in conjunction with your presbytery or other congregations, or both. Mark the far right column for those your congregation has **not** done in the past two years.

c. Grew food that we shared at a food pantry or feeding program

Yes, our congregation alone	8%
Yes, with presbytery or other congregations	3%
Checked both of the above.....	2%
Not done.....	88%

d. Provided funding or volunteer support for local poverty reduction programs

Yes, our congregation alone	28%
Yes, with presbytery or other congregations	21%
Checked both of the above.....	8%
Not done.....	42%

e. Provided funding for international hunger or poverty reduction programs

Yes, our congregation alone	26%
Yes, with presbytery or other congregations	27%
Checked both of the above.....	7%
Not done.....	41%

f. Participated in Bread for the World’s offering of letters

Yes, our congregation alone	4%
Yes, with presbytery or other congregations	2%
Checked both of the above.....	1%
Not done.....	93%

g. Forwarded legislative alerts about hunger issues to interested members

Yes, our congregation alone	9%
Yes, with presbytery or other congregations	3%
Checked both of the above.....	1%
Not done.....	86%

h. Participated in a Fair Food campaign (for example, increasing wages for tomato pickers, abolishing exploitation in the fields)

Yes, our congregation alone	3%
Yes, with presbytery or other congregations	2%
Checked both of the above.....	1%
Not done.....	94%

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Q-8. In the past two years, which of the following has your congregation done? For those your congregation has done, indicate whether it was alone or in conjunction with your presbytery or other congregations, or both. Mark the far right column for those your congregation has **not** done in the past two years.

i. Used *Just Eating? Practicing Our Faith at the Table* curriculum

Yes, our congregation alone	2%
Yes, with presbytery or other congregations	1%
Checked both of the above.....	1%
Not done.....	97%

j. Used other Presbyterian Hunger Program educational resources or curriculum

Yes, our congregation alone	14%
Yes, with presbytery or other congregations	7%
Checked both of the above.....	2%
Not done.....	78%

k. Used CentsAbility resources (formerly Two-Cents-a Meal) to raise awareness and funds for the fight against hunger

Yes, our congregation alone	16%
Yes, with presbytery or other congregations	9%
Checked both of the above.....	3%
Not done.....	73%

l. Used or sold fair trade coffee or other fair trade products

Yes, our congregation alone	25%
Yes, with presbytery or other congregations	4%
Checked both of the above.....	2%
Not done.....	69%

m. Took measures to be eco-friendly (reducing electricity use, recycling, greening buildings, etc.)

Yes, our congregation alone	66%
Yes, with presbytery or other congregations	4%
Checked both of the above.....	2%
Not done.....	27%

n. Other hunger-related efforts (please specify): _____

Yes, our congregation alone	24%	+
Yes, with presbytery or other congregations	6%	
Checked both of the above.....	4%	
Not done.....	66%	

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Q-9. Would your congregation like assistance from the Presbyterian Hunger Program in any of the following areas?

a. Help developing models to deepen relationships with feeding program recipients

Yes 15%
 No 85%

b. Help with church or community gardening projects

Yes 15%
 No 85%

c. Help building a local food system to feed the hungry

Yes 13%
 No 87%

d. Help connecting to international partners working on hunger issues

Yes 12%
 No 88%

e. Help with personal or communal “just living” (living more simply)

Yes 16%
 No 84%

f. Help going beyond treating the symptoms of hunger to address systemic, root causes of hunger

Yes 17%
 No 83%

g. Help developing criteria to identify effective hunger and poverty programs to support

Yes 19%
 No 81%

World Mission

Q-10. Does your congregation have a committee that focuses on world (or international) mission?

Yes 52%
 No 48%

Q-10a. [If “Yes,”] Name of contact person for this committee: _____
 Email of this person: _____

[tabulated separately]

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Q-10. Does your congregation have a committee that focuses on world (or international) mission?
[cont.]

Q-10b. Would the contact person for this committee like to receive World Mission's monthly electronic newsletter about Presbyterian mission work around the world?

n=3,931

Yes 64%

No..... 36%

Presbyterian Publishing Corporation

Q-11. The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC) publishes books and resources for the leaders and members of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations for the wider ecumenical audience. If your congregation were interested in purchasing PPC's books and resources for ministry, Bible study, and Christian education, how likely would your congregation be to make such a purchase from each of the sources below?

a. Amazon.com on-line bookstore

Very likely 30%

Somewhat likely 28%

Not very likely 14%

Not at all likely 13%

Not sure..... 14%

b. Cokesbury (bookstores or online)

Very likely 51%

Somewhat likely 31%

Not very likely 6%

Not at all likely 5%

Not sure..... 8%

c. PC(USA) Marketplace on-line

Very likely 26%

Somewhat likely 31%

Not very likely 16%

Not at all likely 11%

Not sure..... 16%

d. Barnes and Noble (bookstores or on-line)

Very likely 11%

Somewhat likely 26%

Not very likely 27%

Not at all likely 19%

Not sure..... 16%

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Q-11. The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC) publishes books and resources for the leaders and members of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations for the wider ecumenical audience. If your congregation were interested in purchasing PPC's books and resources for ministry, Bible study, and Christian education, how likely would your congregation be to make such a purchase from each of the sources below?

e. Borders (bookstores or online)

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	22%
Not very likely	30%
Not at all likely	23%
Not sure.....	18%

f. Directly from PPC

Very likely	34%
Somewhat likely	34%
Not very likely	11%
Not at all likely	8%
Not sure.....	14%

Q-12. When purchasing books and resources for ministry, Bible study, and Christian education, to what extent are your congregation's decisions about where to purchase such items influenced by the following factors?

a. Who offers the best price

To a great extent	52%
To some extent.....	30%
To a small extent.....	6%
Not at all	4%
Not sure.....	7%

b. Who offers the best service

To a great extent	31%
To some extent.....	46%
To a small extent.....	11%
Not at all	4%
Not sure.....	8%

c. The way we usually make such purchases

To a great extent	32%
To some extent.....	34%
To a small extent.....	14%
Not at all	9%
Not sure.....	11%

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Q-12. When purchasing books and resources for ministry, Bible study, and Christian education, to what extent are [cont.] your congregation's decisions about where to purchase such items influenced by the following factors?

d. Other (please specify): _____

	+
To a great extent	18%
To some extent.....	6%
To a small extent.....	2%
Not at all	13%
Not sure.....	61%

Seminaries and Theological Education

Q-13. Please indicate which of the following relationships your congregation has with students currently attending a PC(USA) seminary. (Please check **all** that apply.)

	◆
A member of your congregation is currently enrolled at a PC(USA) seminary.....	11%
A student from a PC(USA) seminary currently attends your church	4%
A student from a PC(USA) seminary is currently working as an intern at your church	3%
A student from a PC(USA) seminary is currently working in another position at your church.....	2%
Other relationship with a student from a PC(USA) seminary (please specify): _____	6%
No current relationship with a student from a PC(USA) seminary	81%

Q-14. Please indicate which of the following types of theological continuing education either members or pastor(s) from your church participated in over the past year. (Please check **all** that apply.)

	◆
Theological continuing education sponsored by a PC(USA) seminary	30%
Theological continuing education sponsored by a non-PC(USA) seminary	17%
Theological continuing education not sponsored by a seminary (please specify): _____	30%
No one from our church participated in theological continuing education in the past year	42%

Q-15. Please indicate which of the following statements describe the type of support your congregation gave to seminaries in the past year. (Please check **all** that apply.)

	◆
Our congregation supported PC(USA) seminaries through a financial contribution to the Theological Education Fund.....	21%
Our congregation made a financial contribution to one or more particular PC(USA) seminaries. Please indicate which one(s) _____	9%
Our congregation made a financial contribution directly to a student at a PC(USA) seminary.....	10%
Our congregation made a financial contribution to a student at a non-PC(USA) seminary.....	5%
Our congregation made a financial contribution to one or more non-PC(USA) seminaries. Please indicate which ones : _____.....	2%
Our congregation gave another type of support to PC(USA) seminaries. Please specify the type of support: _____	3%
Our congregation did not support seminaries in any particular way during the past year	61%

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Q-16. Does your congregation currently have a particular person or committee that represents PC(USA) seminaries through the Seminary Support Network or promotes them through the Theological Education Fund, or is someone in your congregation interested in doing so?

Yes4%
 No.....96%

[If “Yes, ”] Please provide contact information for this person: *(Please print.)*

Name: _____ Email: _____

[tabulated separately]

Financial Information

Q-17. Does your congregation have a loan or loans with any of the following groups or institutions? (Check all that apply and indicate the approximate balance and interest rate on loans in each category.)

Banks or financial institutions 14% ♦
 Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program (PILP)4%
 General Assembly Loan Program2%
 Presbytery or Synod4%
 Other (specify): _____3%
 No loans → *Skip to Q-18*.....76%

Banks or financial institutions

Approximate Balance	n=1,053
	+
\$1 – \$4,999	3%
\$5,000 – \$9,999	2%
\$10,000 – \$19,999	5%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	5%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	3%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	2%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	12%
\$100,000 – \$199,999	14%
\$200,000 – \$299,999	10%
\$300,000 – \$399,999	6%
\$400,000 – \$499,999	4%
\$500,000 – \$999,999	14%
\$1,000,000 – \$1,999,999	11%
\$2,000,000 or more.....	9%
Mean	\$701,610
Median	\$236,448

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Q-17. Does your congregation have a loan or loans with any of the following groups or institutions? (Check all that apply and indicate the approximate balance and interest rate on loans in each category.)

Banks or financial institutions

Interest Rate	n=1,053
	+
Less than 1%	2%
1% – 1.999%	2%
2% – 2.999%	3%
3% – 3.999%	6%
4% – 4.999%	13%
5% – 5.999%	23%
6% – 6.999%	35%
7% – 7.999%	13%
8% – 8.999%	2%
9% – 9.999%	1%
10% or more	*
Mean	5.550%
Median	6.000%

Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP)

Approximate Balance	n=330
	+
\$1 – \$4,999	2%
\$5,000 – \$9,999	2%
\$10,000 – \$19,999	6%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	3%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	2%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	4%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	13%
\$100,000 – \$199,999	18%
\$200,000 – \$299,999	13%
\$300,000 – \$399,999	8%
\$400,000 – \$499,999	8%
\$500,000 – \$999,999	14%
\$1,000,000 – \$1,999,999	5%
\$2,000,000 or more	2%
Mean	\$344,455
Median	\$198,110

Interest Rate	n=330
	+
Less than 1%	1%
1% – 1.999%	—
2% – 2.999%	1%
3% – 3.999%	3%
4% – 4.999%	16%
5% – 5.999%	55%
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Q-17. Does your congregation have a loan or loans with any of the following groups or institutions? (Check all that apply and indicate the approximate balance and interest rate on loans in each category.)

Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP)

Interest Rate	n=330
	+
6% – 6.999%	21%
7% – 7.999%	3%
8% – 8.999%	—
9% – 9.999%	—
10% or more	—
Mean	5.301%
Median	5.250%

General Assembly Loan Program

Approximate Balance	n=116
\$1 – \$4,999	4%
\$5,000 – \$9,999	11%
\$10,000 – \$19,999	5%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	2%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	5%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	5%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	16%
\$100,000 – \$199,999	28%
\$200,000 – \$299,999	15%
\$300,000 – \$399,999	3%
\$400,000 – \$499,999	3%
\$500,000 – \$999,999	2%
\$1,000,000 – \$1,999,999	1%
\$2,000,000 or more	—
Mean	\$137,642
Median	\$103,630

Interest Rate	n=116
	+
Less than 1%	—
1% – 1.999%	—
2% – 2.999%	5%
3% – 3.999%	9%
4% – 4.999%	6%
5% – 5.999%	32%
6% – 6.999%	37%
7% – 7.999%	8%
8% – 8.999%	1%
9% – 9.999%	—
10% or more	1%

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Q-17. Does your congregation have a loan or loans with any of the following groups or institutions? (Check all that apply and indicate the approximate balance and interest rate on loans in each category.)

General Assembly Loan Program

Interest Rate	n=116
	+
Mean	5.109%
Median	5.350%

Presbytery or synod

Approximate Balance	n=324
\$1 – \$4,999	8%
\$5,000 – \$9,999	8%
\$10,000 – \$19,999	12%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	10%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	10%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	6%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	15%
\$100,000 – \$199,999	17%
\$200,000 – \$299,999	4%
\$300,000 – \$399,999	2%
\$400,000 – \$499,999	2%
\$500,000 – \$999,999	3%
\$1,000,000 – \$1,999,999	2%
\$2,000,000 or more	1%
Mean	\$145,071
Median	\$43,000

Interest Rate	n=324
	+
Less than 1%	2%
1% – 1.999%	5%
2% – 2.999%	5%
3% – 3.999%	11%
4% – 4.999%	17%
5% – 5.999%	26%
6% – 6.999%	28%
7% – 7.999%	5%
8% – 8.999%	1%
9% – 9.999%	—
10% or more	—
Mean	4.858%
Median	5.000%

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Q-17. Does your congregation have a loan or loans with any of the following groups or institutions? (Check all that apply and indicate the approximate balance and interest rate on loans in each category.)

Other

Approximate Balance

	n=248
\$1 – \$4,999	11%
\$5,000 – \$9,999	6%
\$10,000 – \$19,999	9%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	7%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	6%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	4%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	10%
\$100,000 – \$199,999	16%
\$200,000 – \$299,999	8%
\$300,000 – \$399,999	5%
\$400,000 – \$499,999	4%
\$500,000 – \$999,999	5%
\$1,000,000 – \$1,999,999	4%
\$2,000,000 or more	3%
Mean	\$324,939
Median	\$81,000

Interest Rate

	n=248
	+
Less than 1%	4%
1% – 1.999%	2%
2% – 2.999%	4%
3% – 3.999%	8%
4% – 4.999%	15%
5% – 5.999%	26%
6% – 6.999%	23%
7% – 7.999%	12%
8% – 8.999%	4%
9% – 9.999%	2%
10% or more	—
Mean	4.934%
Median	5.000%

Q-18. Does your congregation plan to expand or renovate your facilities within the next two years?

Yes, definitely	11%
Yes, possibly	17%
No	72%

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Q-18. Does your congregation plan to expand or renovate your facilities within the next two years?

[cont.]

Q-18a. [If “Yes, ”] What is the estimated cost of the project(s) (if known)?	n=2,078
	+
\$1 – \$999.....	3%
\$1,000 – \$9,999.....	12%
\$10,000 – \$29,999.....	22%
\$30,000 – \$49,999.....	9%
\$50,000 – \$99,999.....	11%
\$100,000 – \$499,999.....	23%
\$500,000 – \$999,999.....	5%
\$1,000,000 – \$1,999,999.....	8%
\$2,000,000 – \$4,999,999.....	4%
\$5,000,000 or more.....	4%
Mean.....	\$2,131,420
Median.....	\$60,000

Q-18b. [If “Yes, ”] Will this project require a capital campaign (a special fundraising effort)?

	n=2,078
Yes, definitely.....	36%
Yes, possibly.....	39%
No.....	26%

Q-19. Does your congregation currently have funds in any of the following financial instruments? (Check **all** that apply and indicate the approximate amount invested in each.)

	◆
Certificates of deposit.....	53%
Money market accounts.....	47%
Bonds or treasuries.....	10%
Stocks or mutual funds.....	41%
Savings accounts.....	37%
Other (please specify): _____.....	23%
None of the above → <i>Skip to Q-21</i>	8%

Certificates of deposit

Approximate amount invested

	n=3,850
Less than \$1,000.....	*
\$1,000 – \$4,999.....	4%
\$5,000 – \$9,999.....	7%
\$10,000 – \$14,999.....	8%
\$15,000 – \$19,999.....	6%
\$20,000 – \$29,999.....	12%
\$30,000 – \$39,999.....	8%
\$40,000 – \$49,999.....	6%
\$50,000 – \$99,999.....	21%
\$100,000 – \$149,999.....	10%
\$150,000 – \$199,999.....	5%
\$200,000 – \$299,999.....	5%
\$300,000 – \$499,999.....	4%
\$500,000 or more.....	3%

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Q-19. Does your congregation currently have funds in any of the following financial instruments? (Check *all* that apply and indicate the approximate amount invested in each.)

Certificates of deposit [cont.]

Approximate amount invested

	n=3,850
Mean	\$682,905
Median	\$45,000

Money market accounts

Approximate amount invested

	n=3,411
Less than \$1,000	2%
\$1,000 – \$4,999	7%
\$5,000 – \$9,999	8%
\$10,000 – \$14,999	8%
\$15,000 – \$19,999	6%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	11%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	7%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	6%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	19%
\$100,000 – \$149,999	10%
\$150,000 – \$199,999	5%
\$200,000 – \$299,999	5%
\$300,000 – \$499,999	4%
\$500,000 or more	4%
Mean	\$125,800
Median	\$43,849

Bonds or treasuries

Approximate amount invested

	n=759
	+
Less than \$1,000	2%
\$1,000 – \$4,999	3%
\$5,000 – \$9,999	6%
\$10,000 – \$14,999	5%
\$15,000 – \$19,999	4%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	6%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	5%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	4%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	15%
\$100,000 – \$149,999	8%
\$150,000 – \$199,999	5%
\$200,000 – \$299,999	9%
\$300,000 – \$499,999	9%
\$500,000 or more	19%
Mean	\$3,681,513
Median	\$99,404

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Q-19. Does your congregation currently have funds in any of the following financial instruments? (Check *all* that apply and indicate the approximate amount invested in each.)

Stocks or mutual funds

Approximate amount invested

	n=3,003
Less than \$1,000	1%
\$1,000 – \$4,999	4%
\$5,000 – \$9,999	5%
\$10,000 – \$14,999	4%
\$15,000 – \$19,999	3%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	6%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	6%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	4%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	15%
\$100,000 – \$149,999	11%
\$150,000 – \$199,999	6%
\$200,000 – \$299,999	9%
\$300,000 – \$499,999	9%
\$500,000 or more	17%
Mean	\$1,446,425
Median	\$105,884

Savings accounts

Approximate amount invested

	n=2,697
Less than \$1,000	6%
\$1,000 – \$4,999	20%
\$5,000 – \$9,999	16%
\$10,000 – \$14,999	11%
\$15,000 – \$19,999	7%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	10%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	6%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	4%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	11%
\$100,000 – \$149,999	4%
\$150,000 – \$199,999	2%
\$200,000 – \$299,999	2%
\$300,000 – \$499,999	1%
\$500,000 or more	1%
Mean	\$59,421
Median	\$13,586

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Q-19. Does your congregation currently have funds in any of the following financial instruments? (Check *all* that apply and indicate the approximate amount invested in each.)

Other

Approximate amount invested

	n=1,702
Less than \$1,000	2%
\$1,000 – \$4,999	9%
\$5,000 – \$9,999	10%
\$10,000 – \$14,999	8%
\$15,000 – \$19,999	6%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	11%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	7%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	5%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	15%
\$100,000 – \$149,999	8%
\$150,000 – \$199,999	3%
\$200,000 – \$299,999	4%
\$300,000 – \$499,999	5%
\$500,000 or more	7%
Mean	\$170,127
Median	\$35,000

Q-20. Who manages your funds (Check *all* that apply.) n=7,050

	◆
A brokerage /investment firm.....	26%
New Covenant Funds/Presbyterian Foundation	22%
A bank	24%
We manage our own portfolio.....	61%
Other (please specify):	5%

Bequests and Major Gifts

Q-21. How many *bequests* did your congregation receive in 2009? Bequests are gifts of money, stocks, or other property left to the church through a will when someone dies. If none, write “0” (zero).

None or did not respond†	77%
One	23%
Two.....	*
Three or more	*
	n=1,782
Mean (excluding “none or did not respond”).....	1.01
Median (excluding “none or did not respond”).....	1.00

† = Due to a programming error in the survey, there was no way to distinguish congregations that reported no bequests from those that did not respond to this question.

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Q-21. How many *bequests* did your congregation receive in 2009? Bequests are gifts of money, stocks, or other property left to the church through a will when someone dies. If none, write “0” (zero).

Total value of these bequests

	n=1,692
None or did not respond.....	73%
Less than \$1,000	7%
\$1,000 – \$4,999	4%
\$5,000 – \$9,999	3%
\$10,000 – \$14,999	2%
\$15,000 – \$19,999	1%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	2%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	1%
\$40,000 – \$49,999	1%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	2%
\$100,000 – \$149,999	1%
\$150,000 – \$199,999	*
\$200,000 – \$299,999	1%
\$300,000 – \$499,999	*
\$500,000 or more.....	*
Mean all for congregations	\$10,876
Median all for congregations	\$0.00
	n=1,545
Mean for congregations with bequests in 2009 excluding “none or did not respond”	\$53,796
Median for congregations with bequests in 2009 excluding “none or did not respond”	\$10,000

Q-22. How many *other gifts from estates* did your congregation receive in 2009? Other gifts include being named as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement account, trust, or gift annuity. If none, write “0” (zero).

None or did not respond†	93%
One	5%
Two.....	1%
Three.....	*
Four	*
Five.....	*
Five or more	*
Unspecified number	—
	n=536
Mean (excluding “none or did not respond”).....	2.0
Median (excluding “none or did not respond”).....	1.0

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Q-22. How many *other gifts from estates* did your congregation receive in 2009? Other gifts include being named as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement account, trust, or gift annuity. If none, write “0” (zero).

Total value of all such gifts from estates

	n=7,642
None or did not respond.....	93%
Less than \$1,000	1%
\$1,000 – \$4,999	2%
\$5,000 – \$9,999	1%
\$10,000 – \$14,999	1%
\$15,000 – \$19,999	*
\$20,000 – \$29,999	1%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	*
\$40,000 – \$49,999	*
\$50,000 – \$99,999	*
\$100,000 – \$149,999	*
\$150,000 – \$199,999	*
\$200,000 – \$299,999	*
\$300,000 – \$499,999	*
\$500,000 or more.....	*
Mean for all congregations	\$1,893
Median for all congregations	\$0.00
	n=535
Mean for congregations with other gifts in 2009 excluding “none or did not respond”	\$27,096
Median for congregations with other gifts in 2009 excluding “none or did not respond”	\$6,398

Q-23. Please answer each of the following questions about your congregation.

- a. Does your congregation have a program that encourages members to “remember the church” in their wills?

Yes.....	25%
No	75%

- b. Over the past five years the Presbyterian Foundation has raised nearly \$175 million for ministries at the local and national levels of the PC(USA). Has your church been the beneficiary of a gift through the Foundation?

Yes.....	8%
No	92%

- c. Is it important to your church to have its resources invested consistent with the Social Witness Policy of the PC(USA) (known as Mission Responsibility Through Investing or MRTI)?

Yes.....	24%
No	76%

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Q-23. Please answer each of the following questions about your congregation.

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- d. Over the years we have all seen large gifts go to museums, hospitals, and colleges, which are all worthy causes. Yet fewer major gifts are made to the local or national church. Does your church ask its members for gifts over and above their annual stewardship commitment and giving to special offerings?

Yes.....48%
No52%

Total number of surveys submitted via web.....	6,711
Percent of surveys submitted via web	88%
Total number of surveys submitted via hard copy	931
Percent of surveys submitted via hard copy	12%

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