

St. Mark's Parish Survey Results

November 2023

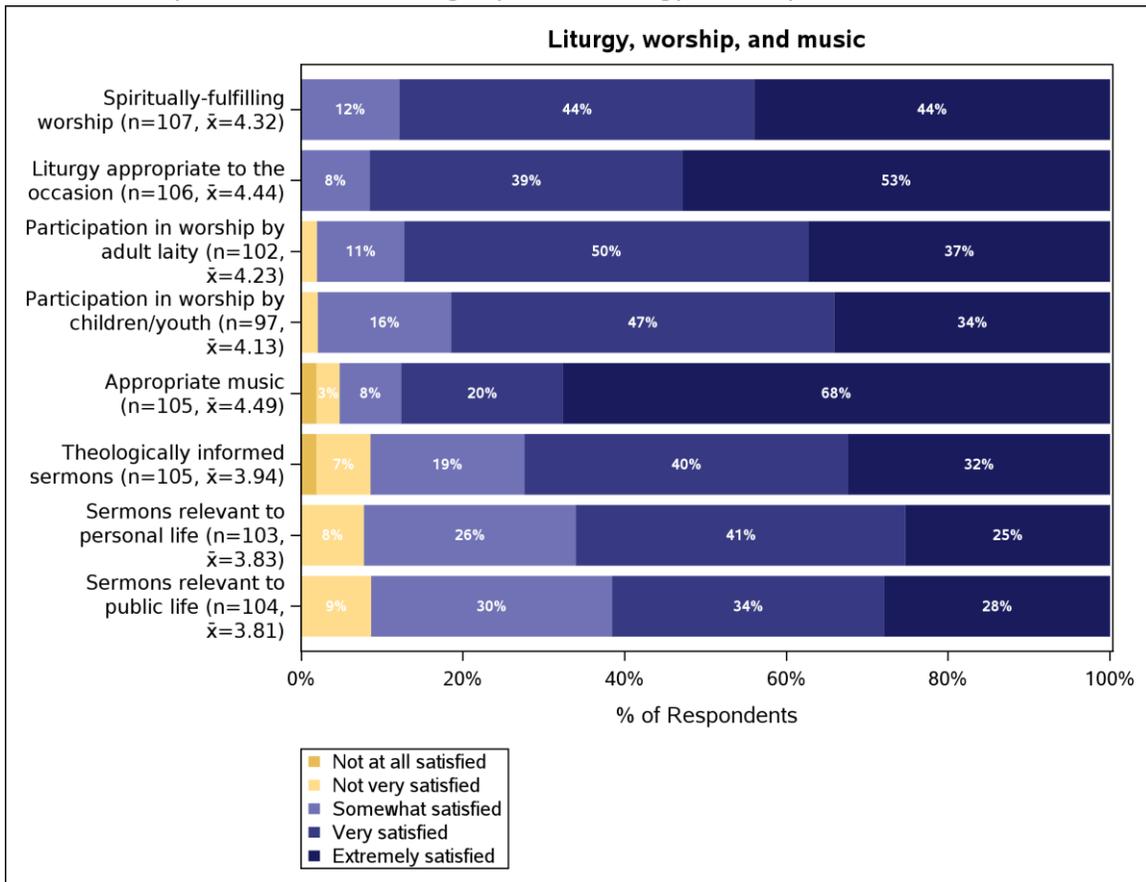
A parish survey was conducted in the fall of 2023 as part of the search process for a new rector. The survey was overseen by the St. Mark's Rector Search Committee and administered by the Statistical Consulting Center at Grand Valley State University using Qualtrics. A link to the survey was sent to the entire parish email distribution list and was also included in three successive weekly Church News emails. Paper copies were made available at the church and were also mailed to homebound parishioners. Survey results were collected for two weeks, from November 3 until November 17.

The first section asked respondents to rank their satisfaction (from 1 = "not at all satisfied" to 5 = "extremely satisfied") on several aspects of ministry. The second section asked respondents to rank the importance (from 1 = "not at all important" to 5 = "extremely important") of qualities and skills for the incoming rector. The concluding section asked demographic questions.

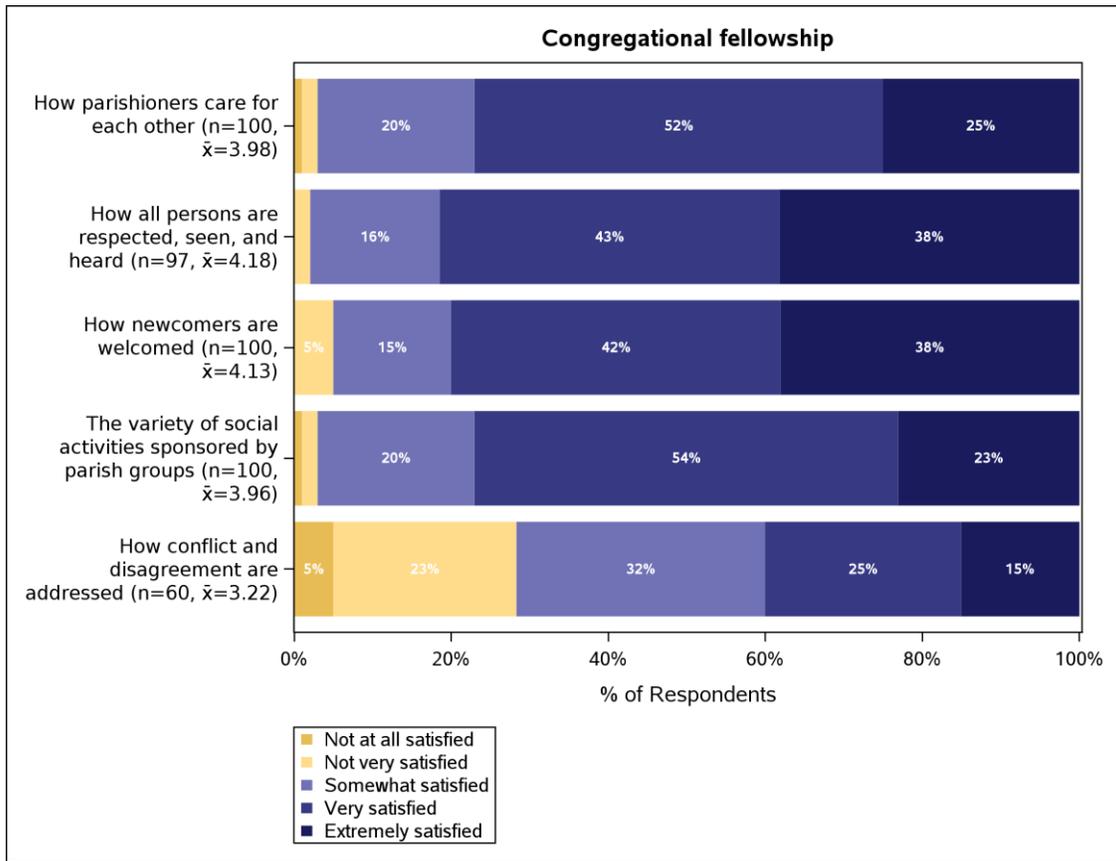
The number of respondents (n=) and average score (\bar{x} =) are reported after each statement. Responses were received from 108 individuals. Given that average adult Sunday worship attendance this fall has been around 150 parishioners across the two services, this represents a very high return rate and suggests the results are robust.

The Ministry of our Parish

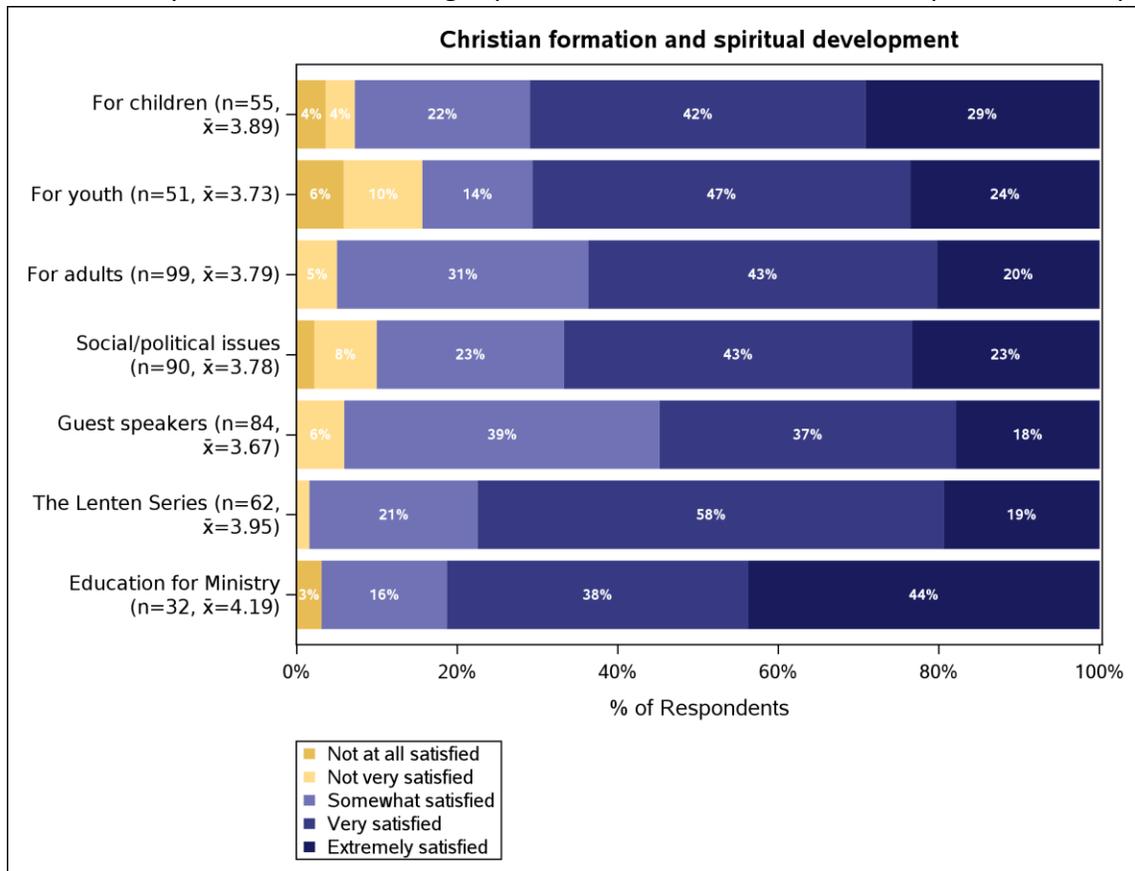
1. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of liturgy, worship, and music at St. Mark's?



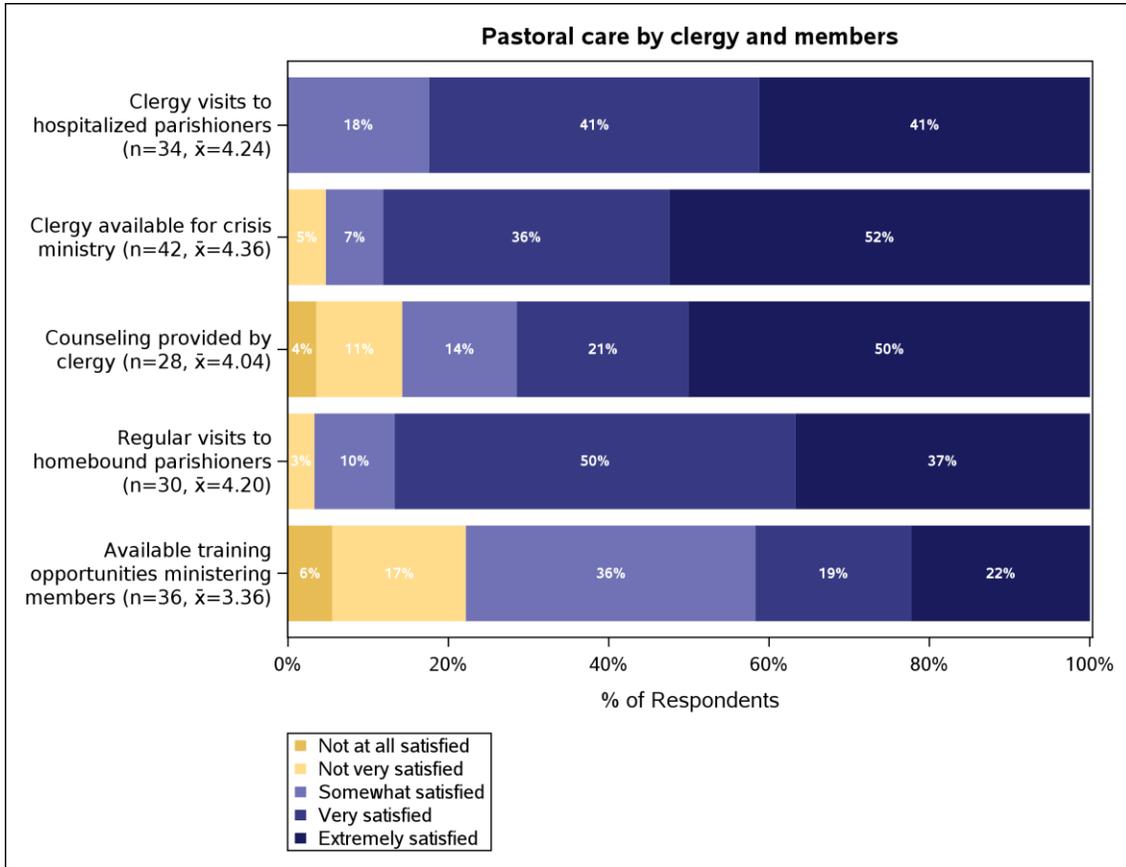
2. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of congregational fellowship?



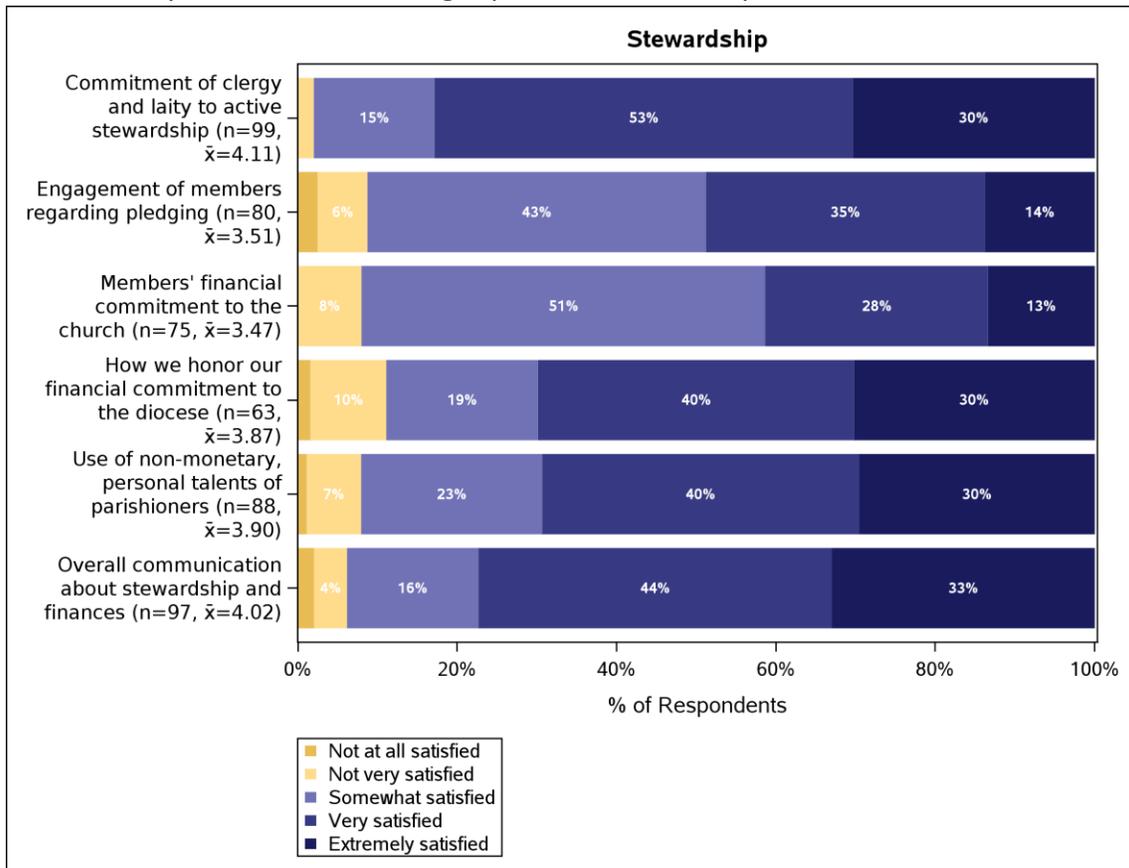
3. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of Christian formation and spiritual development?



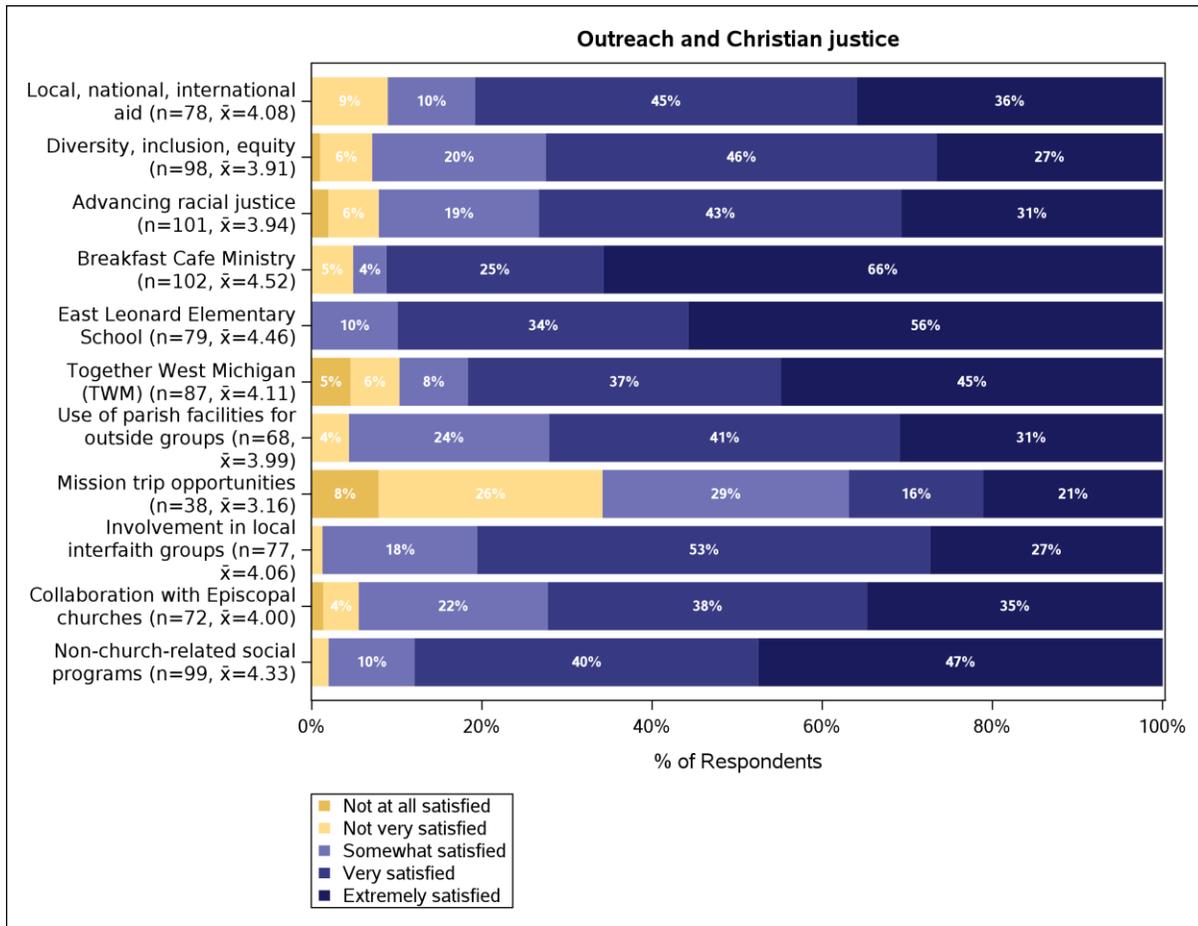
4. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of pastoral care by clergy and parish members?



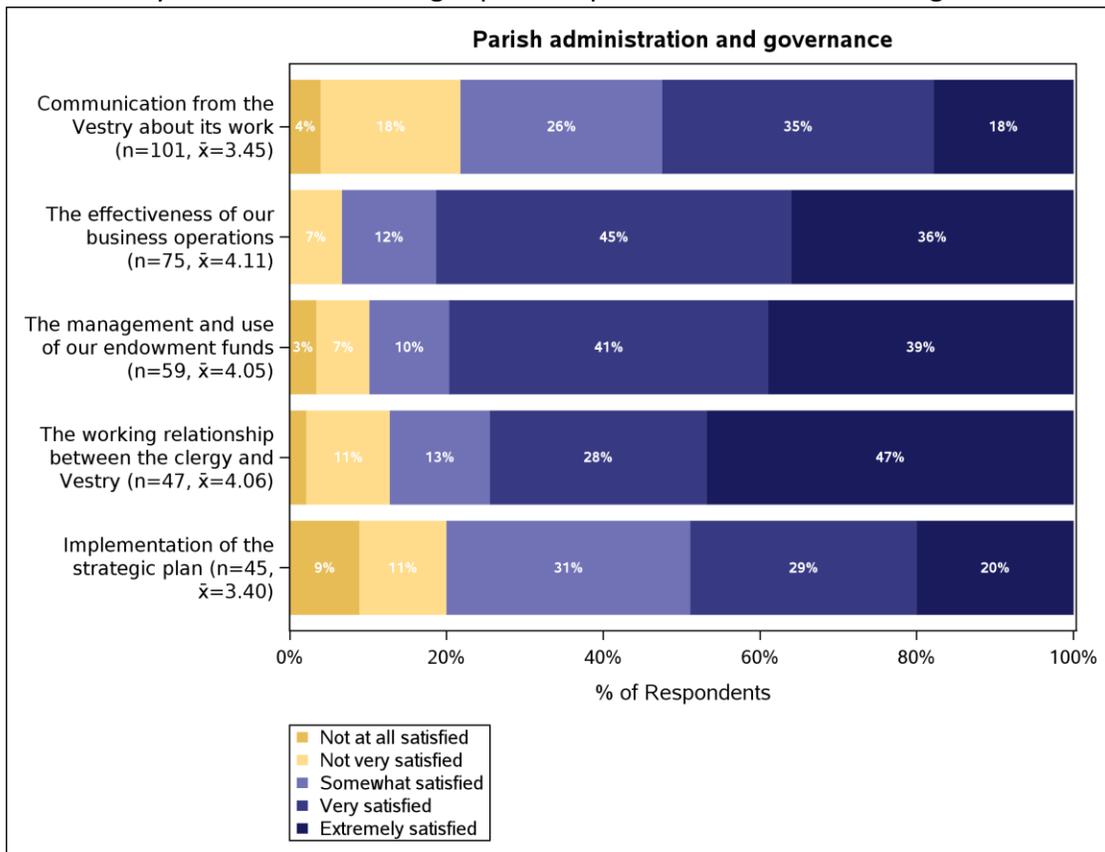
5. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of stewardship at St. Mark's?



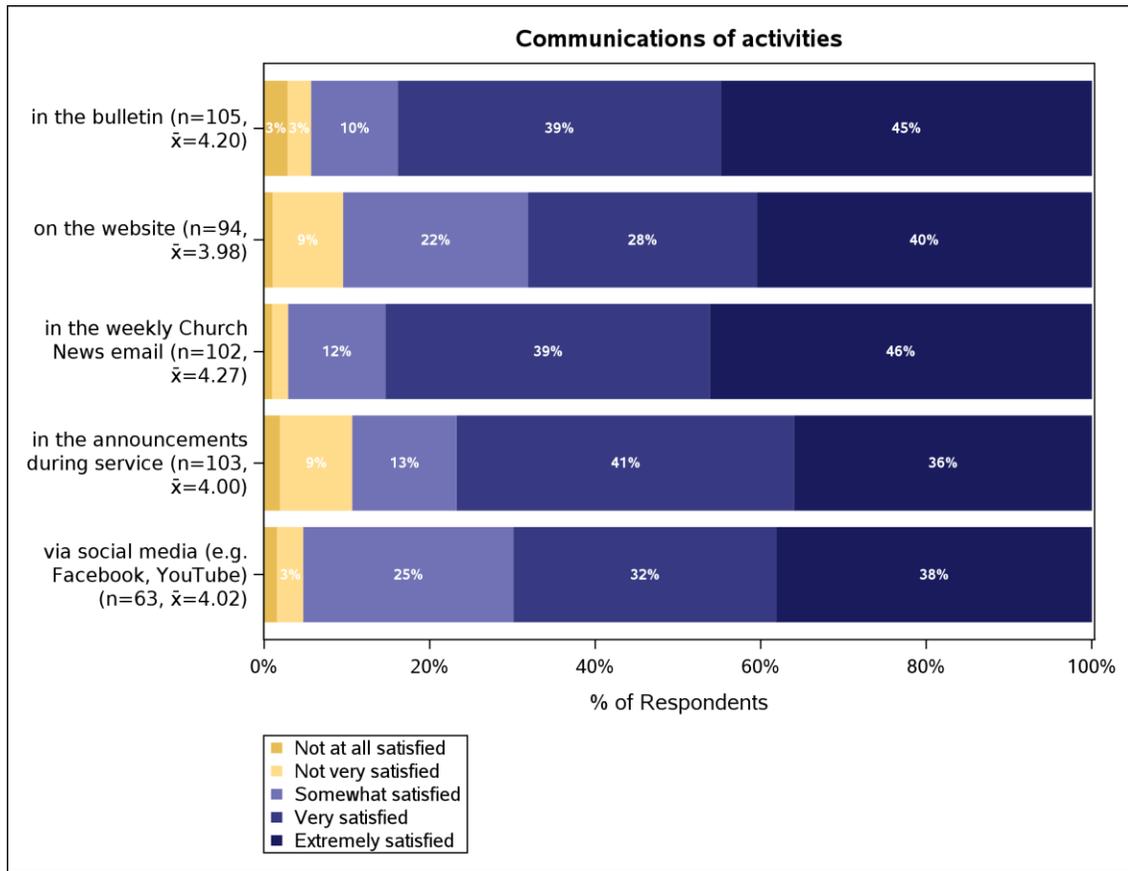
6. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of outreach and Christian justice?



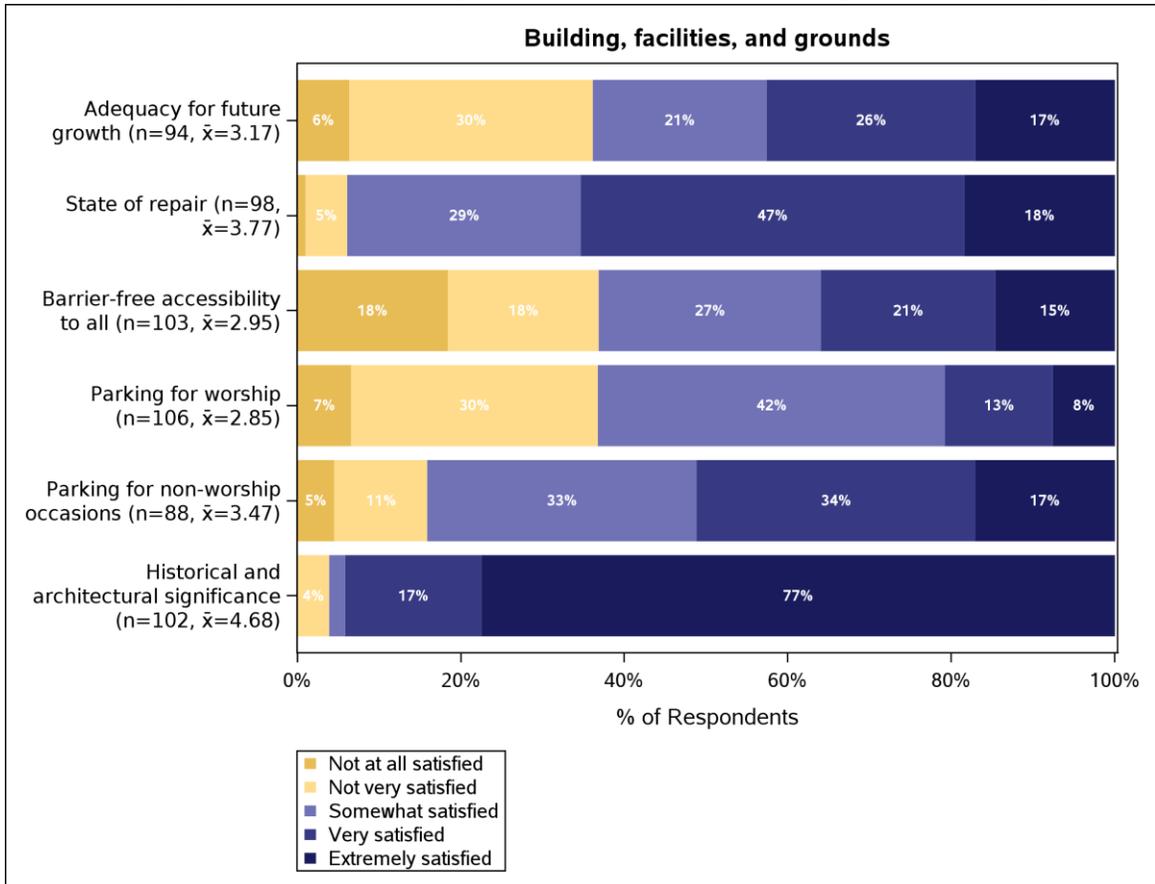
7. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of parish administration and governance?



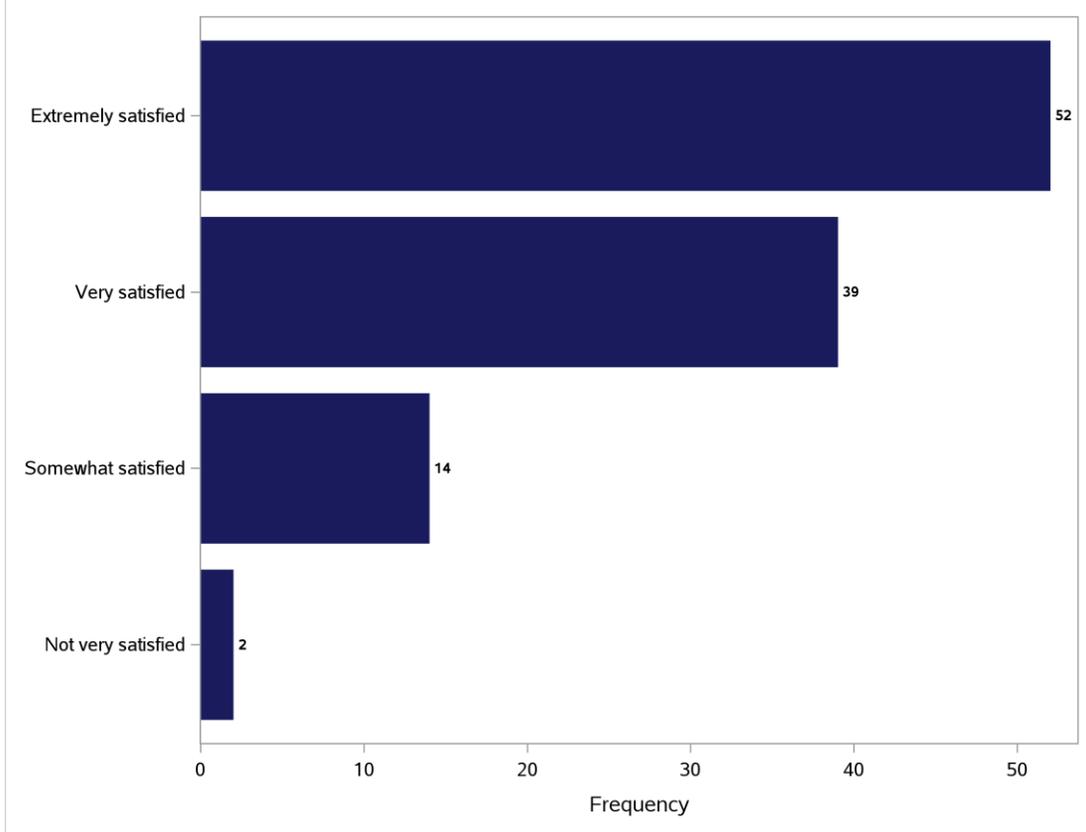
8. How satisfied are you with the way activities are communicated at St. Mark's?



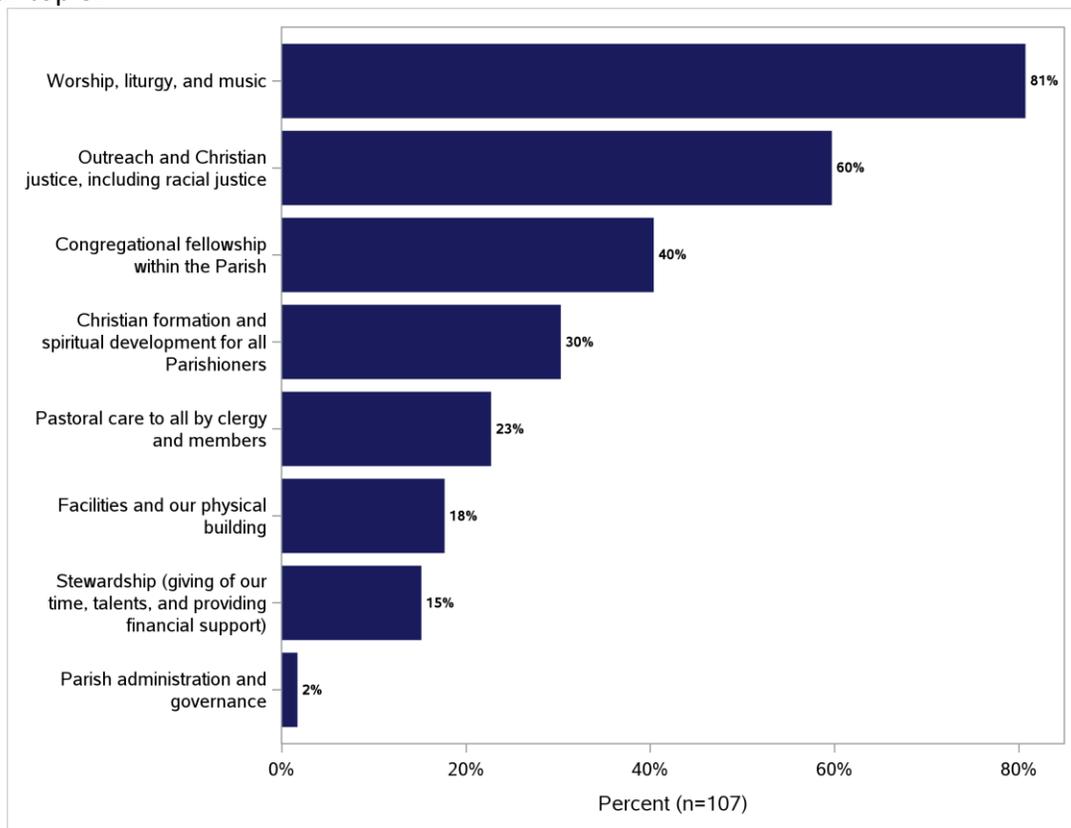
9. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of St. Mark's building, facilities and grounds?



10. Please rate your satisfaction with St. Mark's current Mission Statement: "St. Mark's is an inclusive community of faith, reflecting Christ's love, ministering to all who hunger in body, mind and spirit."

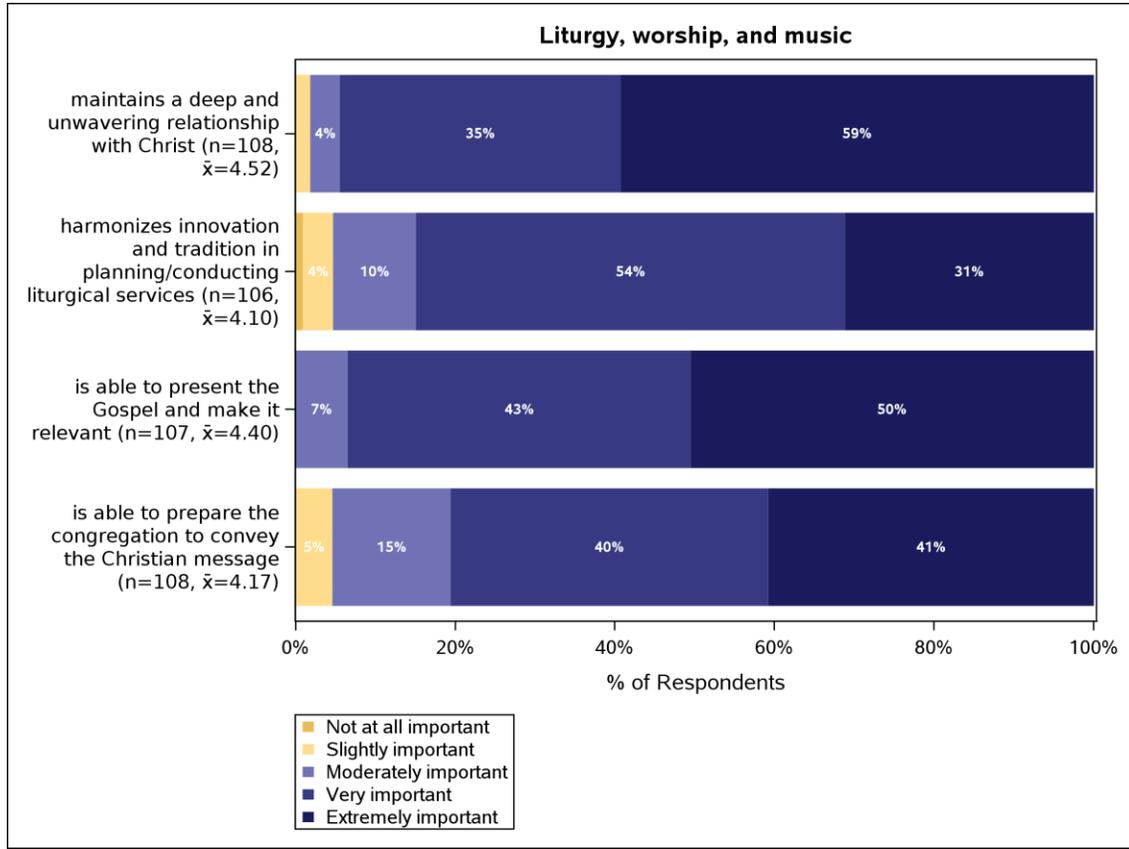


11. Which of the following eight ministry categories are most important to St. Mark's Parish identity? Select your top 3.

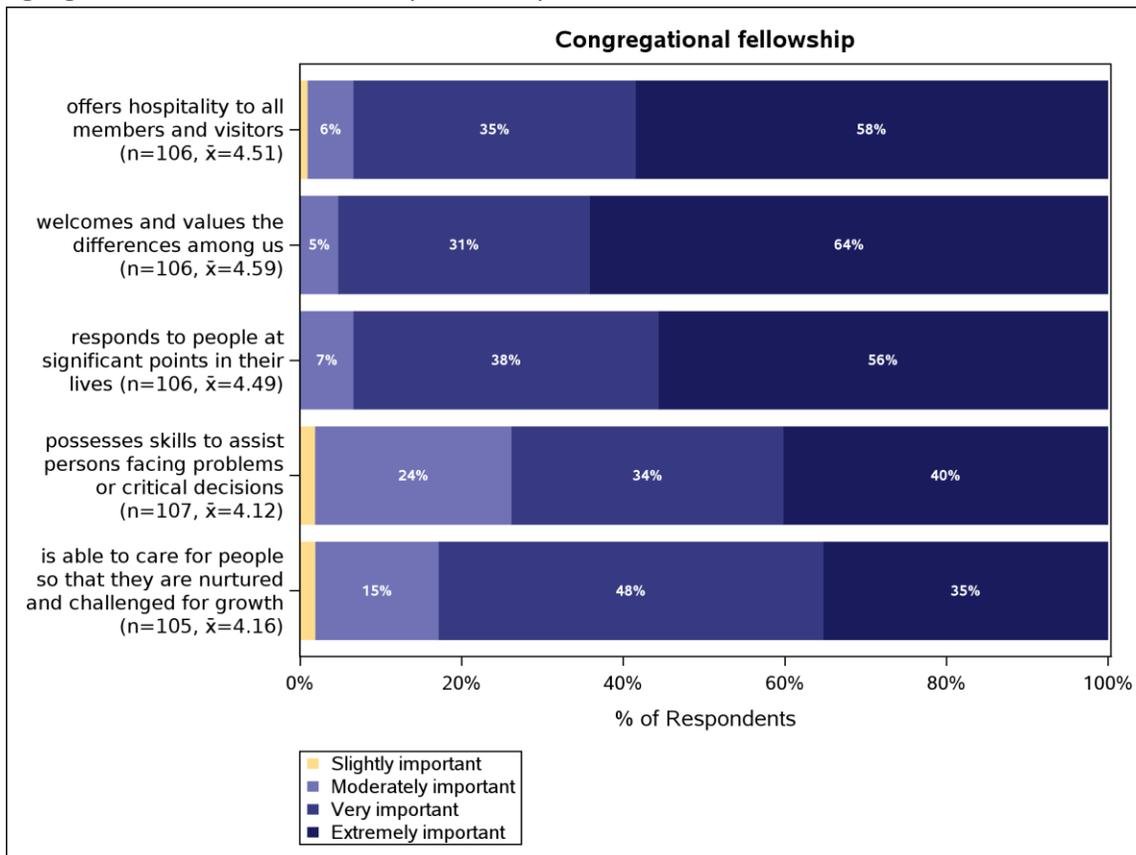


Senior Rector/Pastoral Specialties

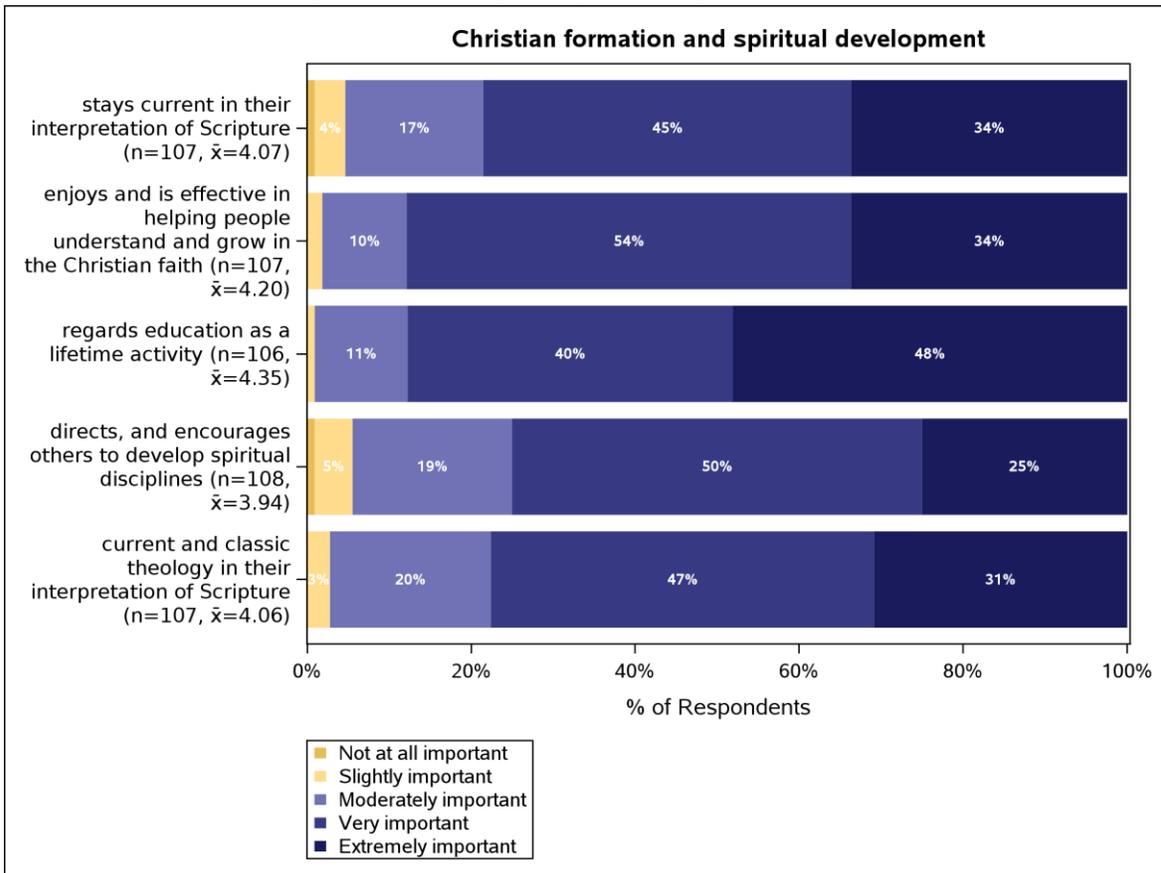
1. In liturgy, worship, and music, how important is it that the new rector:



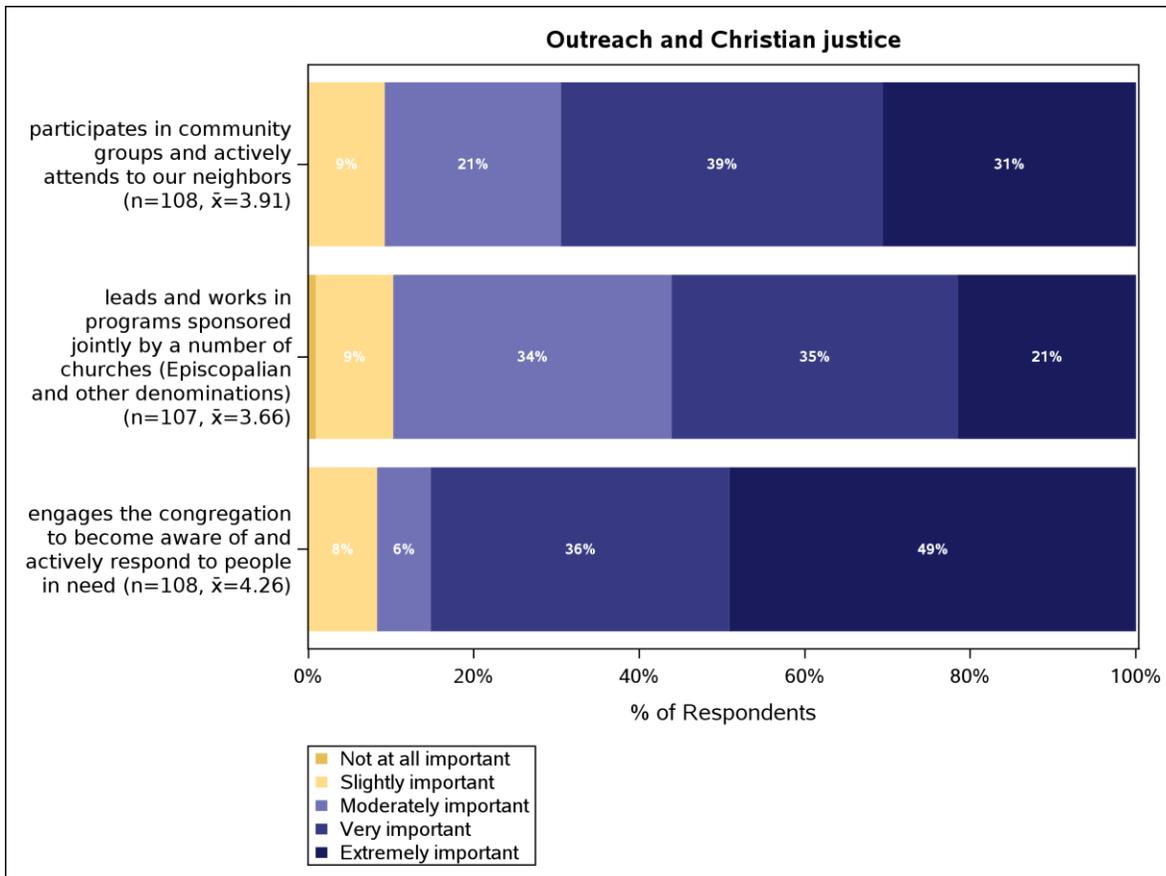
2. In congregational care and fellowship, how important is it that the new rector:



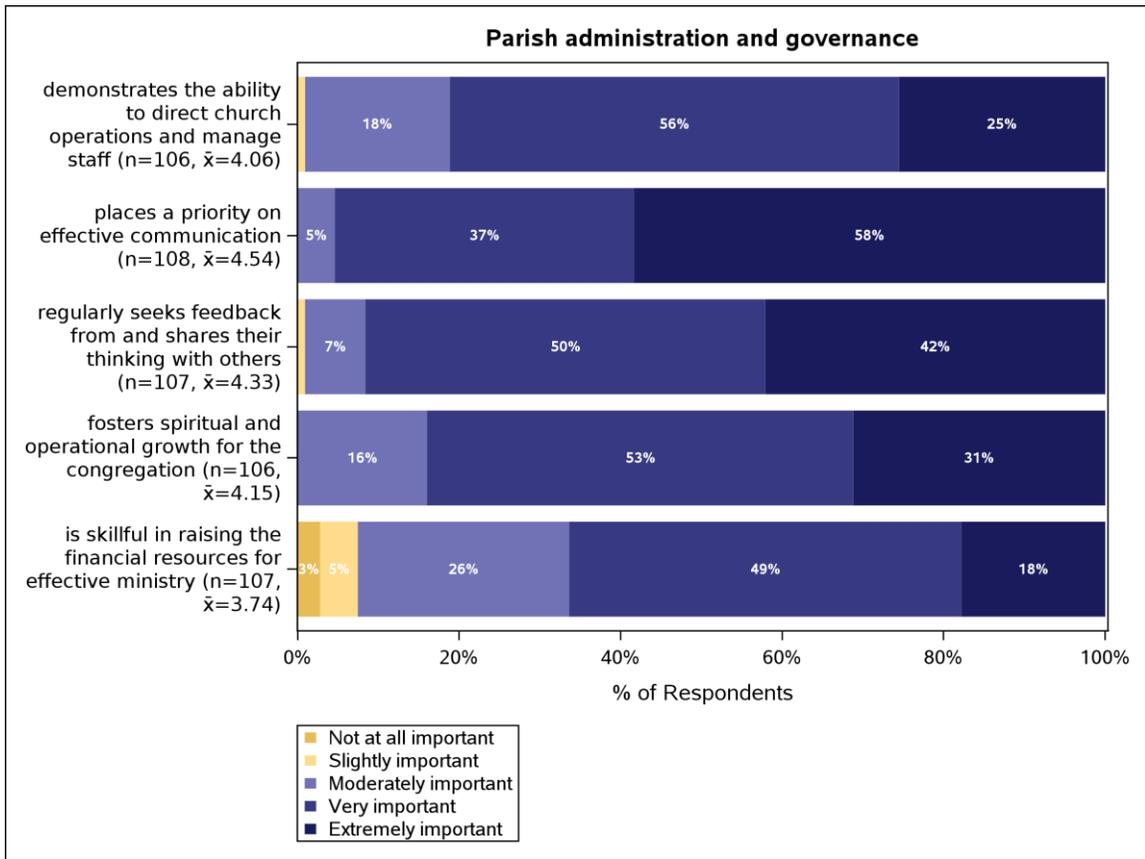
3. In Christian formation and spiritual development, how important is it that the new rector:



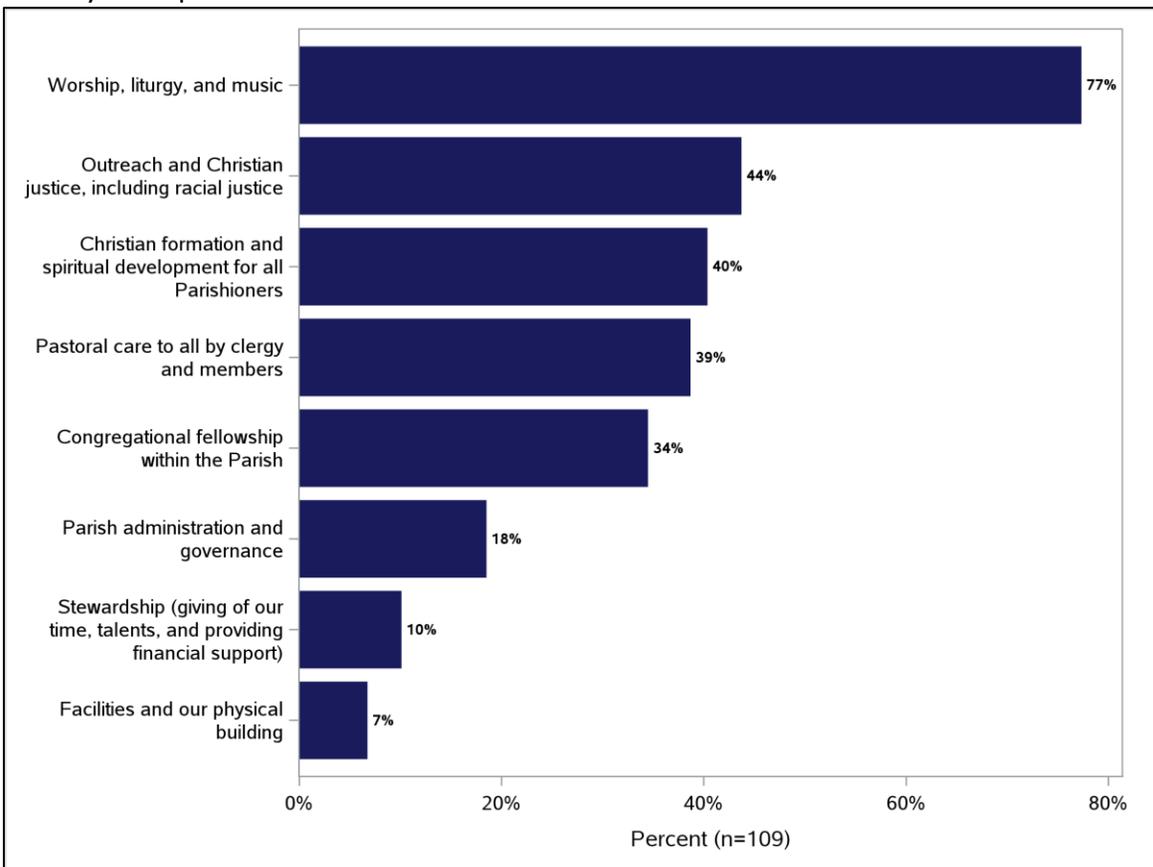
4. In outreach and Christian justice, how important is it that the new rector:



5. In Parish administration and governance, how important is it that the new rector:

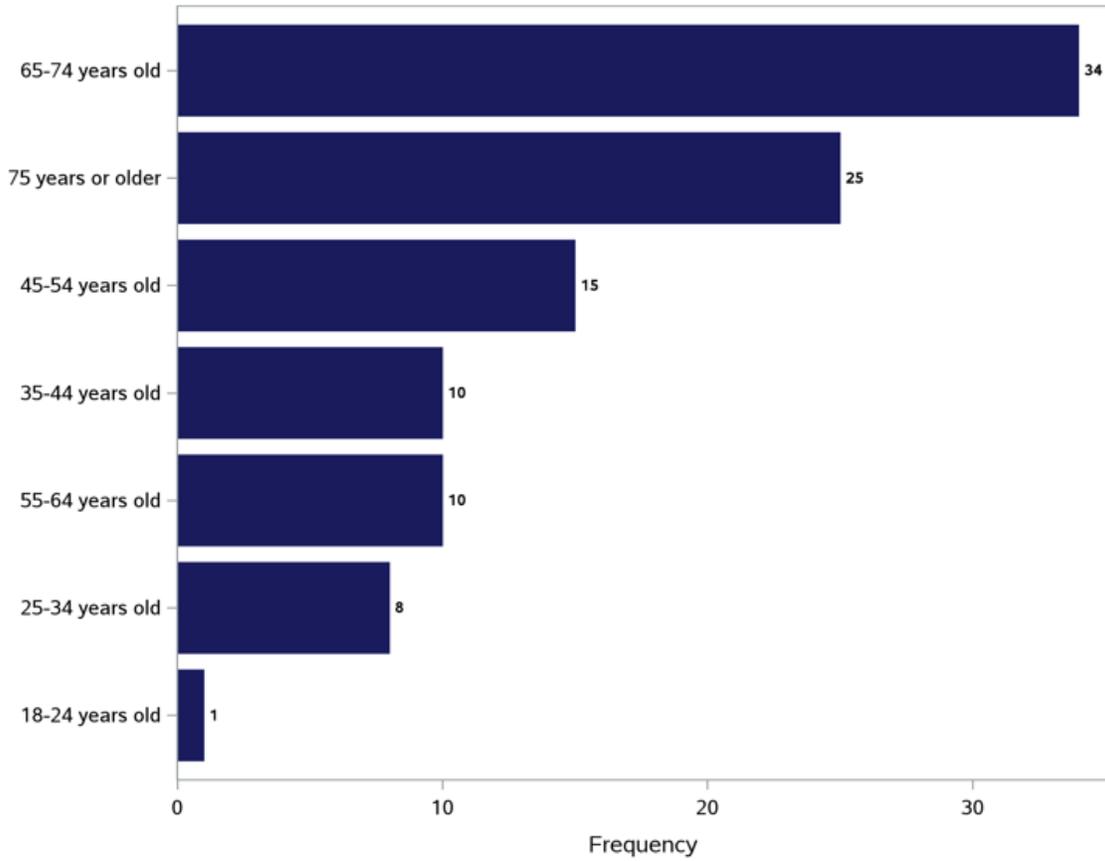


6. Which of the following eight ministry categories is most important when selecting the next rector? Please select your top 3.

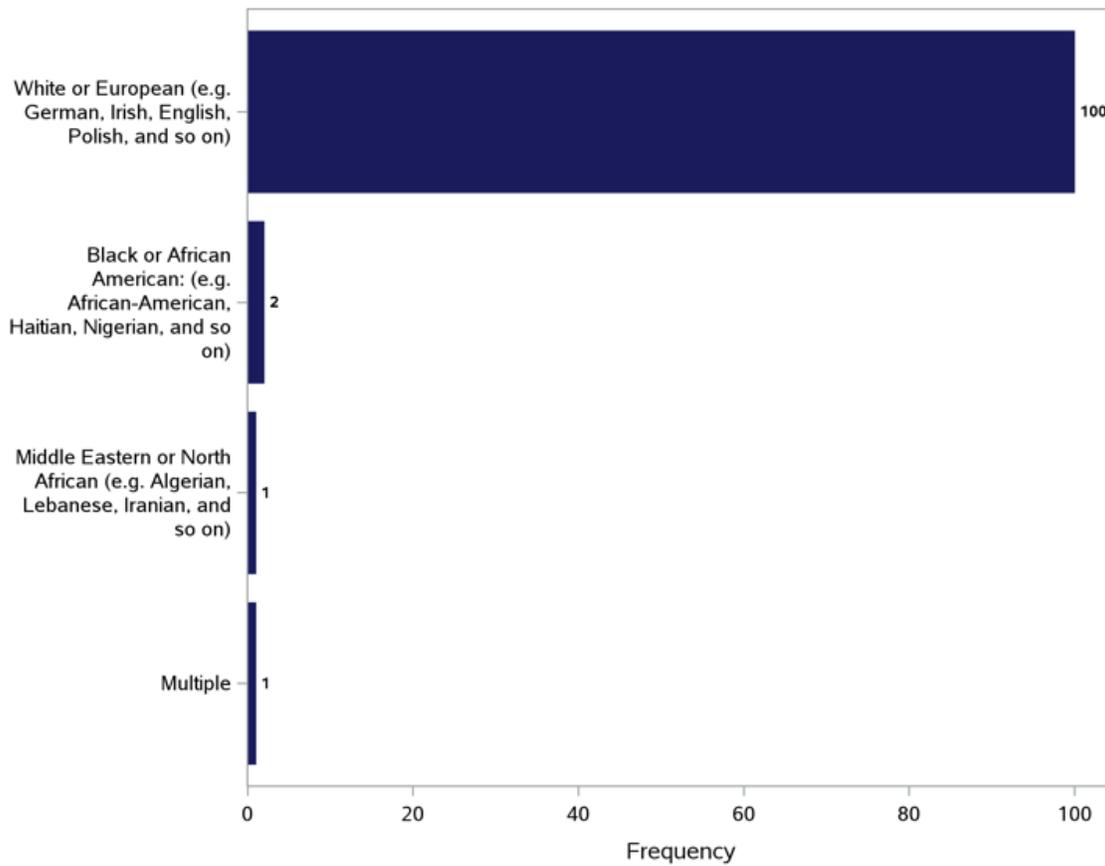


About You

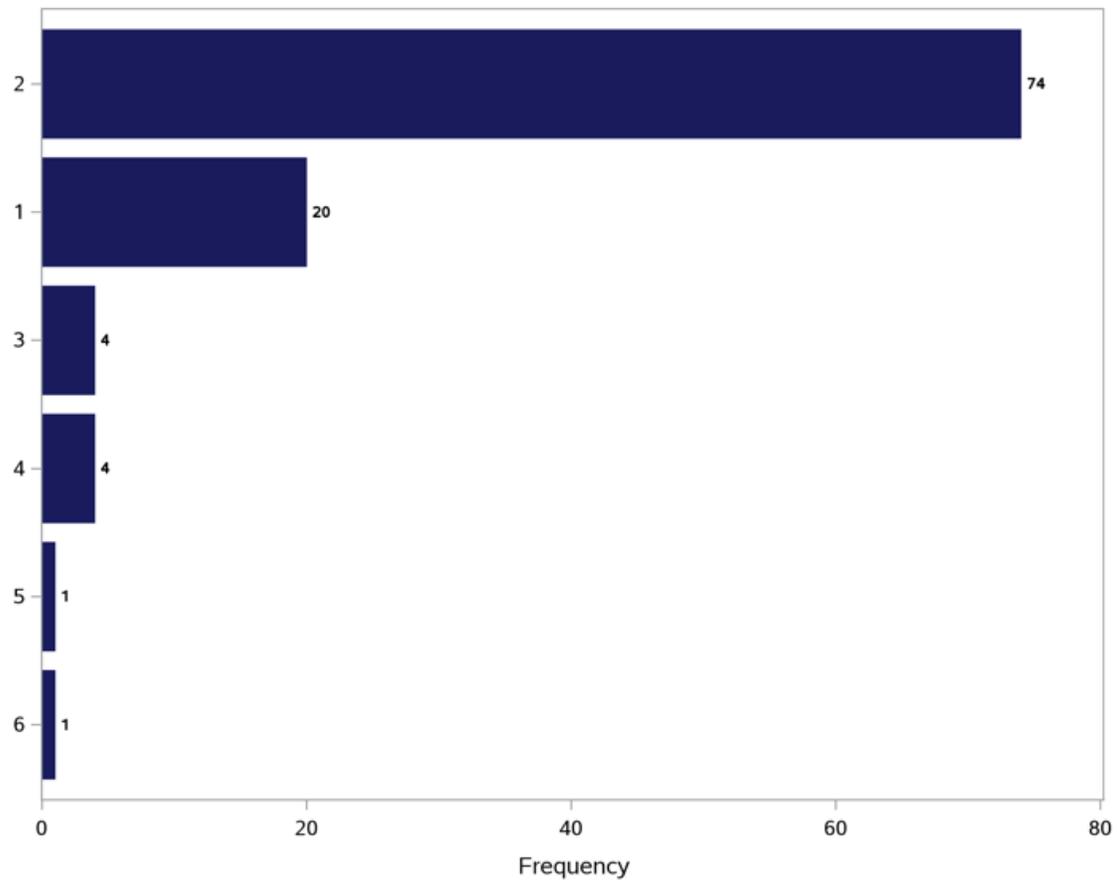
1. Which category below includes your age?



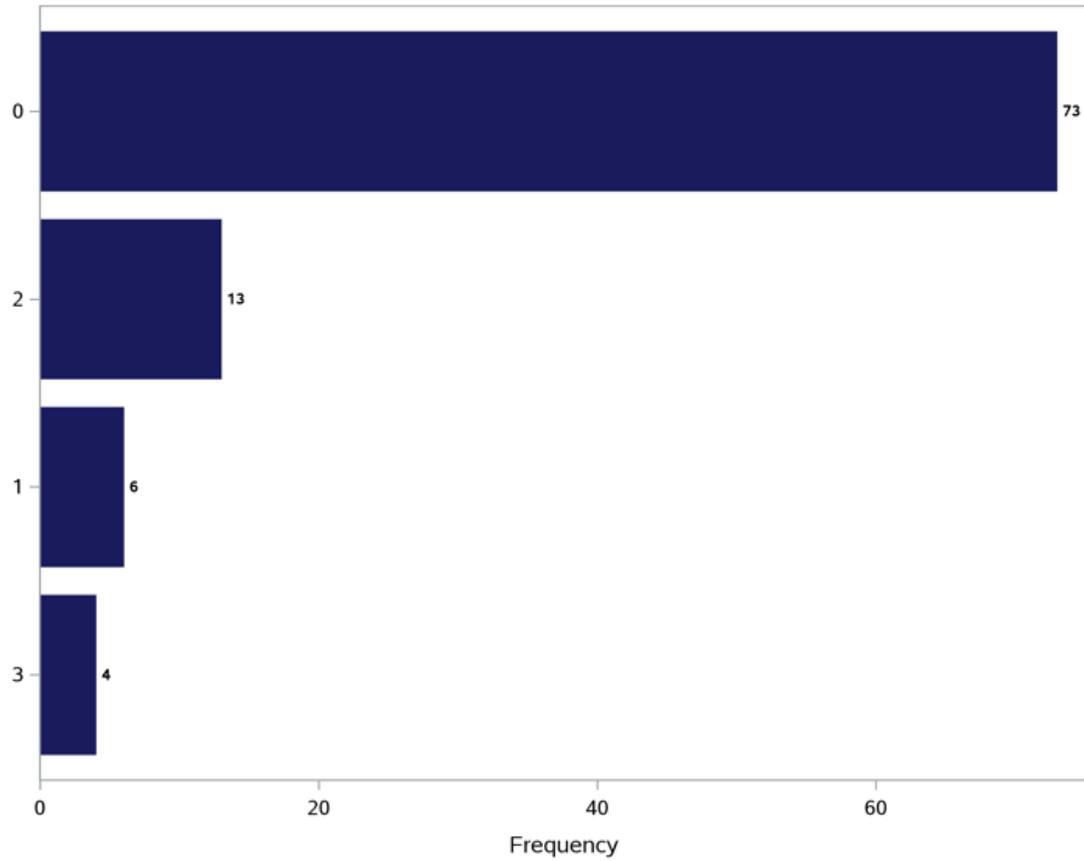
2. What is your ethnic heritage?



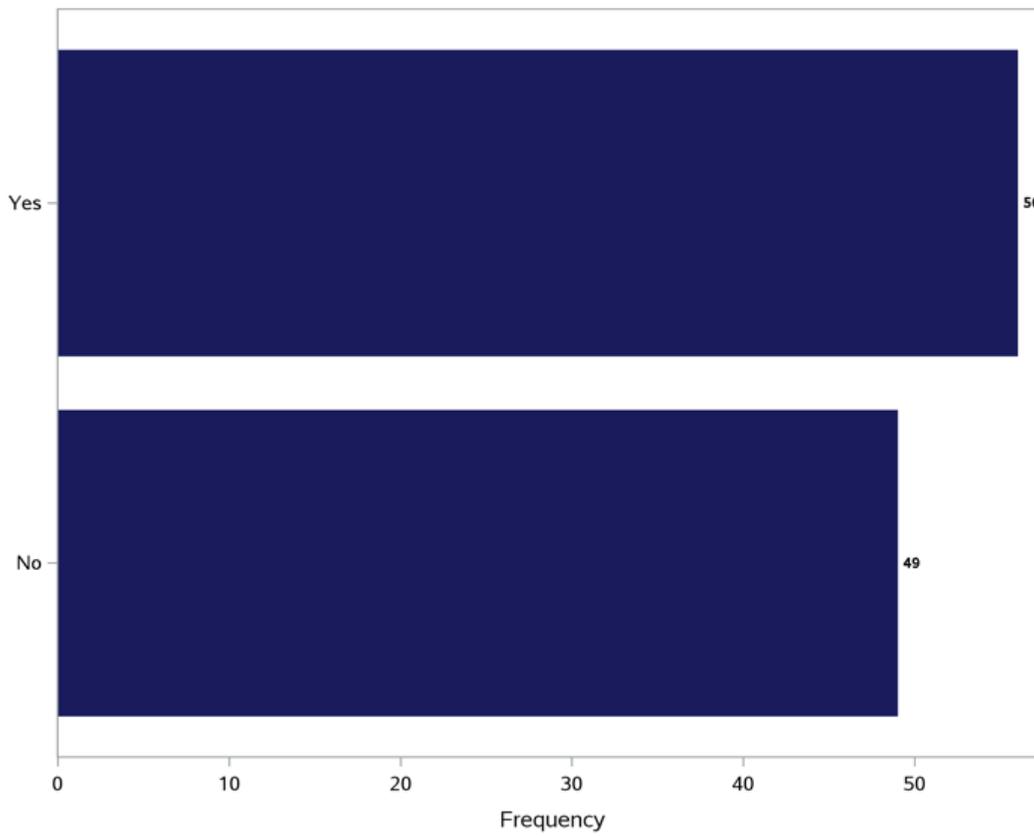
3a. How many adults are in your household?



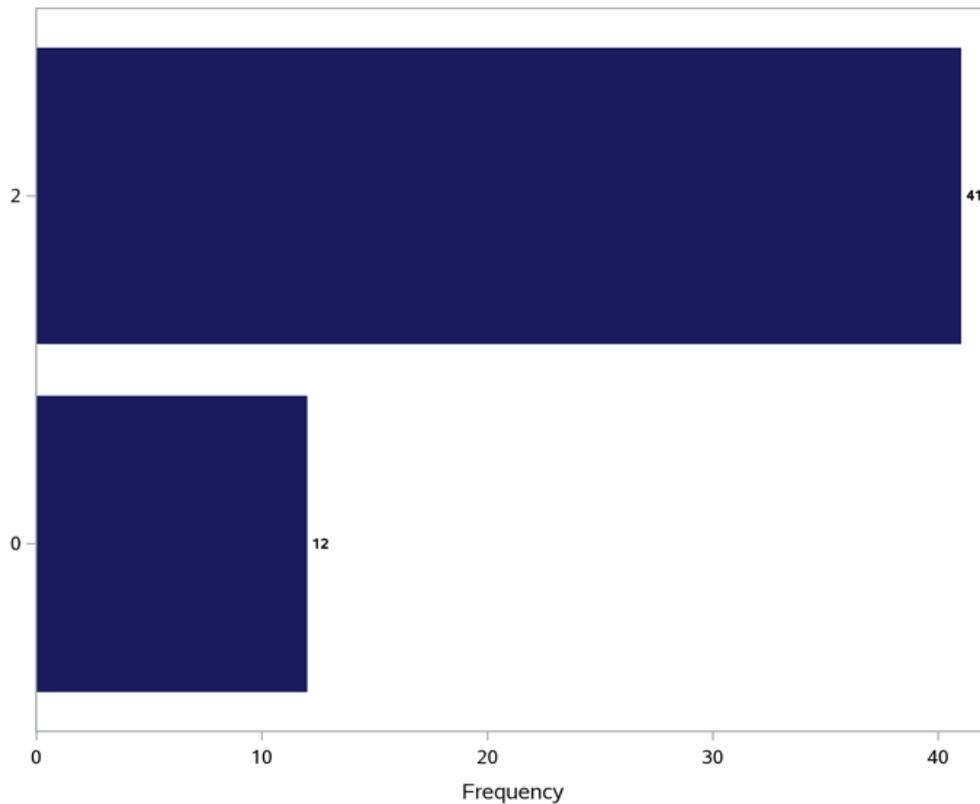
3b. How many children (age 17 and under) are in your household?



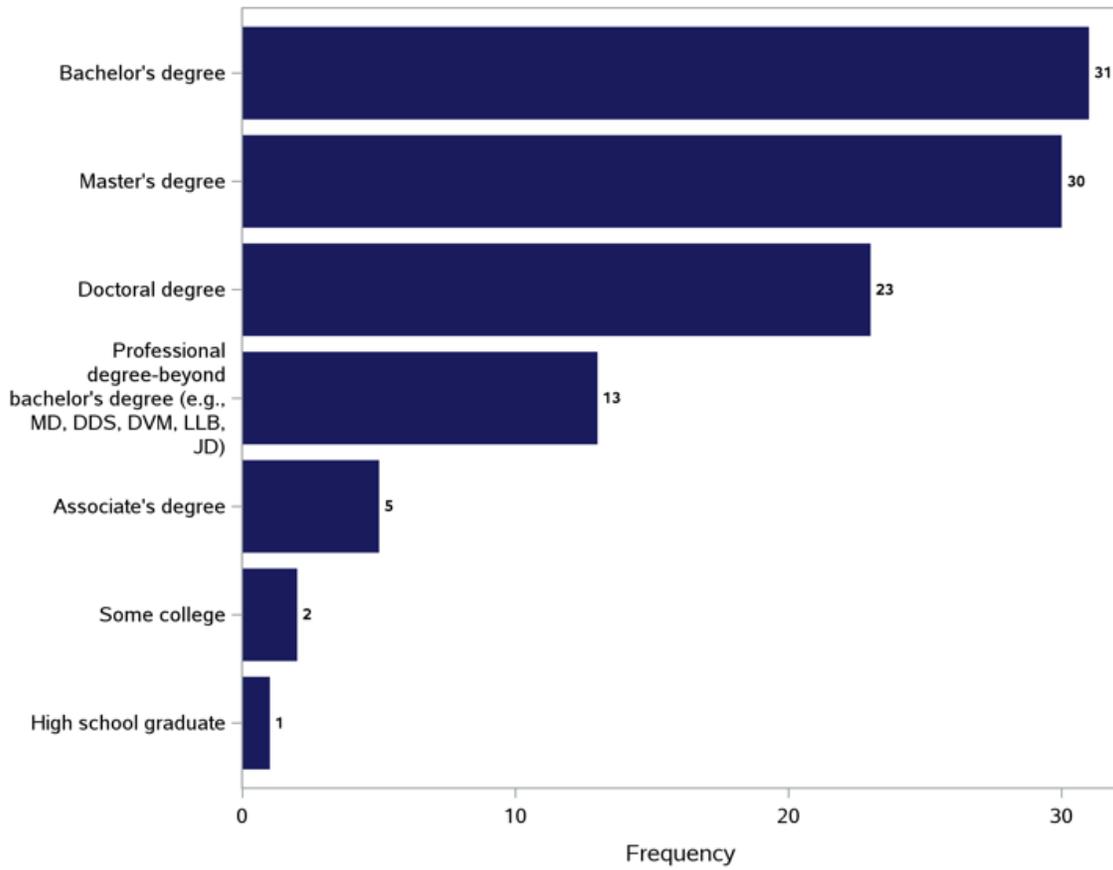
4. Are you the only member of your household who will be completing the survey?



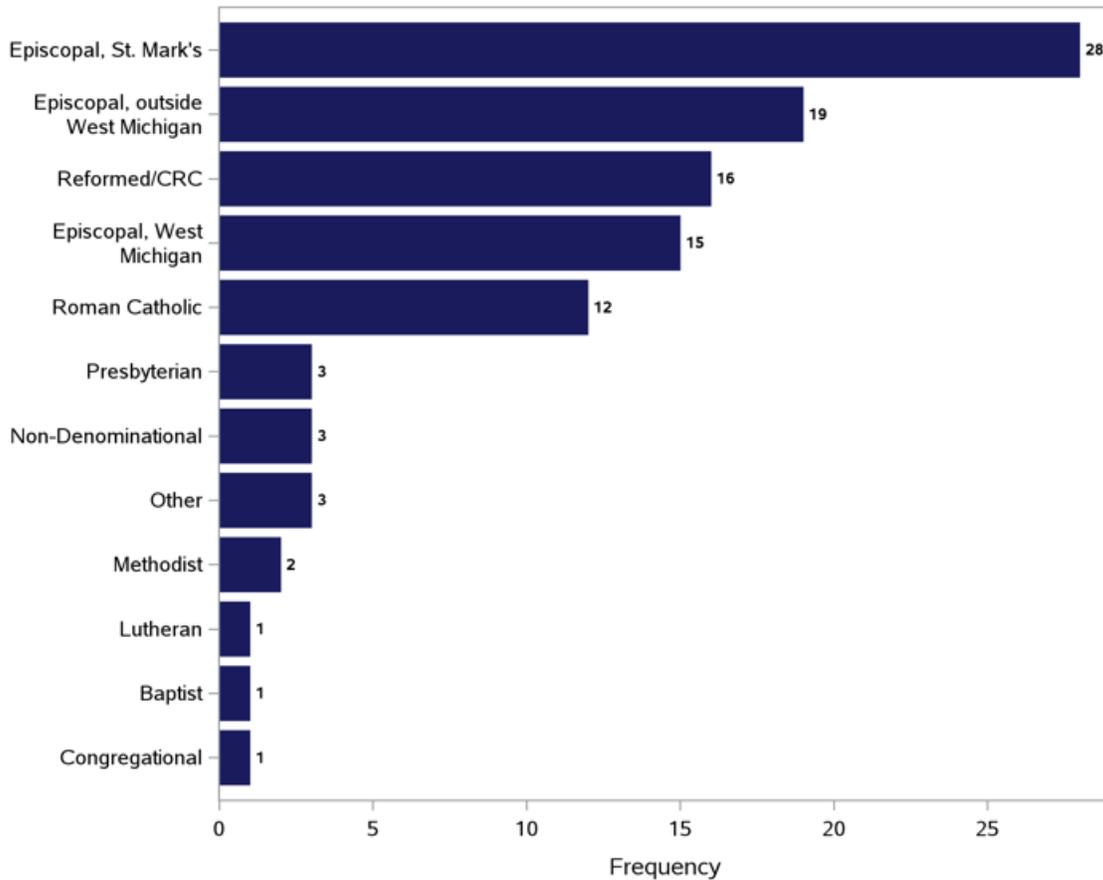
5. If you are not the only member of your household completing the survey, how many (including yourself) will be?



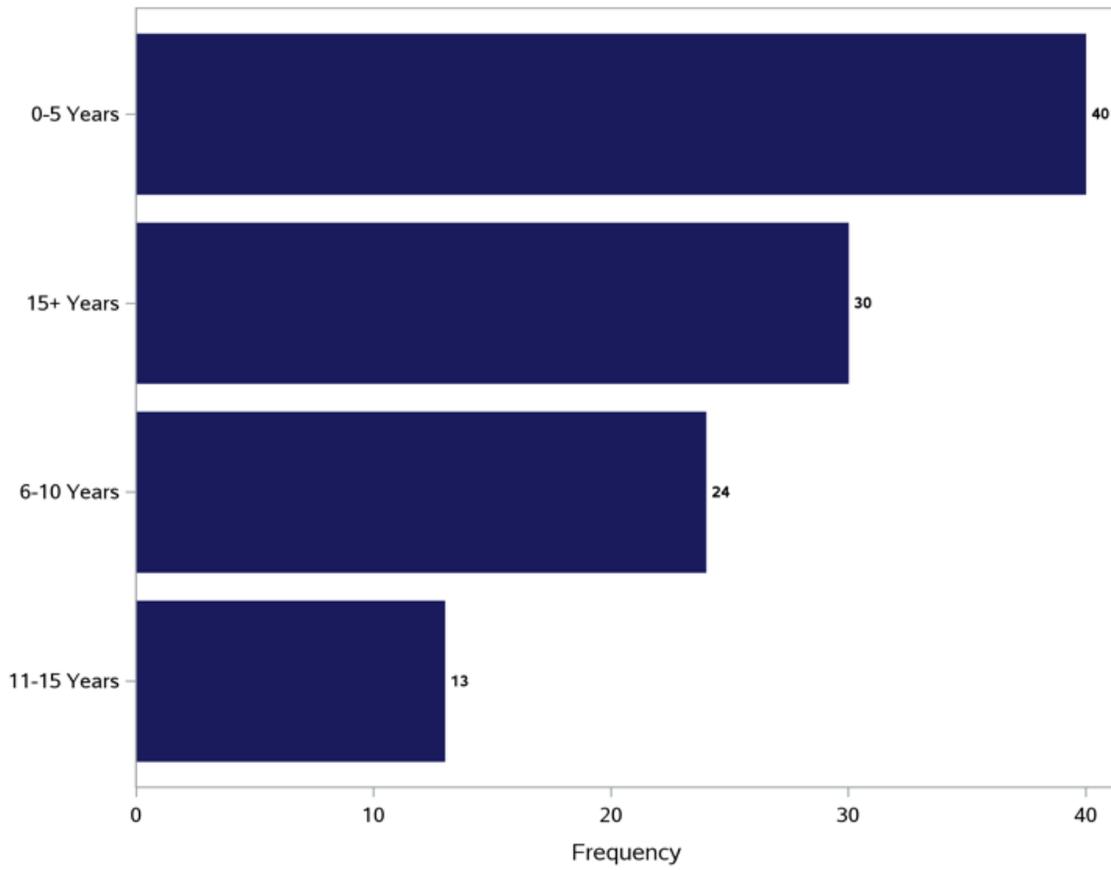
6. What is your level of education?



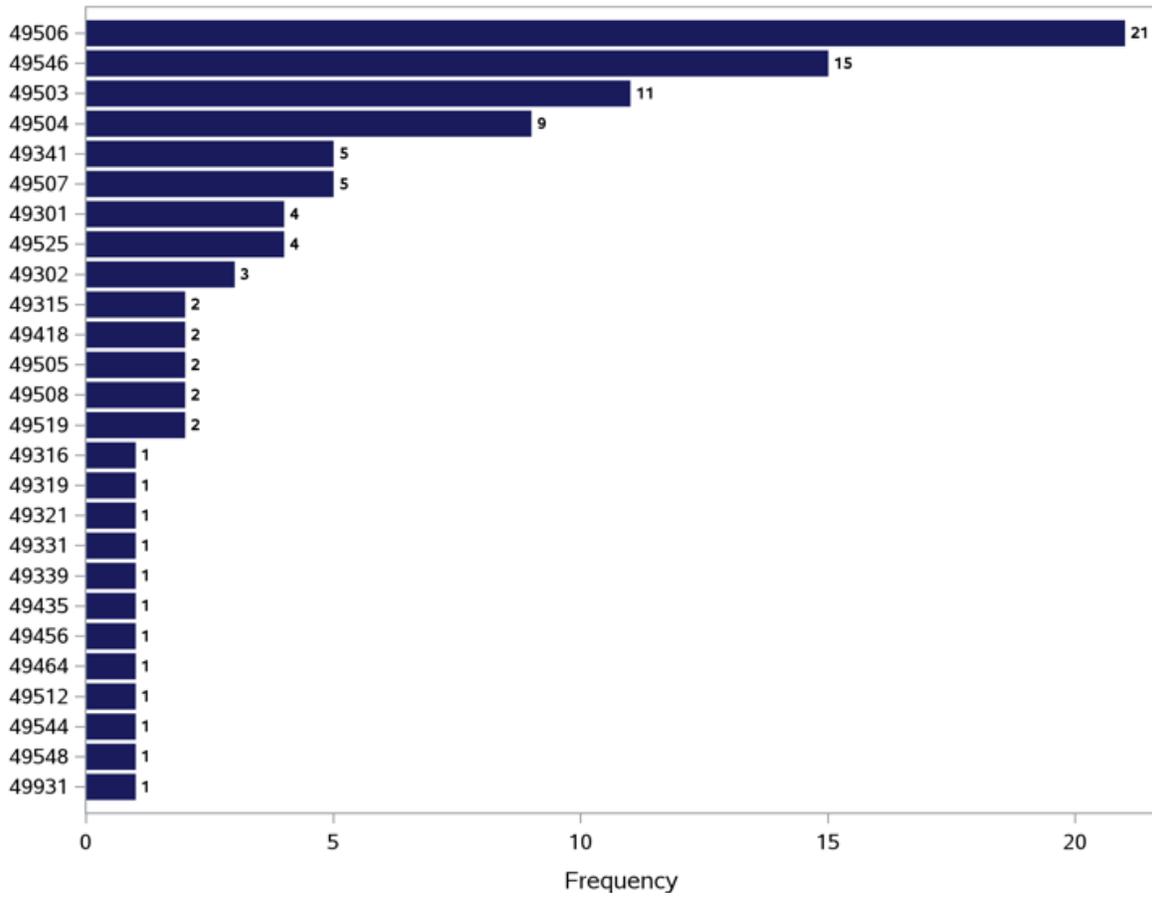
7. Prior church involvement. Select the category that describes your most recent, previous church involvement.



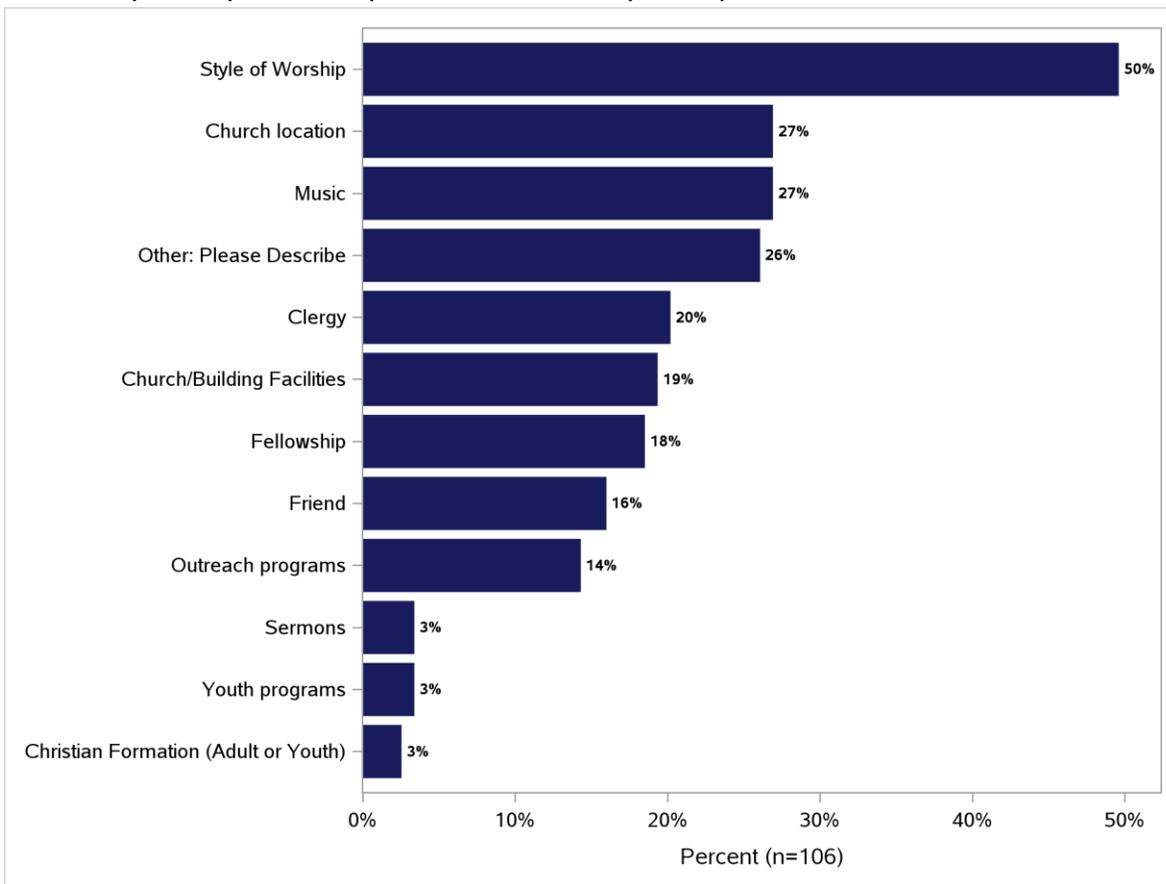
8. How long have you attended St. Mark's?



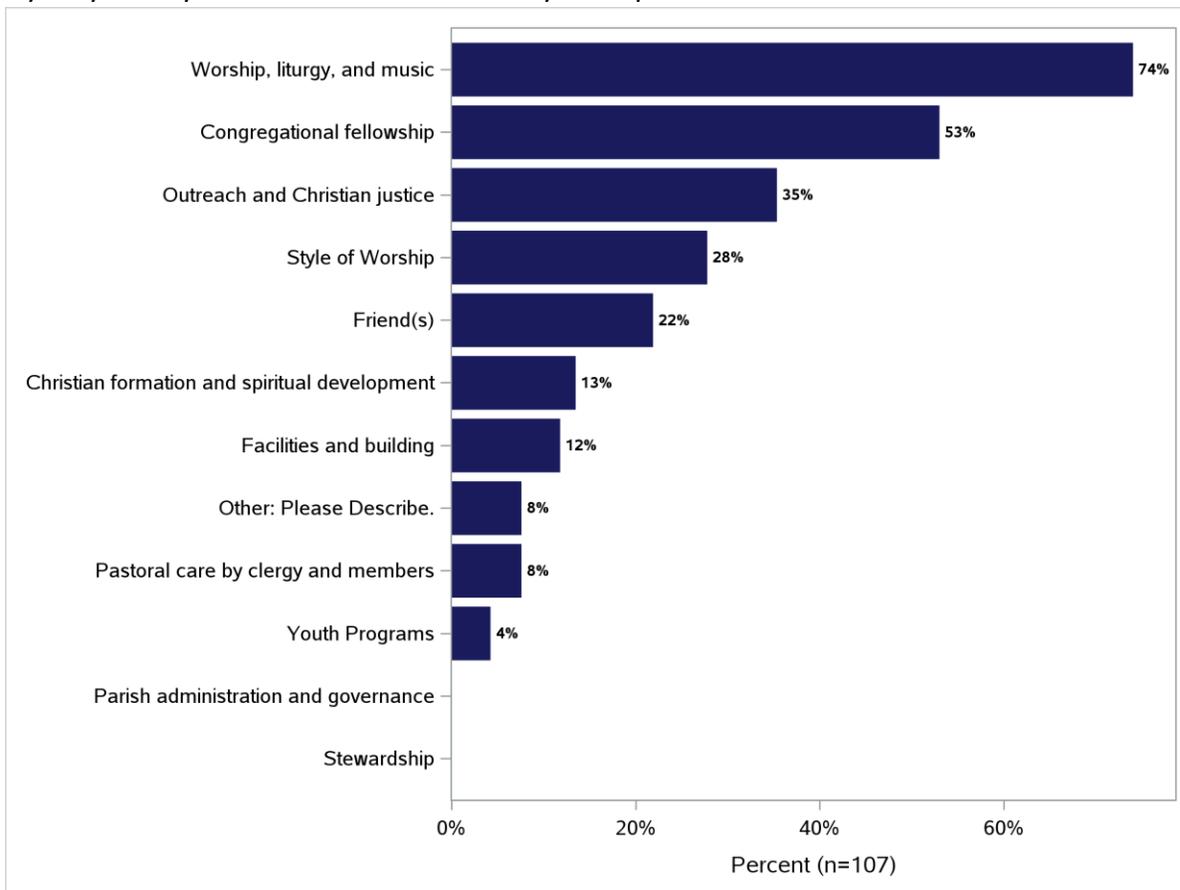
9. Please list your ZIP code:



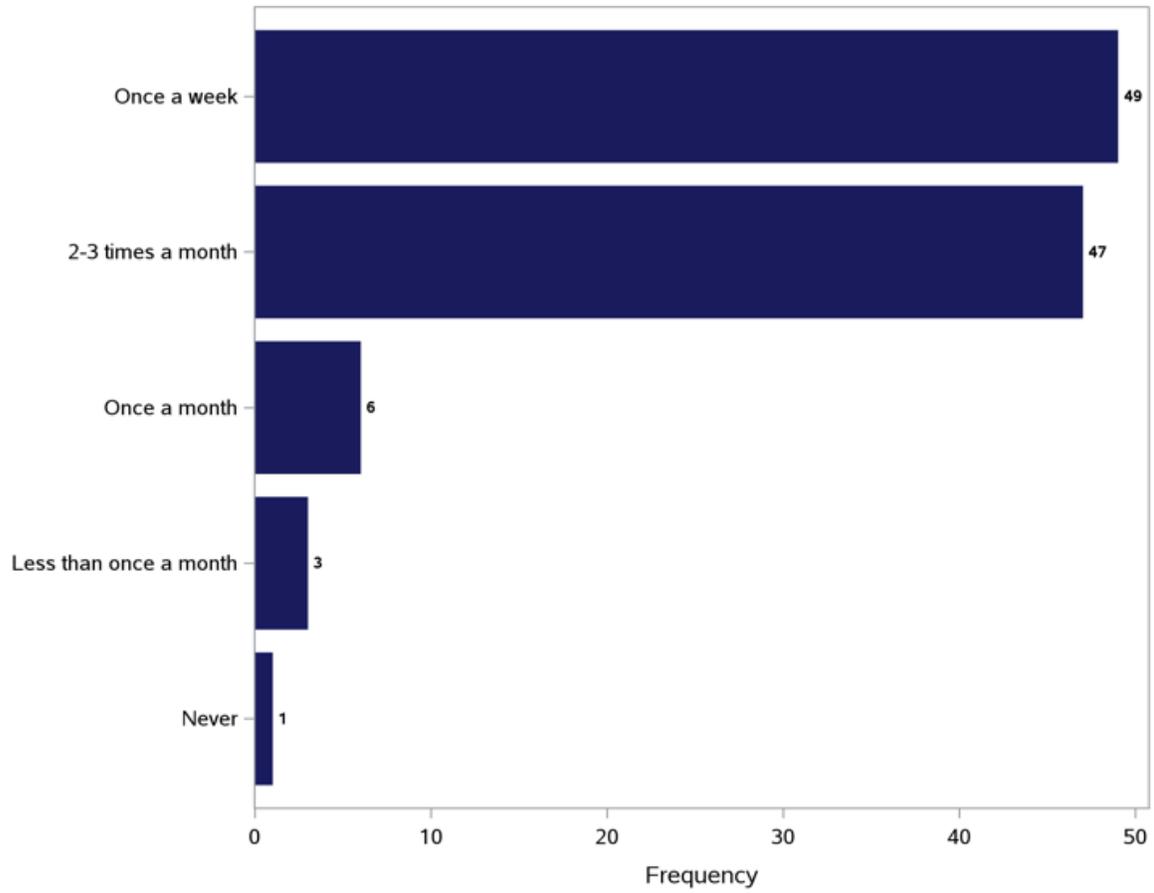
10. What initially drew you to this parish? Please rank your top three.



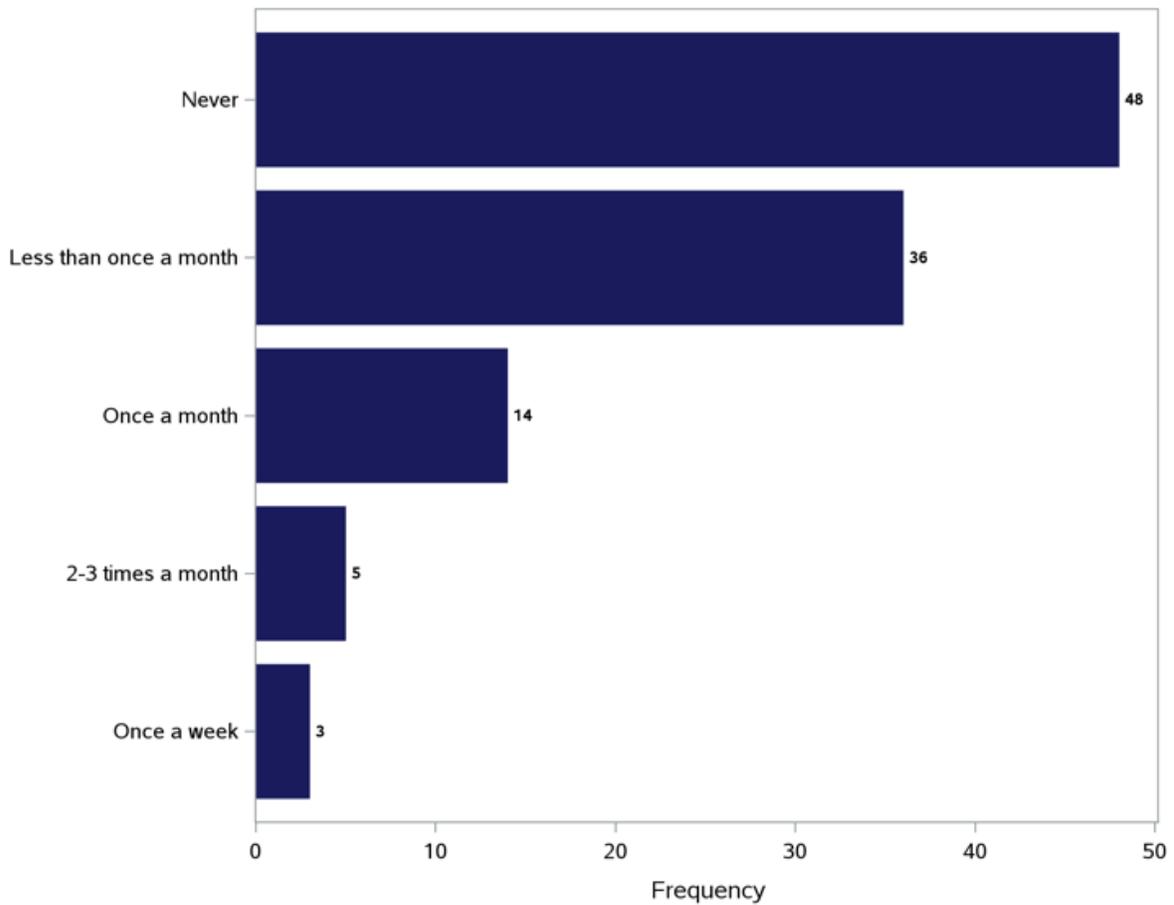
11. Why do you stay at St. Mark's? Please rank your top three.



12. About how often do you attend Sunday services in person?



13. About how often do you attend Sunday services online?



14. Do you consider yourself a member of St. Marks?

