



Discovery Report

**Memorial Drive  
Presbyterian Church**  
Houston, Texas

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**Congregational Survey Report**

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## Introduction from TAG

In seeking to more fully understand the present opinions and beliefs of the membership of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church (MDPC) regarding the issues related the congregation's affiliation with the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA), the church contracted with TAG Consulting (TAG). MDPC has worked with TAG Consulting in the past to identify the church's strengths, weaknesses, and core values, and to develop a succession planning process in anticipation of Dave Peterson's retirement. TAG Consulting works with churches and other organizations to help each understand its unique role and calling, and to help each become more effective and efficient for the future. TAG is a management consulting and coaching firm headquartered in Fairfax, VA, just outside Washington, DC. We specialize in executive coaching, leadership development, and visioning. Our client mix includes all three major sectors: **public** (government agencies); **social** (faith-based, churches, and nonprofits) and **private** (businesses and corporations). We have worked with over 400 congregations of all sizes from a wide variety of denominations. John A. Holm is the consultant on this project.

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- **Creating Hope**
- **Making a Difference**
- **Systems Thinking**
- **Going for It**
- **Having Fun**
- **Caring for Others**

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## **1. Executive Summary**

This executive summary is provided to enable the church to understand the design, implementation, and overall results of the congregational survey. Statistically significant results of the subgroups within the cross tabs will also be highlighted. The complete, detailed results are provided in separate documents for the overall survey and for each cross tab in both PDF and Excel formats.

### **Survey Design**

The survey was designed in collaboration with TAG to ensure a carefully crafted survey that would be unbiased, clear, and informative. TAG also provided assurances regarding tracking the integrity (see below) of the survey. The survey was designed to provide depth and breadth of information through the use of four cross tabs:

- Membership
- Length of Membership
- Worship Attendance
- Age

These cross tabs provide the ability to not only discern the answers of the total survey participants, but to see how each of the subgroups within each cross tab has answered the questions.

### **Survey Implementation and Integrity**

The survey was administered electronically. TAG provided the survey tool and instructions. MDPC marketed the survey through its own systems to encourage all of the members to participate. The survey was open from 10/20/14 through 11/10/14. The church sent multiple reminders and made announcements each week in worship.

TAG continuously tracked the progress of the survey throughout the time the survey was open. This included watching for survey abuse. Each survey can be tracked to the IP address of the computer used. Thus, TAG is able to determine if a computer was used multiple times by someone seeking to skew the survey results. While the church did use paper surveys that were entered using three separate church computers, these were identified and tracked by date to confirm that these computers were, indeed, being used faithfully by the church. In addition, TAG reviewed the answers of each survey used on these computers and have determined that the variety of answers aligns with the rest of the survey. Thus, TAG has determined that the survey integrity is intact.

## Survey Participation and Accuracy

Total survey participants: 1,429  
 Total church membership: 3,530

### **Survey Accuracy**

Confidence Level: 99%  
 Error Level: plus/minus 2.6%

When we take the total membership and the total number of survey participants, we can determine the accuracy of the survey results. There are two concepts that work together to measure accuracy; confidence level and error level. For the results of the MDPC Congregational Survey, we have a 99% confidence level that the error level is plus/minus 2.6%. Thus, if we were to conduct this survey 100 more times, for 99 times of those, the results would be the same within the margin of error of plus/minus 2.6%.

## Demographics (Cross Tabs)

The demographic questions provide information about who participated in the survey and are used as cross tabs to determine how the various subgroups within the demographics answered the survey questions. The church may also use the demographic results to compare to the actual demographic realities within the church to determine if there are various subgroups that are over or underrepresented. For example, a quick check with the church records indicate that the younger age groups have a lower participation rate in this survey and the older age groups have a larger participation rate than the actual demographics in the church. While this is commonly seen, it is important to note and keep in mind as one evaluates the results.

### **Q1: Are you a member of MDPC?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	93.6%	1275
No	6.4%	87
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1362</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>67</b>

**Q2: Choose the answer that best describes your membership in this congregation:**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Member 0-4 years	11.4%	159
Member 5-9 years	11.5%	160
Member 10-14 years	12.8%	179
Member 15 years or more	59.3%	828
Nonmember, but actively involved	5.1%	71
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1397</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>32</b>

**Q3: Choose the answer that best describes your worship attendance:**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I attend 3-4 times per month	65.1%	907
I attend 1-2 times per month	19.7%	275
I attend less than 1 time per month	7.8%	109
I attend 2-4 times per year	4.6%	64
I do not attend worship	2.7%	38
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1393</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>36</b>

**Q4: Choose the answer that describes your age:**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
15-25 years old	3.3%	46
26-35 years old	6.9%	95
36-45 years old	9.7%	135
46-60 years old	28.9%	401
60 years old or older	51.2%	709
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1386</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>43</b>

## High-level Summary

Besides the demographic questions already mentioned above, there are essentially two categories of questions in the survey. One category is the questions related to the possibility of seeking dismissal from the PCUSA for another Presbyterian denomination. The other category is concerned with people's positions and beliefs related to various theological and practical positions which are of concern in the relationship of MDPC to the PCUSA. Even though the theological and practical positions underlie the reasons for people's opinions regarding dismissal, we will begin this high-level summary with the questions related to seeking dismissal from the PCUSA.

### Possible Dismissal from the PCUSA

#### **Should MPDC seek dismissal from the PCUSA and affiliate with another Presbyterian denomination?**

Yes: 55%  
No: 21%  
Undecided: 24%

- Those who have been members 5-14 years are more likely to say yes than others.
- Those who are 36-45 years old are more likely to say yes than others.
- Those who are 26-35 years old are more likely to say no than others.
- Those have been members 0-4 years are more likely to be undecided than others.
- Those that are 15-25 years old are more likely to be undecided than others.

For those who answered "No," the following are the most frequently cited reasons:

- We should be accepting of all, accepting diversity of beliefs
- Sexual orientation/lifestyle should not be an issue in ordination
- Other reformed traditions may be or are too conservative

For those who answered "yes," the following are the most frequently cited reasons:

- Authority of Scripture
- PCUSA stance against Israel
- PCUSA too political
- Gay and lesbian ordination/lifestyle is not biblical
- PCUSA too liberal

This question regarding whether or not to seek dismissal has various consequences, e.g., how many will stay or leave if the church seeks dismissal or if

the church decides to stay affiliated with the PCUSA. Thus the following two questions seek to discern the answers:

**If MDPC is dismissed from the PCUSA to affiliate with another Presbyterian denomination:**

I will most likely stay with this congregation	74%
I don't know what I will do	14%
I will leave (various options) or stop attending regularly	12%

- Those who are 36-45 years old are more likely to say they will stay with this congregation than others, if MDPC is dismissed from the PCUSA for another Presbyterian denomination.
- Those who are 15-35 years old are more likely to say "I don't know" than others, if MDPC is dismissed from the PCUSA for another Presbyterian denomination.

As can be seen, even though only 55% said that they want to seek dismissal from the PCUSA, if the church did end up seeking dismissal, and it was approved, 74% say they would stay with MDPC, 12% say they would leave, and the remaining 14% say that they are not sure what they would do.

**If MDPC does not seek dismissal from the PCUSA:**

I will most likely stay with this congregation	50%
I don't know what I will do	24%
I will leave (various options) or stop attending regularly	26%

- Those who are 26-35 years old are more likely to say they will stay with this congregation than others, if MDPC does not seek dismissal from the PCUSA.
- Those who are 15-35 years old are more likely to say "I don't know" than others, if MDPC does not seek dismissal from the PCUSA.

As can be seen, with 55% saying that they want to seek dismissal from the PCUSA, if the church did not end up seeking dismissal, only 50% say they would stay with MDPC, 26% say they would leave, and the remaining 24% say that they are not sure what they would do.

**Positions and Beliefs**

The following are high-level results regarding the theological and practical questions of concern:

**Do you agree or disagree with the decision to divest funds from companies that support Israel?**

Strongly Disagree/Disagree      81%

- Those who are 60 years old or older are more likely to strongly disagree than others.
- Those who are 15-45 years old are less likely to disagree than others.
- Those whose length of membership is 0-4 years are less likely to strongly disagree than others.

**Do you agree or disagree that the PCUSA should divest funds from companies that produce fossil fuels?**

Strongly Disagree/Disagree      83%

- Those who are 60 years old or older are more likely to strongly disagree than others.
- Those who are 15-35 years old are less likely to disagree than others.
- Those whose length of membership is 0-4 years are less likely to strongly disagree than others.

**The PCUSA allows non-celibate homosexuals to serve as pastors, elders and deacons. Do you agree or disagree with this practice?**

Strongly Disagree/Disagree      65%  
 Strongly Agree/Agree              24%

- Those who are 15-35 years old are more likely to strongly agree than others.

**Do you agree or disagree with the PCUSA's position that it should be the beneficial owner of all church property?**

Strongly Disagree/Disagree      83%



**Do you agree or disagree that the PCUSA medical insurance plan should provide funding for abortions?**

Strongly Disagree/Disagree	55%
Strongly Agree/Agree	30%

**Do you agree or disagree that only followers of Jesus Christ can be saved?**

Strongly Agree/Agree	57%
Strongly Disagree/Disagree	28%

**The GA of the PCUSA recently decided that pastors can conduct same-sex weddings (in the states where they are legal). Do you agree or disagree with this decision?**

Strongly Disagree/Disagree	65%
Strongly Agree/Agree	27%

- Those who are 15-35 years old are more likely to agree than others.

**How important is it for you that MDPC affirms the gospel of Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation with God?**

Very Important/Important	78%
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- Those who are 36-60 years old are more likely to say very important than others.
- Those who have been members 0-9 years are more likely to say very important than others.

**How important is it for you that MDPC affirms the Bible as God's authoritative Word for Christians?**

Very Important/Important	89%
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**How important is it for you that the PCUSA affirm the authority of Scripture and affirm the imperative to be "obedient to" and not "guided by" the teaching of scripture?**

Very Important/Important	73%
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- Those who are 15-35 years old are more likely to say unimportant than others.

**Should the PCUSA use its resources to influence public policy on political issues?**

No 75%

**How important is it for you that MDPC continue to be affiliated with the PCUSA?**

Unimportant	58%
Very Important/Important	18%

**Should MPDC be affiliated with a denomination with a clearly defined focus on spreading the Gospel?**

Yes 86%

**Should MDPC be affiliated with a denomination that has clearly defined Essential Theological Tenets and Beliefs?**

Yes 76%

**Is it possible for MDPC to serve as an effective, faithful witness for Christ within the denomination if it continues to be affiliated with the PCUSA?**

No	38%
Yes	34%

## 2. Survey Results

The survey results below include the composite results for each question across all survey participants. The survey results also include the responses for the four cross tabs and their subgroups when statistically significant: Membership, Length of Membership, Worship Attendance, and Age. Cross tab subgroup answers that are 5% higher or lower than the composite score are considered statistically significant. Scores 5% higher (or more) are given in green and 5% lower (or more) are given in red. Complete data results for all participants, as well as for all four cross tabs, are provided under separate cover and may be used for a more in-depth analysis.

**Q5: The General Assembly (GA) of the PCUSA recently directed the denomination's pension funds to sell their interests (called a divestment of funds) in Motorola, Hewlett-Packard and Caterpillar because of their perceived role in supporting Israel in its relationship with the Palestinian Authority. Do you agree or disagree with the decision to divest funds from companies that support Israel?**

Answer Options	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Rating Average	Response Count
	61.95% 853	19.10% 263	10.82% 149	4.72% 65	3.41% 47	1.69	1377
	<i>answered question</i>						1377
	<i>skipped question</i>						52

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
Member					
Nonmember	48.68%		21.05%		
Member 0-4 years	52.26%				
Member 5-9 years					
Member 10-14 years					
Member 15 years or more					
Nonmember, but actively involved	43.75%		20.31%	12.50%	
Worship 3-4 times per month					
Worship 1-2 times per month					
Worship less than 1 time per month					
Worship 2-4 times per year	53.23%	25.81%			
I do not attend worship	36.11%	13.89%	36.11%		
15-25 years old	43.91%		31.82%		
26-35 years old	26.97%	24.72%	29.21%	13.48%	
36-45 years old	54.89%	27.82%			
46-60 years old					
60 years old or older	69.26%				

**Q6: The GA of the PCUSA recently considered, and is still studying, the potential of divesting its pension funds from about 200 fossil fuel companies because of their perceived adverse impact as an industry on the environment. Do you agree or disagree that the PCUSA should divest funds from companies that produce fossil fuels?**

Answer Options	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Rating Average	Response Count
	65.26% 896	17.48% 240	8.38% 115	5.03% 69	3.86% 53	1.65	1373
<i>answered question</i>							1373
<i>skipped question</i>							56

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
Member					
Nonmember			18.42%		
Member 0-4 years	58.06%		18.18%	13.64%	
Member 5-9 years					
Member 10-14 years					
Member 15 years or more					
Nonmember, but actively involved	45.31%		18.75%		
Worship 3-4 times per month					
Worship 1-2 times per month					
Worship less than 1 time per month					
Worship 2-4 times per year					
I do not attend worship	27.78%		25.00%	19.44%	
15-25 years old	45.45%	28.09%	20.22%		11.24%
26-35 years old	31.46%				
36-45 years old					
46-60 years old					
60 years old or older	71.70%				

**Q7: The PCUSA allows non-celibate homosexuals to serve as pastors, elders and deacons. Do you agree or disagree with this practice?**

Answer Options	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Rating Average	Response Count
	47.90% 660	16.84% 232	11.25% 155	11.97% 165	12.05% 166	2.23	1378
<i>answered question</i>							1378
<i>skipped question</i>							51

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
Member					
Nonmember					26.32%
Member 0-4 years					
Member 5-9 years	53.9%				
Member 10-14 years					
Member 15 years or more					
Nonmember, but actively involved	39.06%	10.94%			25.00%
Worship 3-4 times per month	52.30%				
Worship 1-2 times per month					
Worship less than 1 time per month	34.26%				
Worship 2-4 times per year	33.87%			24.19%	
I do not attend worship	30.56%	2.78%			38.89%
15-25 years old			2.27%		18.18%
26-35 years old	26.97%				31.46%
36-45 years old		23.31%			
46-60 years old					
60 years old or older					

**Q8: The PCUSA "Trust Clause" in the Book of Order states that all church property is held in trust for the benefit of the PCUSA even if the recorded title is in the name of the congregation and the property was purchased and paid for by the congregation. Do you agree or disagree with the PCUSA's position that it should be the beneficial owner of all church property?**

Answer Options	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Rating Average	Response Count
	62.28% 852	20.83% 285	6.07% 83	6.58% 90	4.24% 58	1.70	1368
<i>answered question</i>							1368
<i>skipped question</i>							61

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
Member					
Nonmember			20.00%		
Member 0-4 years					
Member 5-9 years					
Member 10-14 years					
Member 15 years or more					
Nonmember, but actively involved	50.00%	14.06%	18.75%	12.50%	
Worship 3-4 times per month					
Worship 1-2 times per month					
Worship less than 1 time per month					
Worship 2-4 times per year	43.39%	32.26%	11.29%		
I do not attend worship	28.57%		20.00%	17.14%	
15-25 years old	45.45%	29.55%	18.19%		
26-35 years old	47.67%		20.93%		
36-45 years old		30.08%			
46-60 years old					
60 years old or older					

**Q9: The medical insurance plan of the PCUSA (Board of Pensions) provides funding for abortions. Do you agree or disagree that the PCUSA medical insurance plan should provide funding for abortions?**

Answer Options	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 4	Rating Average	Response Count
	36.40% 498	18.71% 256	14.47% 198	19.52% 267	10.89% 149	2.50	1368
<i>answered question</i>							1368
<i>skipped question</i>							61

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
Member					
Nonmember					
Member 0-4 years					
Member 5-9 years	46.71%				
Member 10-14 years					
Member 15 years or more					
Nonmember, but actively involved	28.13%	12.50%		31.25%	
Worship 3-4 times per month					
Worship 1-2 times per month					
Worship less than 1 time per month	29.63%			25.93%	16.67%
Worship 2-4 times per year	27.42%			32.26%	
I do not attend worship	20.00%				22.86%
15-25 years old					
26-35 years old	27.59%			26.44%	19.54%
36-45 years old	42.11%				
46-60 years old					
60 years old or older					

**Q10: According to the Presbyterian Panel Survey Fall 2011: Religious and Demographic Profile of Presbyterians, 45 percent of PCUSA pastors responding to the survey disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement: “Only followers of Jesus Christ can be saved.”**  
 (https://www.pcusa.org/site\_media/media/uploads/research/pdfs/panel\_profile\_survey\_2011\_summary\_color.pdf) Do you agree or disagree that only followers of Jesus Christ can be saved?

Answer Options	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Rating Average	Response Count
	9.93% 134	17.94% 242	14.90% 201	22.76% 307	34.47% 465	3.54	1349
<i>answered question</i>							1349
<i>skipped question</i>							80

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
Member					
Nonmember	20.27%		5.41%		45.70%
Member 0-4 years					
Member 5-9 years					
Member 10-14 years					
Member 15 years or more					
Nonmember, but actively involved	20.31%		7.81%	14.06%	
Worship 3-4 times per month					39.52%
Worship 1-2 times per month					29.01%
Worship less than 1 time per month		25.93%			25.00%
Worship 2-4 times per year		25.81%			19.35%
I do not attend worship	26.47%		20.59%		11.76%
15-25 years old				14.29%	50.00%
26-35 years old	22.35%		7.06%		29.41%
36-45 years old		10.61%			41.67%
46-60 years old					42.49%
60 years old or older					28.32%



**Q11: The GA of the PCUSA recently decided that pastors can conduct same-sex weddings (in the states where they are legal). Do you agree or disagree with this decision?**

Answer Options	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5	Rating Average	Response Count
	49.08% 664	16.11% 218	7.83% 106	14.56% 197	12.42% 168	2.25	1353
<i>answered question</i>							1353
<i>skipped question</i>							76

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
Member					
Nonmember					28.00%
Member 0-4 years					
Member 5-9 years	54.67%				
Member 10-14 years					
Member 15 years or more					
Nonmember, but actively involved	40.63%	7.81%			25.56%
Worship 3-4 times per month					
Worship 1-2 times per month					
Worship less than 1 time per month	41.57%			20.75%	
Worship 2-4 times per year	41.94%				20.97%
I do not attend worship	29.41%			5.88%	41.18%
15-25 years old		7.14%		7.14%	23.81%
26-35 years old	31.40%				32.56%
36-45 years old					
46-60 years old					
60 years old or older					

**Q12: How important is it for you that MDPC affirms the gospel of Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation with God?**

Answer Options	Unimportant 1	Mildly Important 2	Undecided 3	Important 4	Very Important 5	Rating Average	Response Count
	5.39%	8.49%	8.27%	25.02%	52.84%	4.11	1355
	73	115	112	339	716		
	<i>answered question</i>						1355
	<i>skipped question</i>						74

	Unimportant	Mildly Important	Undecided	Important	Very Important
<b>Member</b>					
<b>Nonmember</b>					62.50%
<b>Member 0-4 years</b>					58.44%
<b>Member 5-9 years</b>					60.63%
<b>Member 10-14 years</b>					
<b>Member 15 years or more</b>					
<b>Nonmember, but actively involved</b>				16.13%	
<b>Worship 3-4 times per month</b>					59.66%
<b>Worship 1-2 times per month</b>				30.45%	44.74%
<b>Worship less than 1 time per month</b>		14.95%			42.99%
<b>Worship 2-4 times per year</b>					28.33%
<b>I do not attend worship</b>	18.18%	15.15%	24.24%		21.21%
<b>15-25 years old</b>				16.67%	61.90%
<b>26-35 years old</b>	16.28%				41.86%
<b>36-45 years old</b>			3.76%		60.90%
<b>46-60 years old</b>					59.18%
<b>60 years old or older</b>					

**Q13: How important is it for you that MDPC affirms the Bible as God's authoritative Word for Christians?**

Answer Options	Unimportant 1	Mildly Important 2	Undecided 3	Important 4	Very Important 5	Rating Average	Response Count
	2.65%	5.83%	2.88%	24.04%	64.60%	4.42	1356
	36	79	39	326	876		
	<i>answered question</i>						1356
	<i>skipped question</i>						73

	Unimportant	Mildly Important	Undecided	Important	Very Important
Member					
Nonmember					
Member 0-4 years					
Member 5-9 years					71.52%
Member 10-14 years					
Member 15 years or more					
Nonmember, but actively involved		12.90%			56.45%
Worship 3-4 times per month					70.31%
Worship 1-2 times per month				31.20%	
Worship less than 1 time per month		12.04%			54.63%
Worship 2-4 times per year	8.20%			32.79%	47.54%
I do not attend worship	12.21%	21.21%	9.09%		36.36%
15-25 years old				16.67%	
26-35 years old	11.63%				48.84%
36-45 years old					
46-60 years old					
60 years old or older					

**Q14: Some within the PCUSA have sought to relax the imperatives of Scripture to allow for more freedom of conscience, and have preferred to state that we should be "guided by" rather than "obedient to" Scripture. The current Book of Order reflects this "guided by" view, especially regarding Ordination Standards. How important is it for you that the PCUSA affirm the authority of Scripture and affirm the imperative to be "obedient to" and not "guided by" the teaching of scripture?**

Answer Options	Unimportant 1	Mildly Important 2	Undecided 3	Important 4	Very Important 5	Rating Average	Response Count
	11.54%	8.19%	7.15%	23.01%	50.11%	3.92	1343
	155	110	96	309	673		
					<i>answered question</i>		1343
					<i>skipped question</i>		86

	Unimportant	Mildly Important	Undecided	Important	Very Important
<b>Member</b>					
<b>Nonmember</b>	20.55%			9.59%	
<b>Member 0-4 years</b>					
<b>Member 5-9 years</b>					57.14%
<b>Member 10-14 years</b>					
<b>Member 15 years or more</b>					
<b>Nonmember, but actively involved</b>	20.97%			12.90%	
<b>Worship 3-4 times per month</b>					55.34%
<b>Worship 1-2 times per month</b>					
<b>Worship less than 1 time per month</b>	17.76%				39.25%
<b>Worship 2-4 times per year</b>	26.67%				30.00%
<b>I do not attend worship</b>	24.24%		21.21%		24.24%
<b>15-25 years old</b>	16.67%				
<b>26-35 years old</b>	22.09%		13.95%		38.37%
<b>36-45 years old</b>					
<b>46-60 years old</b>					
<b>60 years old or older</b>					

**Q15: Should the PCUSA use its resources to influence public policy on political issues?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	11.79%	158
Undecided	13.66%	183
No	<b>74.55%</b>	999
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1340</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>89</b>

	Yes	Undecided	No
Member			
Nonmember			
Member 0-4 years			
Member 5-9 years		<b>20.00%</b>	<b>68.00%</b>
Member 10-14 years			
Member 15 years or more			
Nonmember, but actively involved			
Worship 3-4 times per month			
Worship 1-2 times per month		<b>19.54%</b>	<b>68.97%</b>
Worship less than 1 time per month	<b>3.77%</b>		<b>80.19%</b>
Worship 2-4 times per year	<b>4.92%</b>	<b>8.20%</b>	<b>86.89%</b>
I do not attend worship			<b>68.75%</b>
15-25 years old	<b>2.38%</b>	<b>26.19%</b>	
26-35 years old		<b>27.16%</b>	<b>64.20%</b>
36-45 years old			
46-60 years old			
60 years old or older			

**Q16: How important is it for you that MDPC continue to be affiliated with the PCUSA?**

Answer Options	Unimportant 1	Mildly Important 2	Undecided 3	Important 4	Very Important 5	Rating Average	Response Count
	57.89%	7.49%	16.38%	7.41%	10.82%	2.06	1349
	781	101	221	100	146		
<i>answered question</i>							1349
<i>skipped question</i>							80

	Unimportant	Mildly Important	Undecided	Important	Very Important
Member					
Nonmember					
Member 0-4 years					
Member 5-9 years					
Member 10-14 years					
Member 15 years or more					
Nonmember, but actively involved		1.61%		12.90%	
Worship 3-4 times per month					
Worship 1-2 times per month					
Worship less than 1 time per month	51.40%				
Worship 2-4 times per year				13.33%	
I do not attend worship	48.88%	0.00%	25.00%	12.50%	
15-25 years old	66.67%		7.14%		4.76%
26-35 years old	44.19%		24.42%	12.79%	
36-45 years old					
46-60 years old					
60 years old or older					

**Q17: Should MPDC be affiliated with a denomination with a clearly defined focus on spreading the Gospel?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	86.20%	1156
Undecided	9.40%	126
No	4.40%	59
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1341</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>88</b>

	Yes	Undecided	No
Member			
Nonmember			
Member 0-4 years			
Member 5-9 years			
Member 10-14 years			
Member 15 years or more			
Nonmember, but actively involved	75.41%	18.03%	
Worship 3-4 times per month			
Worship 1-2 times per month			
Worship less than 1 time per month			
Worship 2-4 times per year	80.00%		10.00%
I do not attend worship	65.63%	28.13%	
15-25 years old			
26-35 years old	69.41%	22.35%	
36-45 years old			
46-60 years old			
60 years old or older			

**Q18: Should MDPC be affiliated with a denomination that has clearly defined Essential Theological Tenets and Beliefs?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	75.58%	1012
Undecided	18.82%	252
No	5.60%	75
<i>answered question</i>		1339
<i>skipped question</i>		90

	Yes	Undecided	No
Member			
Nonmember			
Member 0-4 years			
Member 5-9 years			
Member 10-14 years			
Member 15 years or more			
Nonmember, but actively involved	63.33%	28.33%	
Worship 3-4 times per month			
Worship 1-2 times per month			
Worship less than 1 time per month	67.59%	25.00%	
Worship 2-4 times per year	67.80%	25.42%	
I do not attend worship	59.38%	34.38%	
15-25 years old			
26-35 years old	52.38%	44.05%	
36-45 years old			
46-60 years old			
60 years old or older			



**Q19: Is it possible for MDPC to serve as an effective, faithful witness for Christ within the denomination if it continues to be affiliated with the PCUSA?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	34.30%	461
Undecided	27.38%	368
No	<b>38.32%</b>	515
<i>answered question</i>		<b>1344</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>85</b>

	Yes	Undecided	No
Member			
Nonmember			
Member 0-4 years			
Member 5-9 years			
Member 10-14 years			
Member 15 years or more			
Nonmember, but actively involved	<b>42.62%</b>		<b>31.15%</b>
Worship 3-4 times per month			
Worship 1-2 times per month			
Worship less than 1 time per month			
Worship 2-4 times per year			
I do not attend worship	<b>48.48%</b>		<b>21.21%</b>
15-25 years old	<b>26.19%</b>	<b>33.33%</b>	
26-35 years old	<b>52.38%</b>		<b>25.00%</b>
36-45 years old		<b>34.09%</b>	
46-60 years old			
60 years old or older			

**Q20: Should MPDC seek dismissal from the PCUSA and affiliate with another Presbyterian denomination?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	55.16%	737
Undecided	24.18%	323
No	20.66%	276
<i>answered question</i>		1336
<i>skipped question</i>		93

	Yes	Undecided	No
Member			
Nonmember	46.48%		
Member 0-4 years		31.13%	
Member 5-9 years	60.67%		
Member 10-14 years	60.47%		
Member 15 years or more			
Nonmember, but actively involved	41.17%		31.67%
Worship 3-4 times per month			
Worship 1-2 times per month			
Worship less than 1 time per month	49.53%		28.97%
Worship 2-4 times per year	47.46%		
I do not attend worship	22.58%	45.16%	32.26%
15-25 years old		32.94%	14.63%
26-35 years old	38.82%		28.24%
36-45 years old	62.12%		13.64%
46-60 years old			
60 years old or older			

**Q21: If you answered “No” to MDPC seeking dismissal from the PCUSA for affiliation with another Presbyterian denomination, what are your reasons/issues? (Please select all that apply)**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
We should be accepting of all, accepting diversity of beliefs.	63.0%	238
We should stay and be a witness to the PCUSA.	44.4%	168
Other reformed traditions may be or are too conservative.	51.1%	193
Sexual orientation/lifestyle should not be an issue in ordination.	55.3%	209
Not worth the time, money and effort it will take to be dismissed.	33.1%	125
Political activism is an appropriate and effective role for the denomination.	14.8%	56
Other	16.1%	61
<b>answered question</b>		<b>378</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1051</b>

(Only those answers that are at least 5% higher than the composite score are listed)

	We should be accepting of all, accepting diversity of beliefs.	We should stay and be a witness to the PCUSA.	Other reformed traditions may be or are too conservative.	Sexual orientation/lifestyle should not be an issue in ordination.	Not worth the time, money and effort it will take to be dismissed.	Political activism is an appropriate and effective role for the denomination.
<b>Member</b>						
<b>Nonmember</b>	76.67%			63.33%		
<b>Member 0-4 years</b>				68.98%		
<b>Member 5-9 years</b>						
<b>Member 10-14 years</b>		51.82%				
<b>Member 15 years or more</b>						
<b>Nonmember, but actively involved</b>	79.31%					
<b>Worship 3-4 times per month</b>						
<b>Worship 1-2 times per month</b>						
<b>Worship less than 1 time per month</b>			55.26%	60.53%	39.47%	
<b>Worship 2-4 times per year</b>	80.00%		60.00%	75.00%		
<b>I do not attend worship</b>	72.22%					
<b>15-25 years old</b>	72.73%		72.73%			
<b>26-35 years old</b>	73.68%		71.05%			
<b>36-45 years old</b>						
<b>46-60 years old</b>		54.17%	60.42%			20.83%
<b>60 years old or older</b>						

**Q22: If you answered “Yes” to MDPC seeking dismissal from the PCUSA for affiliation with another Presbyterian denomination, what are your reasons/issues? (Please select all that apply)**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
PCUSA does not fully affirm the Lordship of Christ & salvation through Christ alone.	74.1%	618
Authority of Scripture.	78.1%	651
Authority of the congregation to choose pastor and staff from outside the PCUSA.	54.6%	455
PCUSA stance against Israel.	77.1%	643
Gay and lesbian ordination/lifestyle is not biblical.	76.5%	638
PCUSA too liberal.	75.5%	630
PCUSA provides no added value to MDPC.	61.0%	509
PCUSA too political.	77.0%	642
Another reformed tradition is a better fit for MDPC.	52.6%	439
Other	7.4%	62
<b>answered question</b>		<b>834</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>595</b>

(Only those answers that are at least 5% higher than the composite score are listed)

	PCUSA does not fully affirm the Lordship of Christ & salvation through Christ alone.	Authority of Scripture.	Authority of the congregation to choose pastor and staff from outside the PCUSA.	PCUSA stance against Israel.	Gay and lesbian ordination/lifestyle is not biblical.	PCUSA too liberal.
<b>Member</b>						
<b>Nonmember</b>	<b>85.71%</b>					
<b>Member 0-4 years</b>						
<b>Member 5-9 years</b>					<b>82.47%</b>	
<b>Member 10-14 years</b>				<b>82.76%</b>		
<b>Member 15 years or more</b>						
<b>Nonmember, but actively involved</b>	<b>87.10%</b>					
<b>Worship 3-4 times per month</b>		<b>82.59%</b>				
<b>Worship 1-2 times per month</b>						
<b>Worship less than 1 time per month</b>	<b>80.00%</b>					<b>81.67%</b>
<b>Worship 2-4 times per year</b>						
<b>I do not attend worship</b>						
<b>15-25 years old</b>					<b>82.14%</b>	
<b>26-35 years old</b>						
<b>36-45 years old</b>						
<b>46-60 years old</b>						
<b>60 years old or older</b>				<b>84.47%</b>		<b>80.83%</b>

	PCUSA provides no added value to MDPC.	PCUSA too political.	Another reformed tradition is a better fit for MDPC.
<b>Member</b>			
<b>Nonmember</b>			
<b>Member 0-4 years</b>			
<b>Member 5-9 years</b>			<b>58.76%</b>
<b>Member 10-14 years</b>			
<b>Member 15 years or more</b>			
<b>Nonmember, but actively involved</b>			
<b>Worship 3-4 times per month</b>			
<b>Worship 1-2 times per month</b>			
<b>Worship less than 1 time per month</b>	<b>68.33%</b>	<b>90.00%</b>	
<b>Worship 2-4 times per year</b>			
<b>I do not attend worship</b>			
<b>15-25 years old</b>	<b>78.57%</b>	<b>82.14%</b>	<b>60.71%</b>
<b>26-35 years old</b>			
<b>36-45 years old</b>			
<b>46-60 years old</b>			
<b>60 years old or older</b>		<b>82.04%</b>	<b>59.95%</b>

**Q23: If MDPC is dismissed from the PCUSA to affiliate with another Presbyterian denomination:**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I will most likely stay with this congregation.	74.02%	980
I will most likely leave this congregation and seek to join another PCUSA church.	6.12%	81
I will most likely leave this congregation and seek to join a non-PCUSA church.	2.57%	34
I will most likely stop attending church regularly.	3.17%	42
I will most likely be interested in starting a new PCUSA congregation.	0.60%	8
I don't know what I will do.	13.52%	179
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1324</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>105</b>

	I will most likely stay with this congregation.	I will most likely leave this congregation and seek to join another PCUSA church.	I will most likely leave this congregation and seek to join a non-PCUSA church.	I will most likely stop attending church regularly.	I will most likely be interested in starting a new PCUSA congregation.	I don't know what I will do.
<b>Member</b>						
<b>Nonmember</b>	63.77%	11.59%				
<b>Member 0-4 years</b>						
<b>Member 5-9 years</b>						
<b>Member 10-14 years</b>						
<b>Member 15 years or more</b>						
<b>Nonmember, but actively involved</b>	60.34%	13.79%				
<b>Worship 3-4 times per month</b>						
<b>Worship 1-2 times per month</b>						
<b>Worship less than 1 time per month</b>	61.54%	11.54%				19.23%
<b>Worship 2-4 times per year</b>	66.07%					23.21%
<b>I do not attend worship</b>	40.00%	16.67%				40.00%
<b>15-25 years old</b>						20.51%
<b>26-35 years old</b>	64.29%					20.24%
<b>36-45 years old</b>	82.31%					
<b>46-60 years old</b>						
<b>60 years old or older</b>						

**Q24: If MDPC does not seek dismissal from the PCUSA:**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I will most likely stay with this congregation.	50.49%	668
I will most likely leave this congregation and seek to join another PCUSA church.	1.44%	19
I will most likely leave this congregation and seek to join a non-PCUSA church.	22.98%	304
I will most likely stop attending church regularly.	1.13%	15
I don't know what I will do.	23.96%	317
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1323</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>106</b>

	I will most likely stay with this congregation.	I will most likely leave this congregation and seek to join another PCUSA church.	I will most likely leave this congregation and seek to join a non-PCUSA church.	I will most likely stop attending church regularly.	I don't know what I will do.
<b>Member</b>					
<b>Nonmember</b>	40.00%				30.00%
<b>Member 0-4 years</b>	59.06%				
<b>Member 5-9 years</b>					
<b>Member 10-14 years</b>					
<b>Member 15 years or more</b>					
<b>Nonmember, but actively involved</b>					
<b>Worship 3-4 times per month</b>					
<b>Worship 1-2 times per month</b>	45.04%				
<b>Worship less than 1 time per month</b>	42/31%				29.81%
<b>Worship 2-4 times per year</b>	44.83%				
<b>I do not attend worship</b>	41.38%		3.45%		48.29%
<b>15-25 years old</b>	32.50%				37.50%
<b>26-35 years old</b>	66.67%		15.48%		16.67%
<b>36-45 years old</b>					
<b>46-60 years old</b>	42.67%		28.01%		
<b>60 years old or older</b>					