



Synod: Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA

Synod ID 3F

Congregation's connections with God, each other & the world

The 2015 annual report asked leaders to answer 15 questions about their congregation's connections with God, each other and the world. All items ranged from 1 (poor) to 3 (okay or well) to 5 (great). The responses provide a snapshot of congregational leaders' perception of their relative strengths and challenges. This report shows the average response on each item for all congregations within the synod. Next, it shows the number of congregations that gave each response for each item.

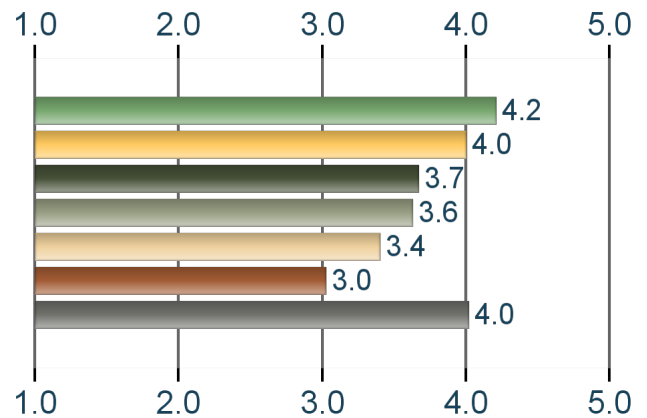
To use this information, look at the highs and lows. Note areas with average ratings over 4 as strengths and under 3 as challenges for your synod. Consider using this report to focus synodical efforts. Use the charts on the last two pages to identify issues where congregations with strengths can help those who struggle. Congregation specific reports are available to each congregation at www.congregationalvitalityproject.com. Log in with the same user name and password as the annual report. Synod staff can access congregation specific data and summaries of all synod congregations on the same website under the DEM login.

Total Congregations Reporting 197

Vitality Average of all congregations 3.7

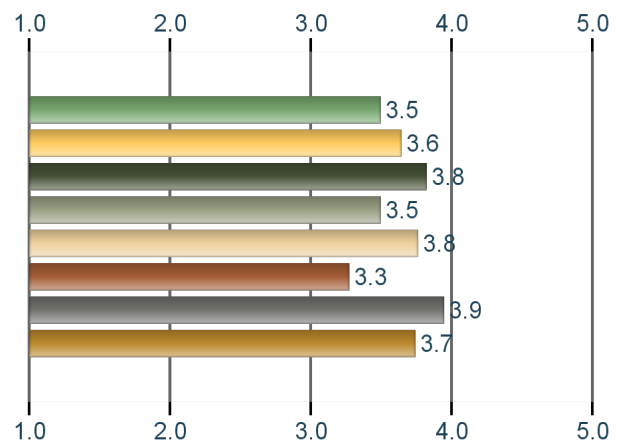
How well do these phrases describe your congregation?

- Worship nurtures faith
- Helps deepen relationship with God
- Clear sense of mission
- Excitement about the future
- Always ready to try new things
- Works for social justice/ advocacy
- A positive force in the community



How well does your congregation do the following?

- Incorporate newcomers
- Seek out and use gifts of all ages
- Build strong, healthy relationships
- Manage disagreements health, respectful
- Help those in need
- Equip people to share their faith with others
- Interact with the local community
- Help people live out faith in daily life

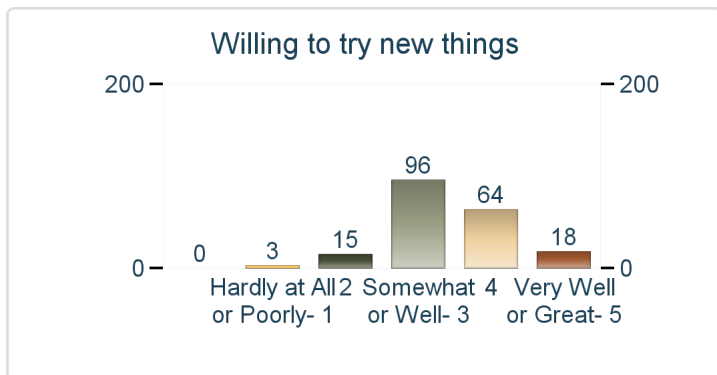
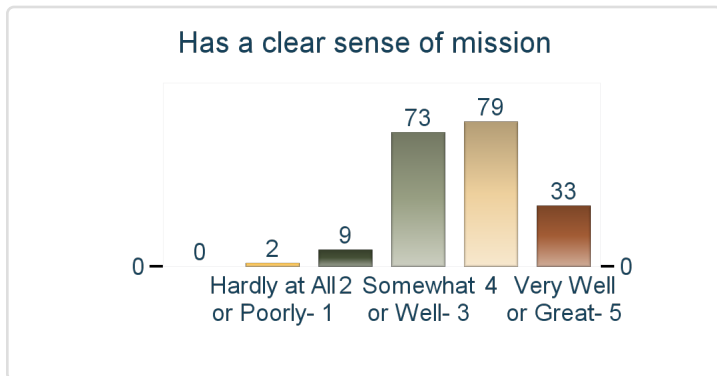
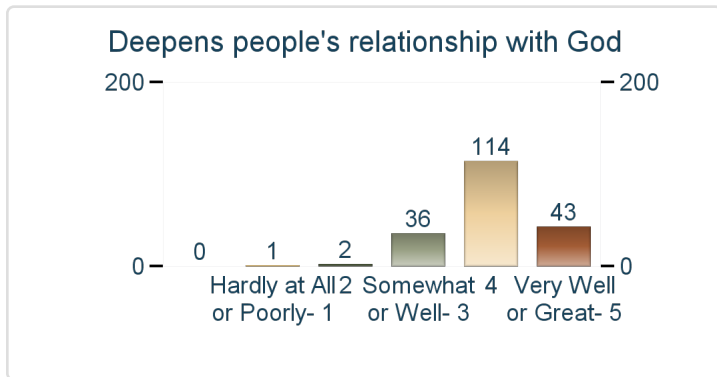
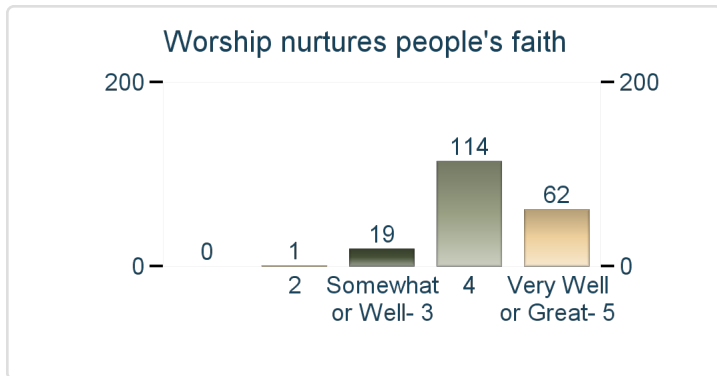




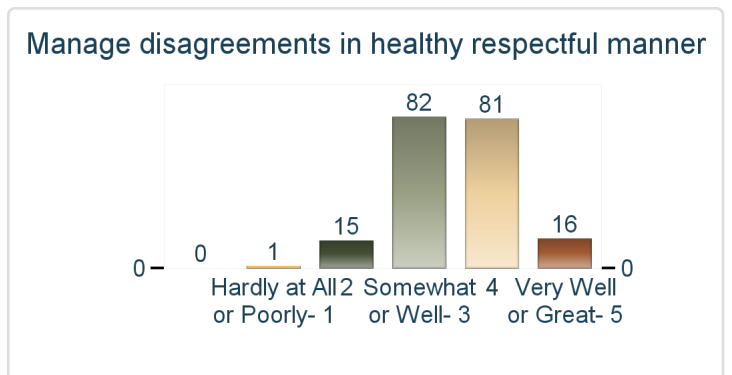
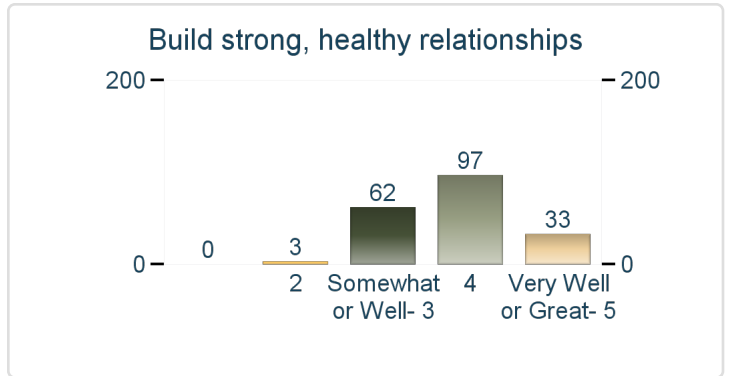
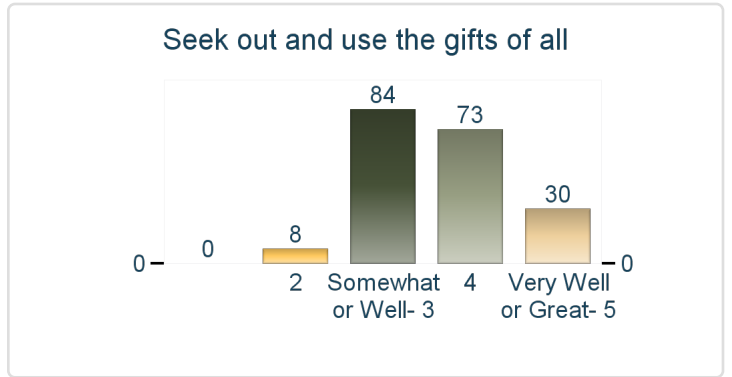
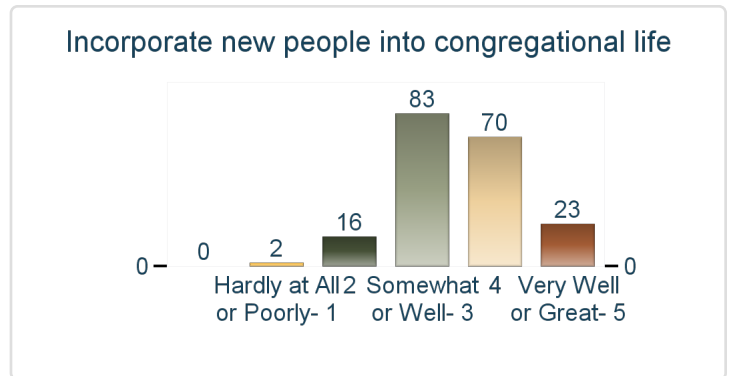
Item by Item Congregational Responses

Shows the number of congregations that gave each response on a 1-5 scale

Connecting with God



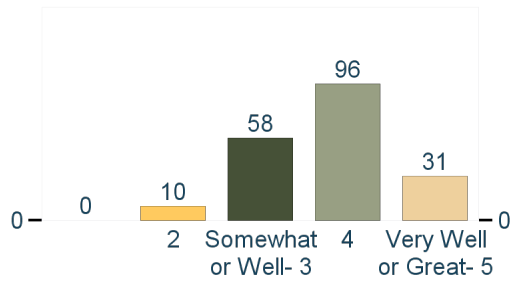
Connecting with each other



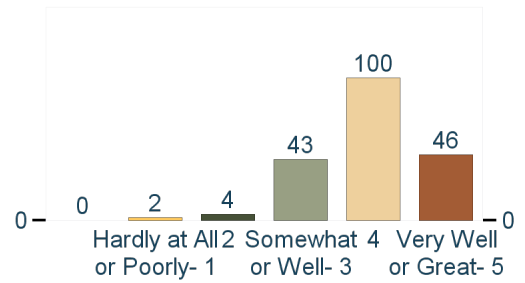


Connecting with the world

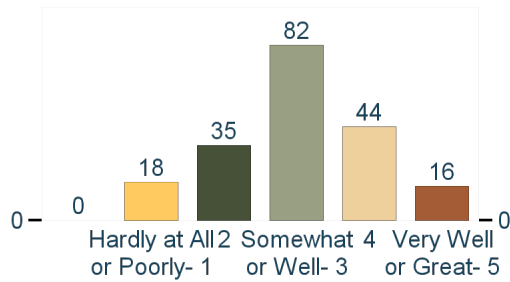
Address social concerns/ Serving those in need



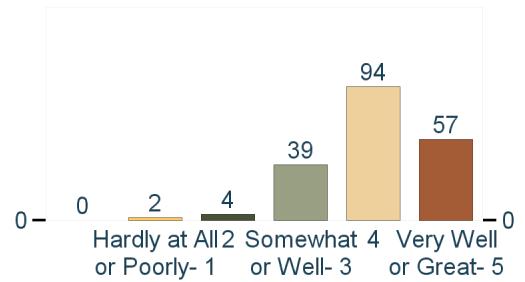
Interact with the local community



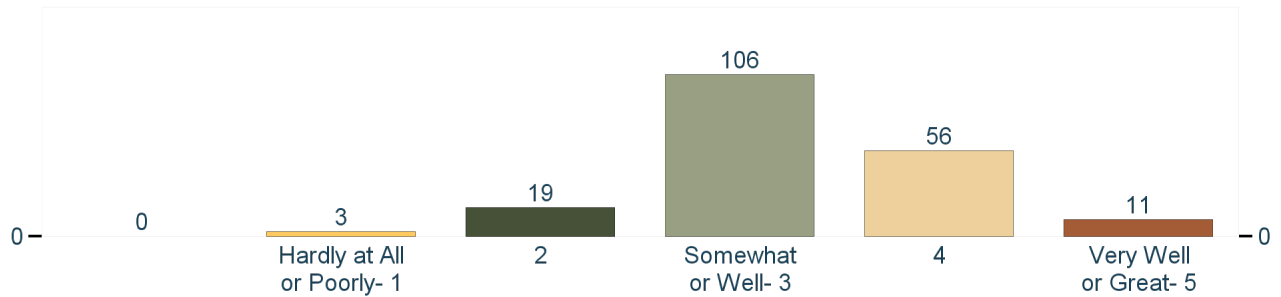
Advocating for social justice



A positive force in the community

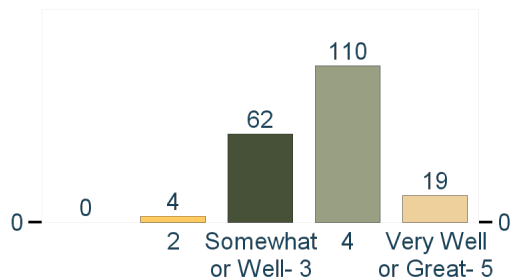


Equip people to share their faith



Overall

Help people live out out faith in daily life



Excitement about the congregation's future

