Natural Church Development Survey

This questionnaire is the first step in a process of discovering and enhancing the health of our church.

- 1. Please answer all of the questions by placing a tick inside one box that best describes your response.
- 2. For the sake of the future of our church, please answer as honestly as possible.
- 3. Think about our church and how it looks from your point of view at present.
- 4. If a question refers to leaders, it refers to pastors, priests, elders, deacons, board members, small group leaders and similar positions.
- 5. If a question refers to 'small groups' or 'groups', it includes any sub-group within our church. (e.g. Bible study groups, home groups, prayer groups, ministry teams, cell groups, leadership teams, etc.)
- 6. If unable to decide on a response, please make a 'best guess'.
- 7. If for any reason a question is *completely* invalid for you, please leave it blank.
- 8. As it is anonymous, please do not write your name or comments on this questionnaire.
- 9. When finished, please return your completed questionnaire so that we can have our collective response calculated.



Thank you for contributing to the healthy growth of our church.

1 Gender:	Male	Female	5 Have you been involved in another Christian church congregation before joining this one?					
			yes _o	no l				
2 Your age	•							
	under 21	21-30	6 If 'yes' to question 5, please indicate the	ne				
	31-40	41-50 3	reasons for moving to this church:	yes no				
	51-60	61-70	(a) Relocated to this area	0 1				
	over 70		(b) Current church provides more effective ministry to children/young adults	0 1				
	<u>[0</u>		(c) Style of worship service	0 1				
3 How mar	ny years have you bee	n a Christian?	(d) Leadership of current church	0 1				
ye	ears	can't say	(e) Conflict in previous church	0 1				
4 How mar	ny years have you beer	n part of this church?	(f) Dissatisfaction with previous church	0 1				
ye	ears							

To what degree is the **following statement true?** (For each question, tick one answer only.)



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7	I feel my task in our church is a positive challenge that stretches my faith.	0		1	2	3	4
8	It is my experience that God obviously uses my work for building the church.	0		1	2	3	4
9	The tasks I perform in our church match my gifts.	0		1	2	3	4
10	I feel the sermon in the worship service speaks to my personal situation.	0		1	2	3	4
11	My small group helps me with the challenges of my life.	0		1	2	3	4
12	I connect with God in a meaningful way during the worship service.	0		1	2	3	4
13	Our leaders seem to enjoy their ministry in our church.	0		1	2	3	4
14	I find it easy to tell other Christians about my feelings.	0		1	2	3	4
15	I feel that the worship service has a positive influence on me.	0		1	2	3	4
16	I know what value my work has in the overall work of our church.	0		1	2	3	4
17	I know that someone in our church will hold me accountable for meeting the commitments I make.	0		1	2	3	4
18	The leaders of the ministries of our church meet regularly for planning.	0		1	2	3	4
19	We encourage new Christians in our church to get involved in evangelism immediately.	0		1	2	3	4
20	Our leaders actively seek to remove barriers that limit my ministry.	0		1	2	3	4
21	The evangelistic activities of our church are relevant for my friends and family who do not yet know Jesus Christ.	0		1	2	3	4
22	Our leaders are clearly concerned for people who do not know Jesus Christ.	0		1	2	3	4
23	Our leaders actively support church development.	0		1	2	3	4
24	My contributions to church life are reviewed regularly.	0		1	2	3	4
25	I enjoy listening to the sermons in the worship service.	0		1	2	3	4
26	I feel that my church supports me in my ministry.	0		1	2	3	4
27	In my small group we spend lots of time on things which are irrelevant to me.	0		1	2	3	4
28	Our pastor(s) have too much work to do.	0		1	2	3	4
29	I know that other church members pray for me regularly.	0		1	2	3	4
30	In our church it is possible to talk with other people about personal problems.	0		1	2	3	4
31	Our leaders are good at explaining things.	0		1	2	3	4
32	There is a lot of joy and laughter in our church.	0		1	2	3	4
33	I pray for my friends, colleagues and relatives who do not yet know Jesus Christ, that they will come to faith.	0		1	2	3	4
34	My small group helps me to grow in my spiritual life.	0		1	2	3	4

To what degree is the **following statement true?** (For each question, tick one answer only.)



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35	The atmosphere of our church is strongly influenced by praise and compliments.	0		1	2	3	4	
36	Our church tries to help those in need (food, clothing, education, counselling, etc.).	0		1	2	3	4	
37	Our church regularly offers help for people to discover their gifts.	0		1	2	3	4	
38	Many people are given the opportunity to actively participate in our worship service.	0		1	2	3	4	
39	I can rely upon my friends at church.	0		1	2	3	4	
40	The volunteers of our church are trained frequently.	0		1	2	3	4	
41	I often tell other Christians when I have experienced something from God.	0		1	2	3	4	
42	I experience the transforming influences faith has in the different areas of my life (profession, family, spare time, etc).	0		1	2	3	4	
43	I know of people in our church with bitterness toward others.	0		1	2	3	4	
44	New Christians find friends in our church quickly.	0		1	2	3	4	
45	Our leaders clearly believe that God wants our church to grow.	0		1	2	3	4	
46	I know my gifts.	0		1	2	3	4	
47	Attending the worship service is an inspiring experience for me.	0		1	2	3	4	
48	When someone in our church does a good job, I tell them.	0		1	2	3	4	
49	I am a member of a group in our church where it is possible to talk about personal problems.	0		1	2	3	4	
50	I can easily explain why I come to the worship service.	0		1	2	3	4	
51	The leaders of our church prefer to do the work themselves rather than collaborate with others.	0		1	2	3	4	
52	I am enthusiastic about our church.	0		1	2	3	4	
53	The music in the worship service helps me worship God.	0		1	2	3	4	
54	In the groups I belong to it is easy for newcomers to be integrated.	0		1	2	3	4	
55	I am a member of a group in our church where others will pray with me if I need it.	0		1	2	3	4	
56	I am often bored during the worship service.	0		1	2	3	4	
57	I understand clearly how the different parts of our church work together.	0		1	2	3	4	
58	The volunteers of our church are trained for their ministries.	0		1	2	3	4	
59	I share with various people in our church about my spiritual journey.	0		1	2	3	4	-
60	It is my impression that the organisational structure of our church hinders church life rather than promotes it.	0		1	2	3	4	
61	Our leaders show concern for the personal problems of those in ministry.	0		1	2	3	4	
62	I enjoy the tasks I do in our church.	0		1	2	3	4	

To what degree is the **following statement true?** (For each question, tick one answer only.)



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63	In our church we often try new things.	0		1	2	3	4	
64	The small group and ministry leaders in our church each mentor at least one other person.	0		1	2	3	4	
65	I am a member of a small group in which I feel at home.	0		1	2	3	4	
66	I experience the benefits of working in a team in our church.	0		1	2	3	4	
67	I know the goals we are working towards as a church.	0		1	2	3	4	
68	I firmly believe that God will work even more powerfully in our church in the coming years.	0		1	2	3	4	
69	There is a lot of creativity in the evangelistic activities of our church.	0		1	2	3	4	
70	I know of a number of individuals in our church who have the gift of evangelism.	0		1	2	3	4	
71	I experience God's work in my life.	0		1	2	3	4	
72	The Bible is a powerful guide for me in the decisions of everyday life.	0		1	2	3	4	
73	The leaders of our church concentrate on the tasks for which they are gifted.	0		1	2	3	4	
74	Our leaders are spiritual examples to me.	0		1	2	3	4	
75	I try to deepen my relationships with people who do not yet know Jesus Christ.	0		1	2	3	4	
76	The leaders of our small groups are trained for their tasks.	0		1	2	3	4	
77	Times of prayer are an inspiring experience for me.	0		1	2	3	4	
78	Our small groups actively seek to multiply themselves.	0		1	2	3	4	
79	I clearly understand what is expected from me when fulfilling my task in our church.	0		1	2	3	4	
80	If I have a disagreement with a member of our church, I will go to them in order to resolve it.	0		1	2	3	4	
81	Our leaders regularly receive assistance from an outside person (e.g. coach, church consultant, other pastor, etc.) on how to develop our church.	0		1	2	3	4	
82	The leaders of our church support individual Christians in their evangelistic endeavours.	0		1	2	3	4	
83	Our leaders regularly praise and acknowledge volunteers.	0		1	2	3	4	
84	I enjoy reading the Bible on my own.	0		1	2	3	4	
85	Our worship service attracts unchurched visitors.	0		1	2	3	4	
86	When new people come to church events, we approach them openly and lovingly.	0		1	2	3	4	
87	Our church provides practical help for new Christians to grow in their faith.	0		1	2	3	4	
88	I always look forward to the worship service.	0		1	2	3	4	
89	I prepare myself to participate in the worship service.	0		1	2	3	4	
90	In my small group we trust each other.	0		1	2	3	4	
91	The activities of our church are well planned and organised.	0		1	2	3	4	