Responses of 611 randomly selected ELCA attendees

More About Your Involvement

1. Before you were 12 years old, how often did you attend worship services?
   - 1.4% Never
   - 8.6 Hardly ever or special occasions only
   - 2.1 Less than once a month
   - 3.8 Once a month
   - 13.0 Two or three times a month
   - 61.7 Usually every week
   - 9.4 More than once a week

2. What was the denomination of the congregation where you attended prior to age 12?

3.5%	Assembly of God	1.0	Nazarene
3.3	Baptist	0.9	Non-denominational
12.8	Catholic	0.3	Pentecostal
1.4	Episcopal	4.5	Presbyterian
60.9	Lutheran	0.0	Seventh-day Adventist
7.1	Methodist	1.4	United Church of Christ

   - 0.3 Other (please specify):
   - 2.6 I did not attend worship services prior to age 12

3. Before you were 12 years old, how often did your parents (or guardians) attend worship services?
   - 52.3% Both parents attended regularly
   - 17.4 Only my mother attended regularly
   - 2.1 Only my father attended regularly
   - 17.4 One or both parents attended occasionally
   - 8.2 Neither parent attended
   - 2.6 Don't know

4. How often did you attend worship services or congregational activities at each of the following ages? (Please mark ***one*** circle on each line.)

	Weekly	At Least Monthly	Occas-ionally	Not at All	Not Applicable
At age 16?	66.2	14.5	11.4	6.7	1.1
At age 20?	41.2	19.7	27.0	7.9	4.2
At age 30?	58.5	15.4	15.0	5.3	5.7
At age 40?	68.2	11.2	8.4	2.1	10.1

5. When you were 12 to 15 years old, how often did you take part in a congregation's youth programs, such as fellowships, clubs, youth events, or camps?
   - 31.9% Weekly
   - 22.2 At least monthly
   - 21.5 Occasionally
   - 24.4 Not at all

6. How many different congregations have you regularly attended over the last 10 years?
   - 54.2% Just this congregation
   - 40.6 2 to 4 congregations
   - 3.1 5 or more congregations
   - 2.1 Don't know

7. What type of schools did you ***mostly*** attend when growing up? (Please mark ***one*** in each clumn.)

	Grades K - 8	Grades 9 - 12
Public school	86.2	91.7
A private school run by:		
Catholic Church	6.5	2.5
A Protestant denomination (e.g., Methodist)	2.0	0.4
An independent Christian school	1.1	0.6
Some other type of religious school	0.9	0.0
Another type of school (not religious)	3.0	4.7
Did not attend school	0.2	0.2

8. Has there ever been a period of two years or more when you did ***not*** attend worship services or participate in congregational activities (apart from weddings, funerals, or special occasions)?
   - 35.1% Yes
   - 61.4 No
   - 3.5 Can't remember

9. If yes, think about the most recent time you stopped attending worship services or congregational activities. What were the main reasons you stopped attending? (Mark up to ***two.***)
   - 14.6% Moved to a new area
   - 11.3 The process of growing up or making my own decisions
   - 3.9 Other interests were more important
   - 3.9 Specific problems with the congregation or with people in the congregation
   - 1.8 Got married
   - 1.6 Got divorced or separated
   - 2.1 My own or my family's needs changed
   - 2.1 Loss of faith or no longer believed
   - 7.4 Time pressures or work schedule
   - 8.7 Other reasons
   - 3.1 Can't remember
   - 14.1 I have always regularly attended

10. Did you already have faith before joining this congregation?
    - 89.3% Yes
    - 3.3 No, I came to faith in the process of attending and joining this congregation
    - 0.9 No, I came to faith after joining this congregation
    - 6.5 Don't know or not applicable

11. How many of your close friends attend worship services here or elsewhere on a regular basis?
    - 6.7% All
    - 46.0 Most
    - 40.0 Some
    - 4.9 None
    - 2.5 Don't know or not applicable

12. Does your spouse attend worship services once a month or more often?
    - 59.7% Yes, at this congregation
    - 3.9 Yes, at another congregation
    - 9.3 No
    - 27.1 I do not have a spouse