GIVING

Do you make financial contributions to this congregation?

33.5%	Yes, as an individual
59.1	Yes, jointly with my spouse/partner
3.4	Not personally, my parent(s) contribute on my behalf
4.0	No

In the last two years, has your giving to this congregation increased or decreased?

60.0%	Increased
29.5	Stayed the same
4.2	Decreased
6.3	Don't know or not applicable (here less than 2 years)

About how much do you give financially to this congregation?

13.7%	I give 10% or more of net income regularly
38.3	I give about 5% to 9% of net income regularly
30.9	I give less than 5% of net income regularly
12.2	I give a small amount whenever I am here
5.1	I do not contribute financially here

How do you decide how much money to give to this congregation?

6.8%	I do not contribute financially to this congregation
12.6	I decide what to give each time I attend worship services
44.8	I decide on a weekly dollar amount
19.9	I decide on an annual dollar figure
11.0	I decide on a percent of my income annually
0.2	Other (specify): _____
4.8	Don't know

Some people like giving money to specific causes rather than to the general congregational budget. While you may do both, which do you most prefer? (Mark only ***one***.)

15.5%	Giving to specific causes
51.5	Giving to the general congregational budget
33.0	It makes no difference to me-I give the same either way

In the last year did you or another adult in your family fill out a pledge card or commitment card or make some other commitment for congregational giving for the year?

53.3%	Yes
38.8	No
7.9	Don't know

Apart from this congregation, to what other groups or organizations have you contributed financially in the last year? (Mark ***all*** that apply)

16.2%	Another congregation
25.8	Other religious organizations or religious causes outside this congregation
69.8	Non-religious charities, community organizations, or social causes
11.5	I did not contribute to other groups or organizations.

How important is it to you to support this congregation financially?

47.9%	Very important
45.3	Important
2.5	Of little importance
0.5	Not important at all
3.8	Don't know

Do you agree or disagree: "It is ***not*** appropriate to talk about money matters in worship services"?

9.9%	Strongly agree
23.7	Agree
30.7	Neutral or unsure
30.2	Disagree
5.4	Strongly disagree

What influences you the most in your decisions about giving to this congregation? (Mark up to ***two*** options).

26.5%	A sense of religious duty to give
12.6	Hearing about specific needs
44.4	A sense of gratitude for God's love and goodness
25.8	Wanting to contribute to God's work in the world
7.8	The Bible's teaching on giving
27.0	A sense of obligation to support the work here
5.9	A sense of gratitude for help my family or I have received here
4.6	Habit or custom
0.5	The congregation's or the leader's urging to give
0.5	The tax benefits I receive for my contributions
2.9	Other factors
2.0	I don't give here

Do you agree or disagree: "Tithing (giving 10% of one's income) is an unrealistic expectation of current attendees"?

6.4%	Strongly agree
29.2	Agree
39.4	Neutral or unsure
19.9	Disagree
5.1	Strongly disagree

Do you agree or disagree: "This congregation puts too much emphasis on asking for money"?

1.6%	Strongly agree
7.1	Agree
32.5	Neutral or unsure
49.2	Disagree
9.5	Strongly disagree

Many congregations today send less of their offerings to agencies beyond the local congregation than they did in the past. Do you see this trend as positive or negative?

18.2%	Positive
30.4	Negative
51.4	Not sure

Do you approve or disapprove of the practice of asking members of the congregation to fill out annual pledge cards or commitment cards for congregational giving for the year?

59.2%	Approve
21.7	Disapprove
19.1	Don't know

When this congregation encourages giving, which is emphasized more? (Mark only ***one***.)

15.5%	Giving a certain percentage of income
43.3	Supporting the programs of the congregation
26.1	Both equally
15.1	Don't know

Which ***one*** statement comes closest to your thoughts about money?

13.7%	I worry about my finances a lot
50.8	I sometimes worry about my finances
22.1	I have all my finances planned to reach my goals
6.8	I never really think about money
6.6	Money is unimportant to me because I believe God will provide