

## **Congregational Survey Summary**

In January 2026, the Faith Church congregation was surveyed on the proposed building project and capital campaign.

Thank you to the 176 people who shared your honest and valuable feedback. Your input is the heartbeat of this project and vital to our future.

The survey shows that the congregation displays substantial support for launching a building project. Additionally, the congregation shows similar support for proceeding with a capital campaign to raise the necessary funds. Based on established benchmarks of financial campaign viability and congregational readiness, the respondents showed a high level of support and enthusiasm.

For those within the congregation who had reservations about the building project and capital campaign, the primary concerns were a desire for additional information and a hesitancy for additional giving based on financial circumstances.

A number of encouraging messages came through on the survey responses.

## **Our Community & Momentum**

The survey results highlight both the deep roots of our church and the encouraging signs of growth:

- **Signs of New Life:** We are successfully attracting new families. We learned that nearly 30% of our new members and attenders joined in the last 3 years, with 16% joining just within the last year.
- **A Strong Legacy:** While 58% of our congregation is retired, we are encouraged by our ability to attract new members. We believe there has been positive momentum in the last 3 years, and we believe this new project will help us build on the foundation that has been laid by our long-time members.
- **Deep Connections:** Roughly 68% of us are involved in a small group—a figure well above the national average of 44% in Protestant churches, demonstrating a strong commitment to our community.

## **Support for the Vision**

Your feedback shows a clear consensus on moving forward:

- **Clarity & Purpose:** 77% of respondents have a clear understanding of the project, and 79% believe the reasons for financial support are acceptable.
- **Willingness to Give:** 75% of the congregation stated they are willing to financially support this project, which is well above the 60% threshold typically recommended by church growth experts.
- **Listening to All Voices:** A small percentage (less than 6%) indicated they do not currently intend to support the project. We want to be clear: even those who are unable to support the project due to financial constraints, or unwilling due to personal opinions, are a vitally important part of our congregation. We respect and love them and are thankful for their support in other ways.

## **Keep Refining the Plan**

We are committed to getting this right:

- **Areas for Improvement:** While 65% believe the project meets ministry needs, 29% are not yet completely sure.
- **Our Response:** We are listening. By continuing to refine our plans and responding to your valuable feedback, we aim to strengthen the overall support and impact of the project.

## **Moving Forward Together**

In light of these results, the Session believes now is the time to take two important steps:

1. **Refine with Care:** We will work hard to polish the project details to ensure they serve our ministry goals perfectly.
2. **Launch the Campaign:** We believe now is the time to move forward with a **Capital Campaign** to turn this dream into a reality!