

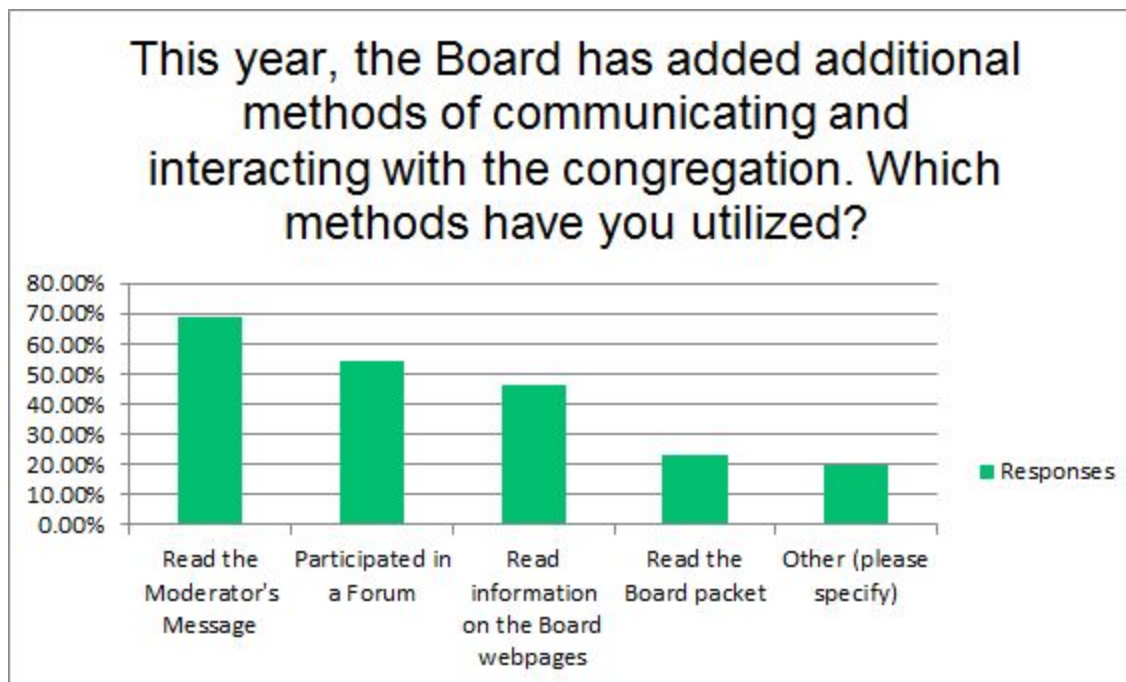
## First Unitarian Church of Portland 2017 First Unitarian Congregational Survey

There were 127 responses to the 2017 Congregational Survey, with 116 complete responses.

Some notable results include:

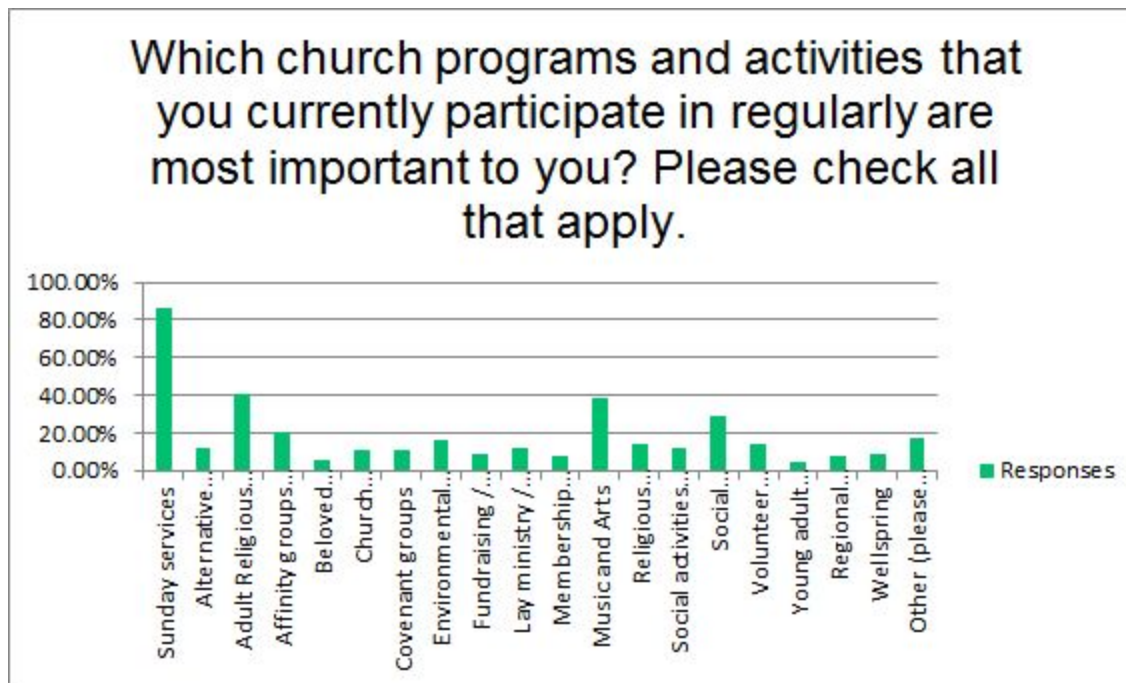
- The moderator's message was a useful outreach tool, utilized by more than 69% of respondents.
- More than 94% of respondents use the e-news to keep up on activities at the church.
- More than 71% of respondents were 60 or older.
- More than 27% of the respondents accessed the live stream, reprints of sermons, or podcasts at least once a month.
- More than 83% of respondents have no children in their household.
- More than 68% of respondents were female.
- More than 89% of respondents were white.
- More than 14% of respondents were not members.

**Q1: This year, the Board has added additional methods of communicating and interacting with the congregation. Which methods have you utilized?**



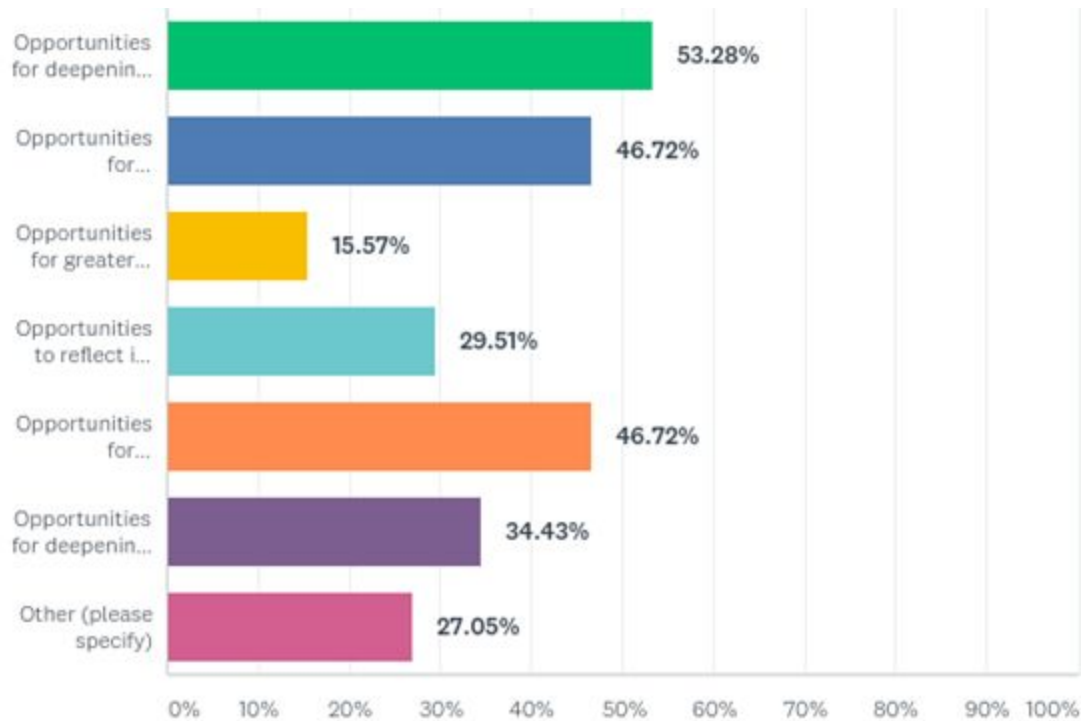
Answer Choices	Responses	
Read the Moderator's Message	69.29%	88
Participated in a Forum	53.54%	68
Read information on the Board webpages	46.46%	59
Read the Board packet	22.83%	29
Other (please specify)	20.47%	26
Total Respondents: 127		

**Q3: Which church programs and activities that you currently participate in regularly are most important to you? Please check all that apply.**



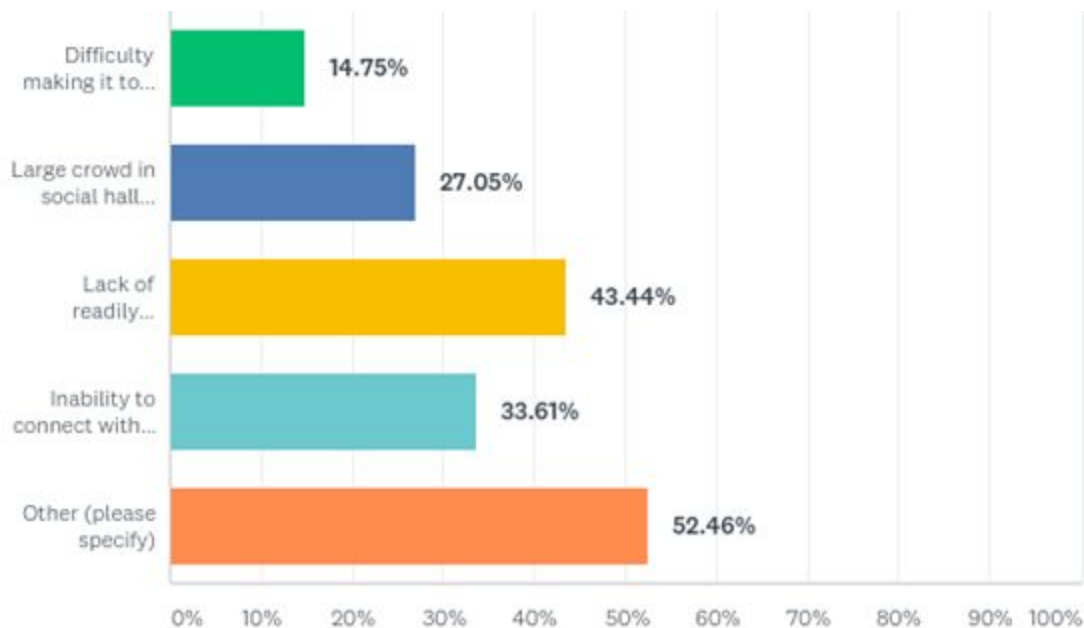
Answer Choices	Responses
Sunday services	<b>86.51%</b> 109
Alternative services	<b>11.90%</b> 15
Adult Religious Education (workshops, classes, retreats, Seminary for a Day)	<b>40.48%</b> 51
Affinity groups (Alliance, LGBTQ, women's or men's groups)	<b>20.63%</b> 26
Beloved Community programming	<b>5.56%</b> 7
Church governance (Board; Board committees like Finance Committee; Nominating Committee)	<b>11.11%</b> 14
Covenant groups	<b>10.32%</b> 13
Environmental action (7th Principle, Community for Earth)	<b>16.67%</b> 21
Fundraising / Stewardship Committee / Church Foundation	<b>8.73%</b> 11
Lay ministry / cares & concerns committee	<b>11.90%</b> 15
Membership (newcomers table)	<b>7.14%</b> 9
Music and Arts	<b>38.89%</b> 49
Religious education for youth and families	<b>14.29%</b> 18
Social activities (Good Times and others)	<b>11.90%</b> 15
Social programs (e.g. Social Justice Council, hunger and homelessness, animal rights)	<b>29.37%</b> 37
Volunteer services (ushering, bookstore, office, coffee hour, building & grounds, others)	<b>13.49%</b> 17
Young adult activities	<b>3.97%</b> 5
Regional (PNWD) or national (UUA) activities	<b>7.94%</b> 10
Wellspring	<b>8.73%</b> 11
Other (please specify)	<b>17.46%</b> 22
<b>Total Respondents: 126</b>	

**Q4: This year the church has been working on ways for congregants to become better connected as we build the beloved community. We call this project the Congregational Life Initiative (CLI). Which of the following activities, if expanded or strengthened would improve your connection to the church?**



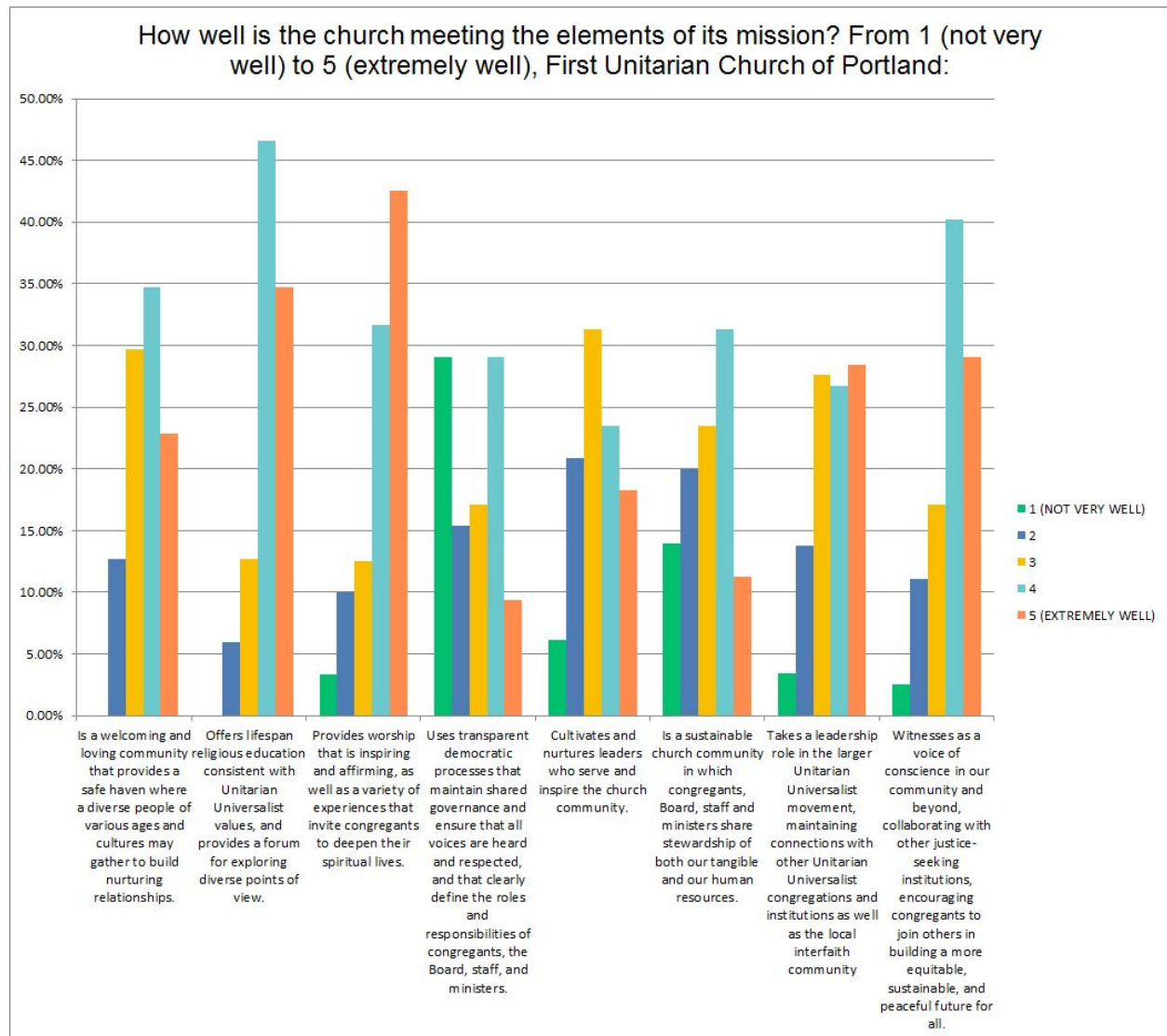
Answer Choices	Responses
Opportunities for deepening spiritual growth	<b>53.28%</b> 65
Opportunities for multi-generational community	<b>46.72%</b> 57
Opportunities for greater social media connection	<b>15.57%</b> 19
Opportunities to reflect in small groups on worship experience after services on Sundays	<b>29.51%</b> 36
Opportunities for neighborhood connections	<b>46.72%</b> 57
Opportunities for deepening within-generation connection (i.e., young adults, retired people, etc.)	<b>34.43%</b> 42
Other (please specify)	<b>27.05%</b> 33
<b>Total Respondents: 122</b>	

**Q6: What are the biggest barriers to being more connected to the church?**



Answer Choices	Responses
Difficulty making it to church during the week	14.75% 18
Large crowd in social hall (Fuller Hall)	27.05% 33
Lack of readily accessible member-friendly directory	43.44% 53
Inability to connect with people who specifically share my interests or situation	33.61% 41
Other (please specify)	52.46% 64
<b>Total Respondents: 122</b>	

**Q7: How well is the church meeting the elements of its mission? From 1 (not very well) to 5 (extremely well), First Unitarian Church of Portland:**

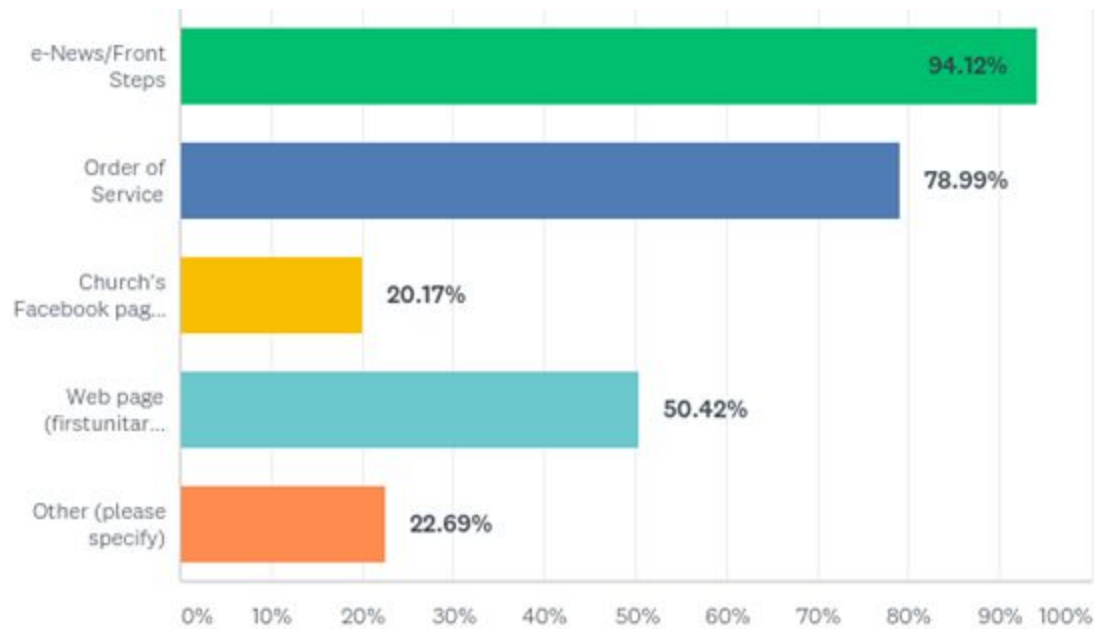


	1 (NOT VERY WELL)		2		3		4		5 (EXTREMELY WELL)		Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
Is a welcoming and loving community that provides a safe haven where a diverse people of various ages and cultures may gather to build nurturing relationships.	0.00%	0	12.7%	15	29.6%	35	34.7%	41	22.8%	27	118

Offers lifespan religious education consistent with Unitarian Universalist values, and provides a forum for exploring diverse points of view.	0.00 %	0	5.93 %	7	12.7 1%	15	46.6 1%	55	34.7 5%	41	118
Provides worship that is inspiring and affirming, as well as a variety of experiences that invite congregants to deepen their spiritual lives.	3.33 %	4	10.0 0%	12	12.5 0%	15	31.6 7%	38	42.5 0%	51	120
Uses transparent democratic processes that maintain shared governance and ensure that all voices are heard and respected, and that clearly define the roles and responsibilities of congregants, the Board, staff, and ministers.	29.0 6%	34	15.3 8%	18	17.0 9%	20	29.0 6%	34	9.40 %	11	117
Cultivates and nurtures leaders who serve and inspire the church community.	6.09 %	7	20.8 7%	24	31.3 0%	36	23.4 8%	27	18.2 6%	21	115
Is a sustainable church community in which congregants, Board, staff and ministers share stewardship of both our tangible and our human resources.	13.9 1%	16	20.0 0%	23	23.4 8%	27	31.3 0%	36	11.3 0%	13	115
Takes a leadership role in the larger Unitarian Universalist movement, maintaining connections with other Unitarian Universalist congregations and institutions as well as the local interfaith community	3.45 %	4	13.7 9%	16	27.5 9%	32	26.7 2%	31	28.4 5%	33	116
Witnesses as a voice of conscience in our community and beyond, collaborating with other justice-seeking institutions, encouraging congregants to join others in building a more equitable, sustainable, and peaceful future for all.	2.56 %	3	11.1 1%	13	17.0 9%	20	40.1 7%	47	29.0 6%	34	117

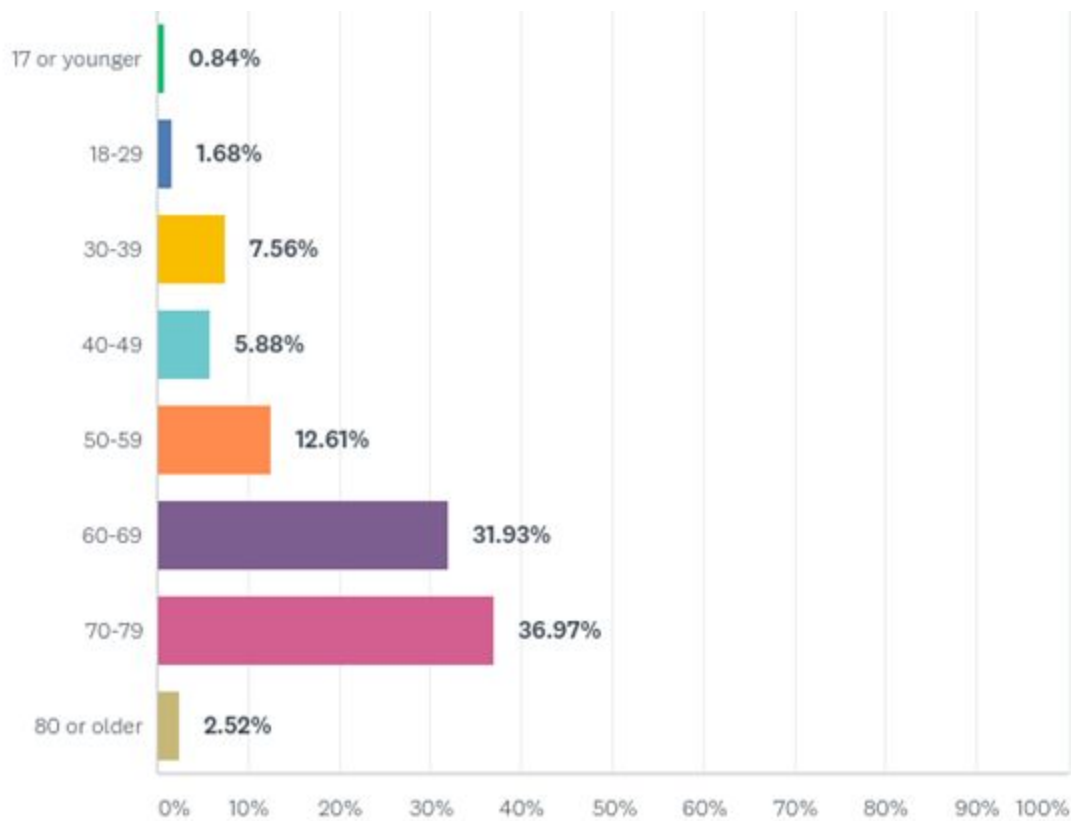


**Q9: How do you keep up with activities at the church? Do you regularly read or use (check all that apply):**



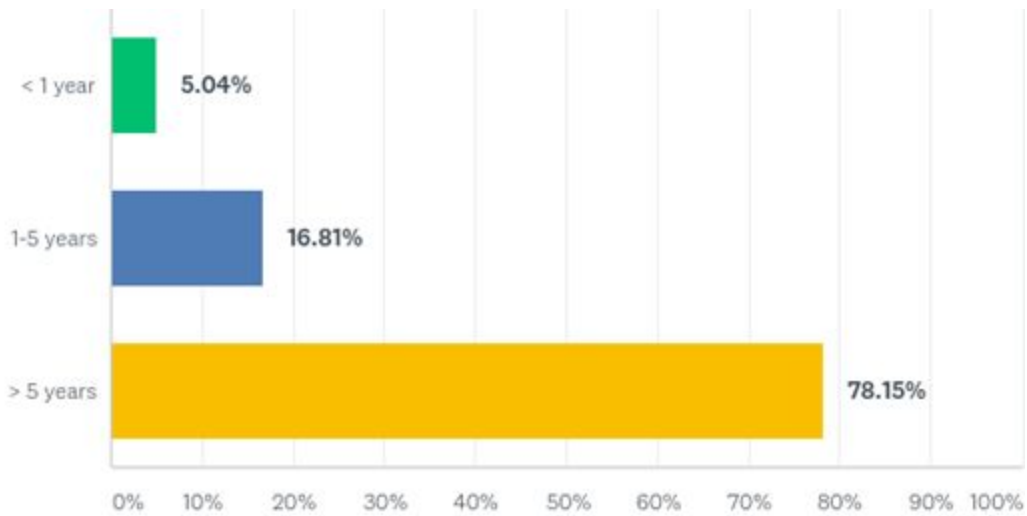
Answer Choices	Responses
e-News/Front Steps	94.12% 112
Order of Service	78.99% 94
Church's Facebook page (FirstU.PDX)	20.17% 24
Web page (firstunitarianportland.org)	50.42% 60
Other (please specify)	22.69% 27
<b>Total Respondents: 119</b>	

**Q11: What is your age?**



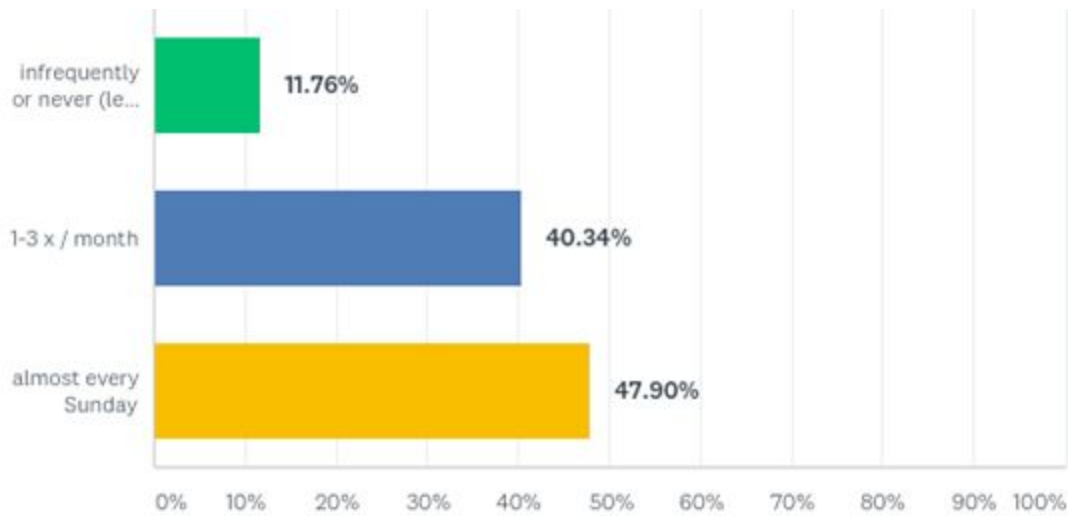
Answer Choices	Responses	
17 or younger	0.84%	1
18-29	1.68%	2
30-39	7.56%	9
40-49	5.88%	7
50-59	12.61%	15
60-69	31.93%	38
70-79	36.97%	44
80 or older	2.52%	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>119</b>

**Q12: How long have you been attending services or participating in programs at First Unitarian?**



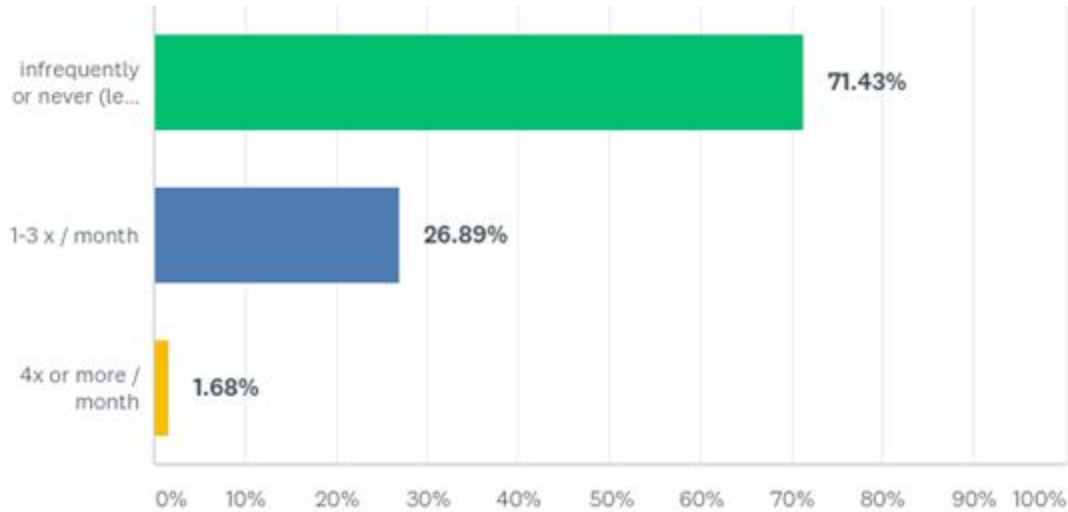
Answer Choices	Responses	
< 1 year	5.04%	6
1-5 years	16.81%	20
> 5 years	78.15%	93
Total		119

**Q13: Since the start of this Church year (September 2016), how often have you attend Sunday services in person?**



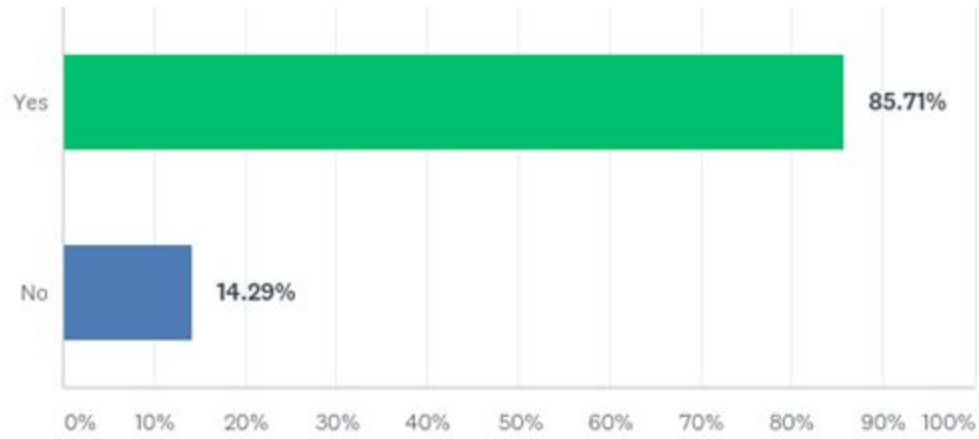
Answer Choices	Responses	
infrequently or never (less than 1x / month)	11.76%	14
1-3 x / month	40.34%	48
almost every Sunday	47.90%	57
<b>Total</b>		<b>119</b>

**Q14: Since the start of this church year (September 2016), how often have you watched a service via live stream (or a live-stream replay), read a sermon reprint, or listened to a church podcast?**



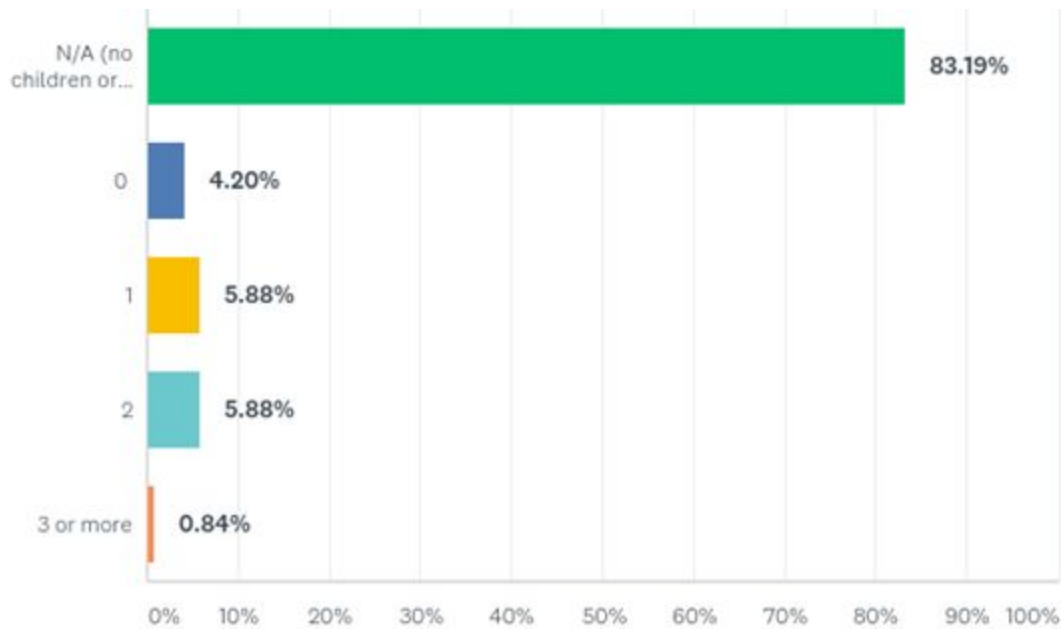
Answer Choices	Responses	
infrequently or never (less than 1x / month)	<b>71.43%</b>	85
1-3 x / month	<b>26.89%</b>	32
4x or more / month	<b>1.68%</b>	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>119</b>

**Q15: Are you a member of the First Unitarian Church of Portland?**



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	49.58%	59
No	17.65%	21
not applicable	32.77%	39
<b>Total</b>		<b>119</b>

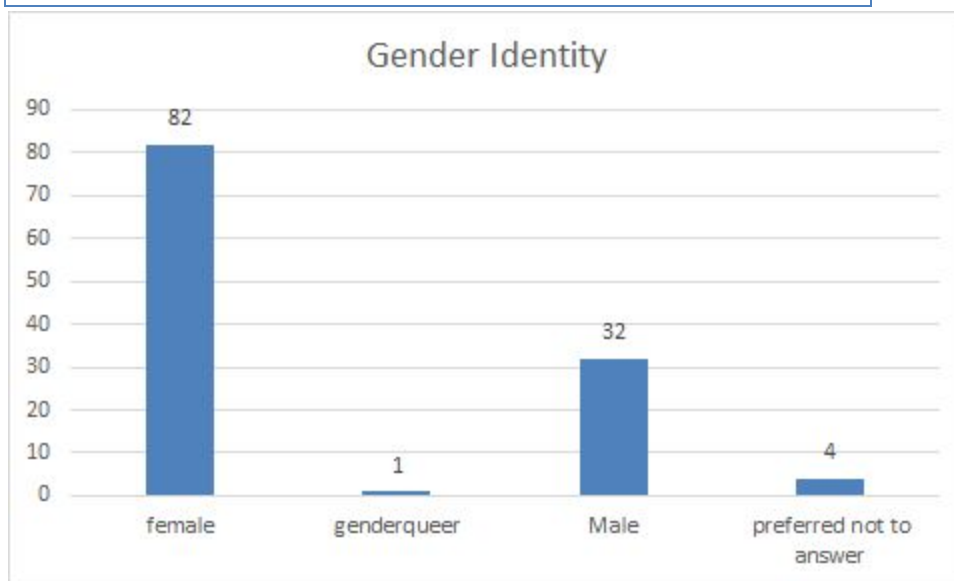
**Q17: If you have children or youth in your household, how many currently participate in RE on Sundays or other programs for children and youth?**



Answer Choices	Responses	
N/A (no children or youth currently in my household)	83.19%	99
0	4.20%	5
1	5.88%	7
2	5.88%	7
3 or more	0.84%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>119</b>

**Q18: What is your gender identity?**

Categories	Count of Categories	Percentage
female	82	68.91%
genderqueer	1	0.84%
Male	32	26.89%
preferred not to answer	4	3.36%





**Q19: What is your race/ethnicity?**

Categories	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Asian	1	0.84%
multi-ethnic	3	2.52%
other	1	0.84%
preferred not to respond	7	5.88%
white	107	89.92%

