

ADVENT MISSION SURVEY RESULTS

We got
66

survey responses.

Here's what we learned.

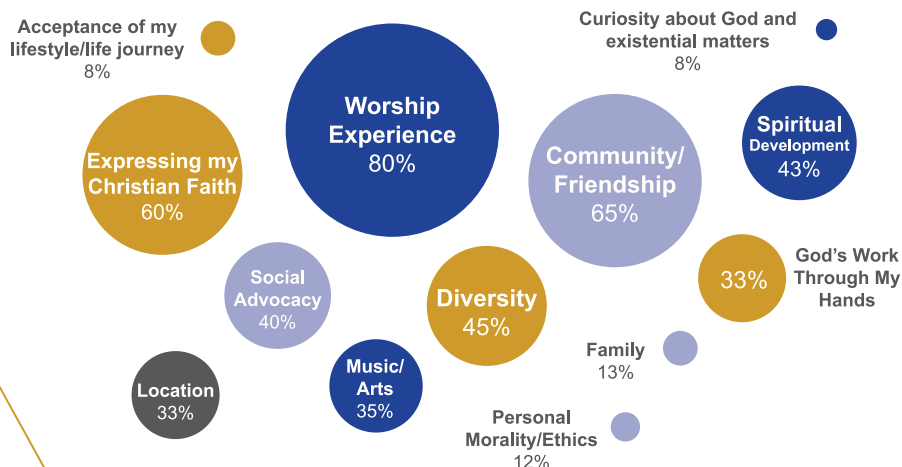
Words we use to describe Advent

"Open, Safe, Affirming,
Inclusive, Worshipful,
Advocacy, Diverse,
Welcoming, Real"

"Community,
Acceptance, Vibrant,
Progressive, Loving,
Challenging, Social
Justice, Involved,
Ever-Changing "

Out of the 3 words chosen by 66 people,
these words stood out or recurred the most.

Our top 5 reasons for attending Advent



Words we think the community uses to describe Advent



"The church on 93rd,
Music, Food,
Community, Traditional,
Scaffolding, Busy"

"Lutheran, Church,
Helpful, Pretty,
Windows, Imposing"

When asked to rank ministries in order of importance,

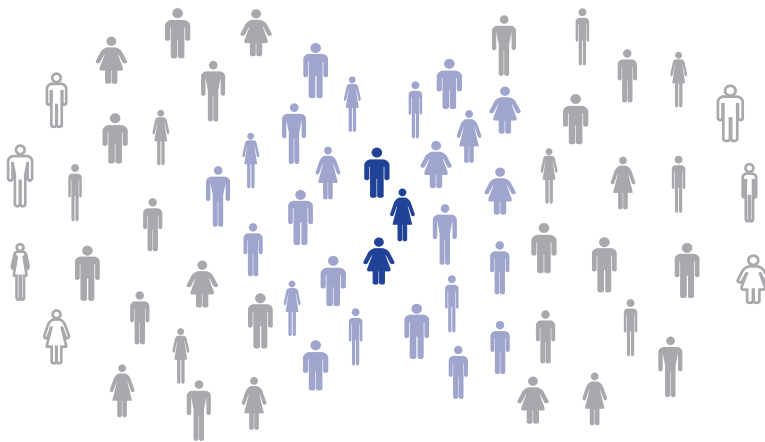
HUNGER MINISTRIES, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, and SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

came in as our top 3 focus areas.

followed swiftly by Immigration, Advocacy, and Music & Arts

Still, 22% ranked Communications & Social Ministries in the top 4 of 9.

How did we rate the connection between our English and Spanish speaking parishoners?



- 3 people said “deeply connected”
- 24 people said “engaged”
- 32 people said “barely engaged”
- 7 people said “not present”

Ways to encourage inclusion were abundant.

Some favorites were: Visiting each other’s services with social time afterward, more joint bilingual worship and educational gatherings, encouraging the whole congregation to volunteer and work side by side, more fellowship, potlucks, celebrations and crossover events.



OUR GREATEST STRENGTHS

“Openness, Inclusion, Diversity, Members, Leaders, Pastors, Worship Life, Focus on Social Justice, Community, Gospel-centered Preaching, Tradition and Innovation, Quality of Music, Community Outreach, Food Ministries, Witness to the Word, Location, Advocacy, Inclusion of Children”

OUR CHALLENGES & GROWING EDGES

“Growth in regular church attendance and sustained outreach”

“Fitting our ministries in the framework of an aging facility”

“Engaging youth”

“Building maintenance”

“Development of our Christian education”

“Finances”

“Finding relevance in an increasingly secular society”

