

Transition Team Update: February 11, 2018

**What are the congregation's current perceptions of Pittsboro Presbyterian Church?**

Current perceptions of PPC were collected by two methods:

- A survey question which asked respondents their level of agreement (from strongly disagree to strongly agree) to a series of statements about PPC
- Interviews with individuals who shared their experiences – both positive and negative – with the pastor or a Transition Team member

**Survey Results**

Four key themes:

- PPC is generally viewed as welcoming, supportive, inclusive and caring.
- The areas including spirituality, worship, and overall satisfaction are viewed as positive, but to a lesser degree by some.
- There is less positivity toward church communications and leadership.
- The most negativity is shown around church unity and our financial future.

*The distribution of the responses and average scores to this survey question can be seen in the chart on the reverse side of this page.*

Differences by age:

- Congregants under age 50 are less positive about PPC in nearly all areas we measured. In particular, they are less likely to look forward to worship service and less satisfied in general with PPC.
- Younger congregants are less likely to recommend PPC to friends.

Note that only 7 people under age 50 responded to the survey.

Length of PPC Tenure:

- Congregants who have attended PPC more than 10 years are generally more *negative* about the church.
- Those with 10 years or less at PPC are less likely to say they will continue

worshiping at PPC. They also have a higher level of concern about the financial future of the church, They are less likely to feel we are meeting their spiritual needs.

**Interview Results**

To ensure anonymity, individual comments from the interviews (as well as comments from the surveys) are not being shared. However, several common themes emerged:

- There is an awareness of a division in the congregation; however, there is not a consistent naming of the cause. Politics and the Nooe Fund are the two most talked about issues. There is a lack of agreement on how to provide Christian Education.
- There is a general sense that this is a friendly and welcoming place and a home away from home. However, our worship service attendance numbers suggest that this atmosphere has not helped in either membership growth or consistent attendance.
- Service/Mission seems to be an important part of PPC's past.
- There is a concern that a few members do all the work.
- Some younger members feel that they are being pressured by older members to do more of the work of the church than they have time for due to family obligations.

<b>If you have any questions about the survey results, please contact a member of the Transition Team</b>		
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# Question Responses from Congregational Survey

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:  
Scale: 1=Strongly Disagree, 5=Strongly Agree

