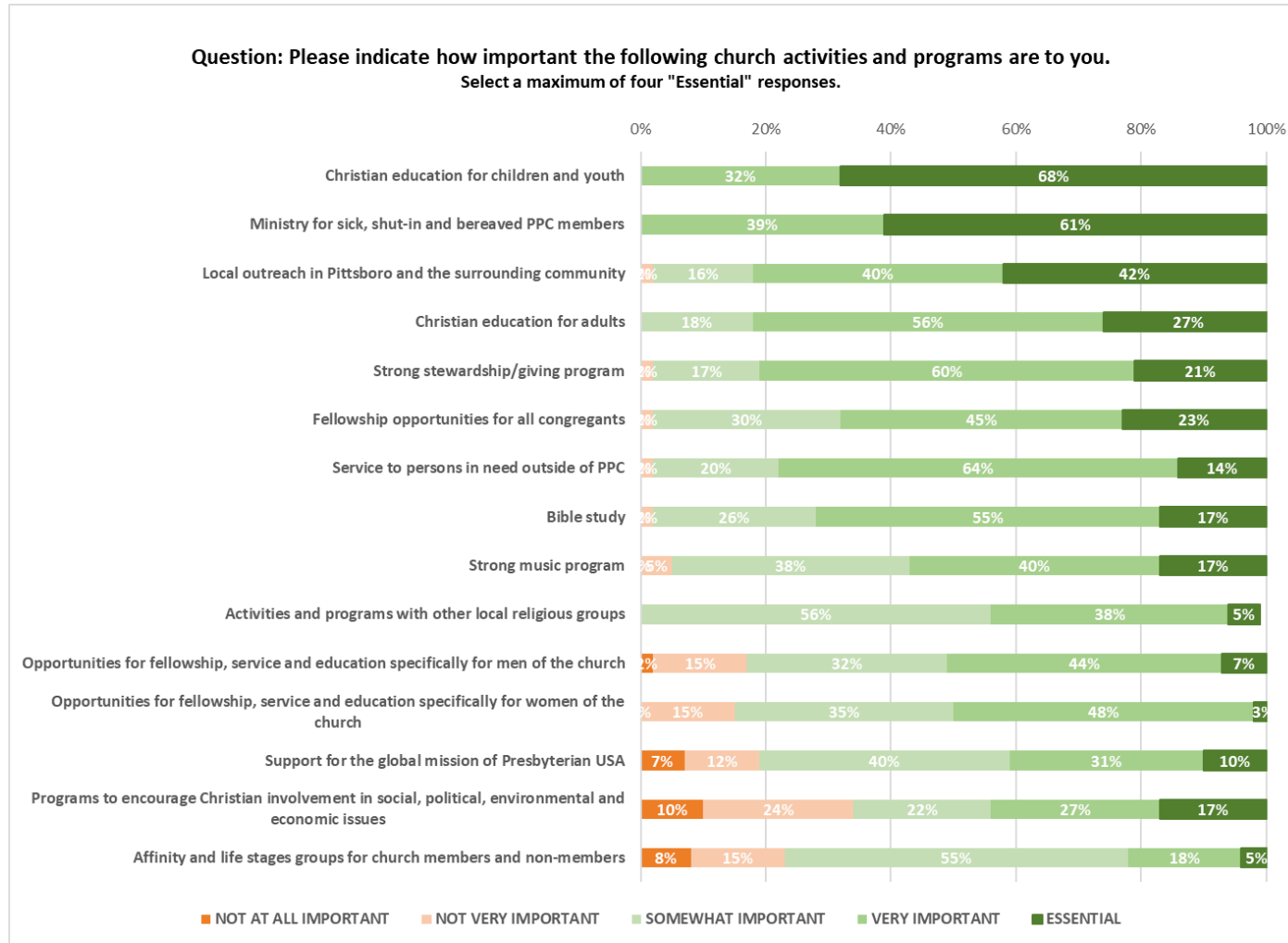
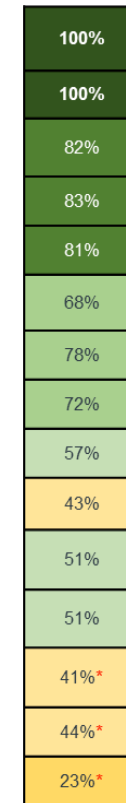


What do we want in a church?

A critical question on the PPC survey asked congregants the importance of church activities and programs. Response choices ranged from “Not at all important” to “Essential.” To help us prioritize, we asked for a maximum of four “Essential” ratings. The distribution of responses is in the chart below.



Percent who chose “Very Important” or “Essential”



Our Priorities

- Christian education & study
- Ministry to members
- Community outreach and service
- Stewardship
- Fellowship

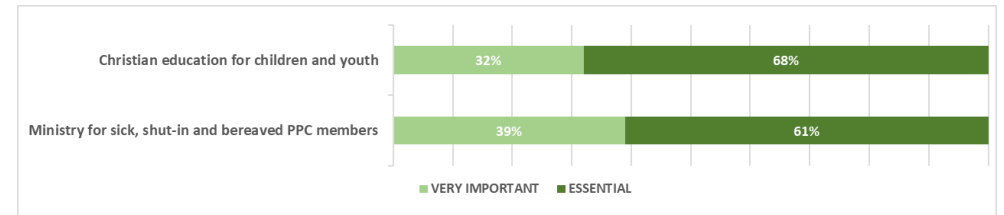
*Activities that are very important to some and not important to others.

A Deeper Look

Note: Every program or activity on the survey was essential to at **least one member** of the congregation.

Where we agree:

- There is unity in the congregation on the top two programs (100% rated these as “essential” or “very important”)
 - ✓ Christian education for children and youth
 - ✓ Ministry for sick, shut-in and bereaved PPC congregants



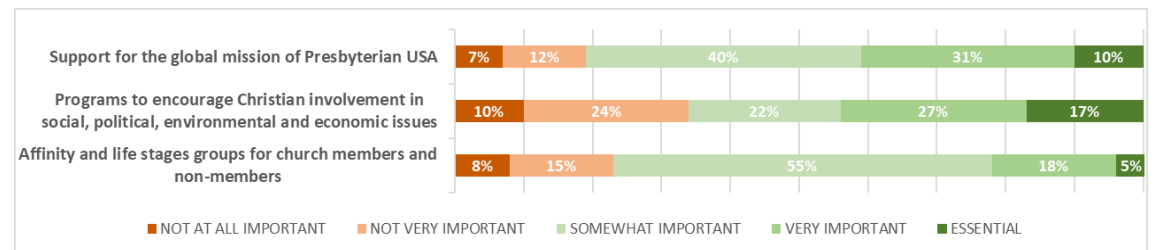
However, from the congregant interviews, survey comments and other discussions, we don’t necessarily agree on how to execute these programs, particularly Christian Education. For example, support for Christian education for children and youth does not necessarily mean support for traditional Sunday School.

Key Takeaway:

Our new minister must have the skills required to *lead* the development of Christian Education programs that address the various needs of the congregation and have exceptional pastoral care skills.

Where we differ:

- There are three areas where the congregation is somewhat divided:
 - Support for the global mission of Presbyterian USA
 - Involvement in social, political, environmental and economic issues
 - Affinity and life stage groups



The biggest division is in promoting congregation involvement in social, political, environmental and economic issues.

Key Takeaway:

We need to determine if these differences can be accommodated in the PPC mission moving forward.