

PSC Churchwide Survey Findings

**Summary Results
January 2020
586 responses**

Survey window: Dec. 1st – Dec 18th, 2020

Distribution: Active church members and
regular attenders

Churchwide Survey Summary Results

Respondent Demographics

- 586 completed surveys, representing 27% of the church's active members and regular attenders (respondents are comparable to church-wide demographics).
- Half of respondents have attended MPC 8 years or more, and almost all are involved beyond worship services.
- Three-quarters attend with the same frequency today as pre-COVID levels, and one out of four attends less.

Church Priorities Preferences

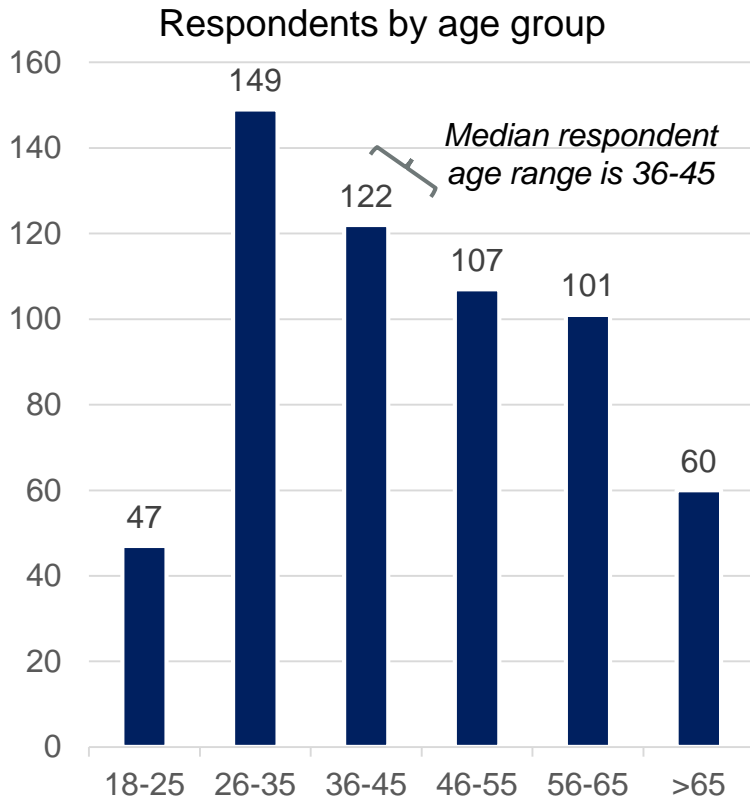
- Church ministries: Worship services and Community Groups.
- Church direction/priorities: Missions, discipleship, and care ministries.
- Worship style: Two-thirds desire no change in style, although some older respondents are inclined toward more traditional liturgy.

Future Senior Pastor Preferences

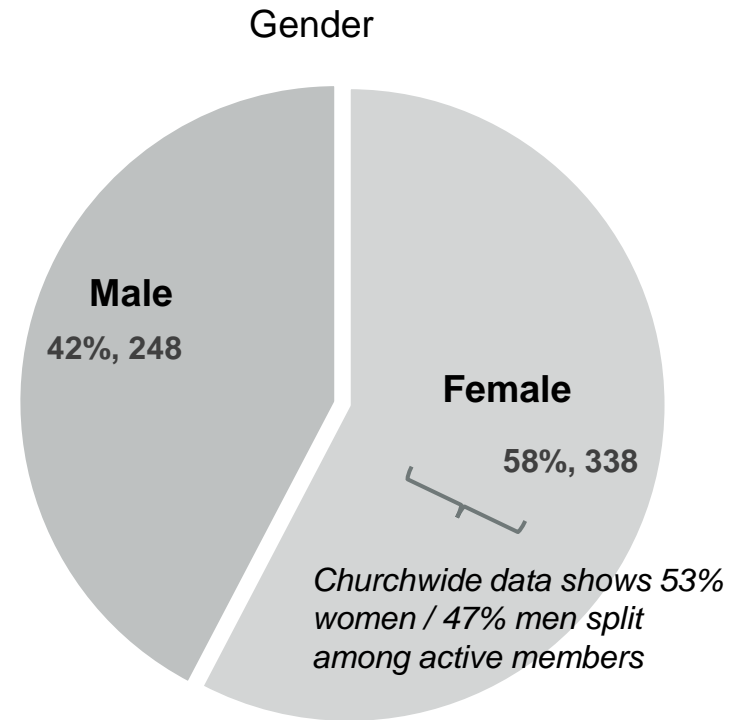
- Top Strengths: Preacher/Teacher and Leader.
- Sermon Components: Biblical knowledge and application to life.
- Character Traits: People-oriented/steadfast, and thoughtful & strategic.
- Leadership Qualities: An inspiring and challenging preacher.
- Focus: Teaching & preaching.

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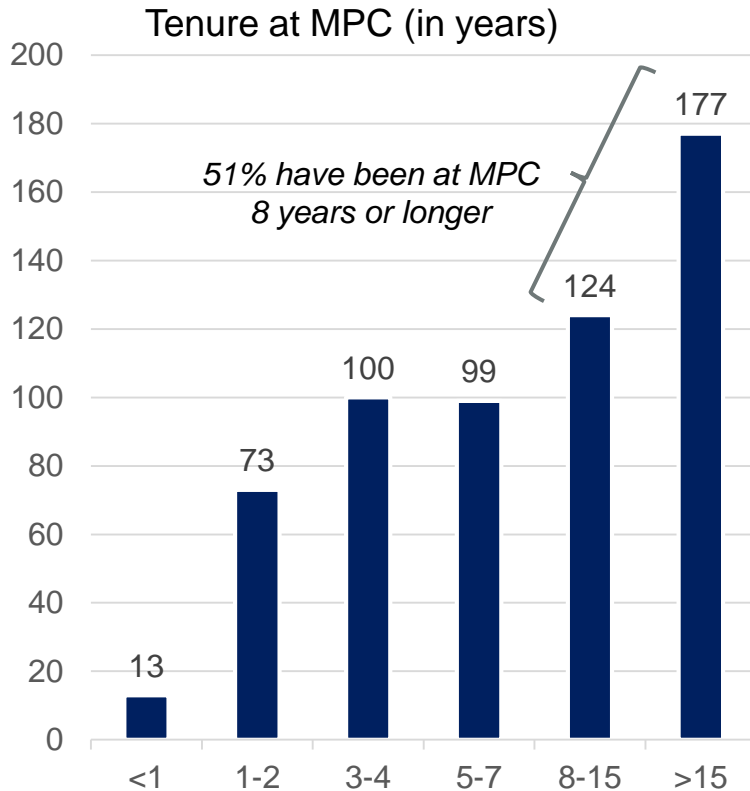
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**Note that the demographics of survey responders broadly mirror churchwide demographics*

Survey Demographics (Continued)

Half of respondents have attended MPC at least 8 years, and almost all are involved beyond worship services.



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90% of respondents are members.

89% are involved in at least one additional activity beside worship services

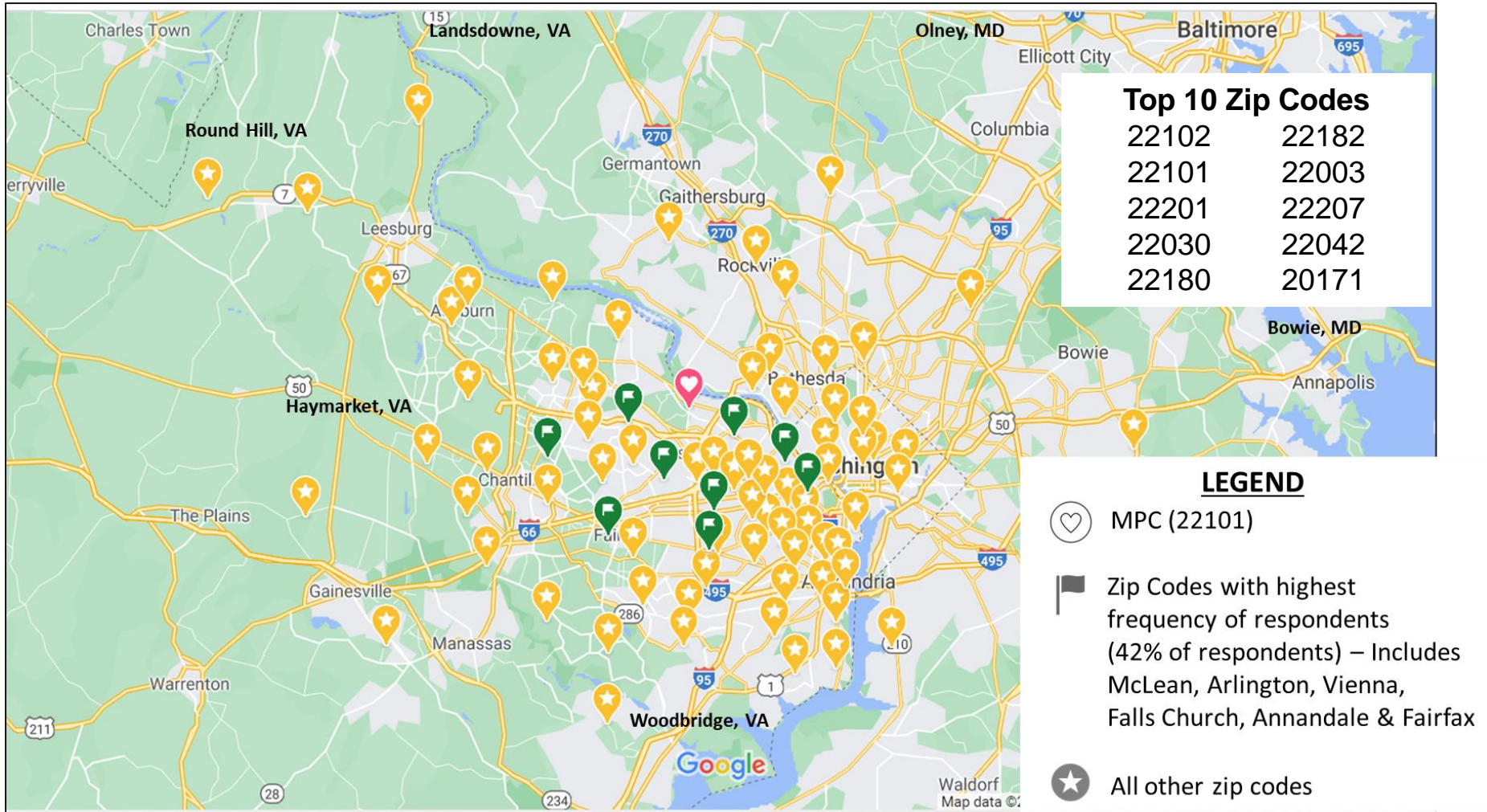
79% of respondents are married

44% have children under 18

39% have many close friends at MPC; **31%** have some; **30%** have few or none.

Zip Code Mapping

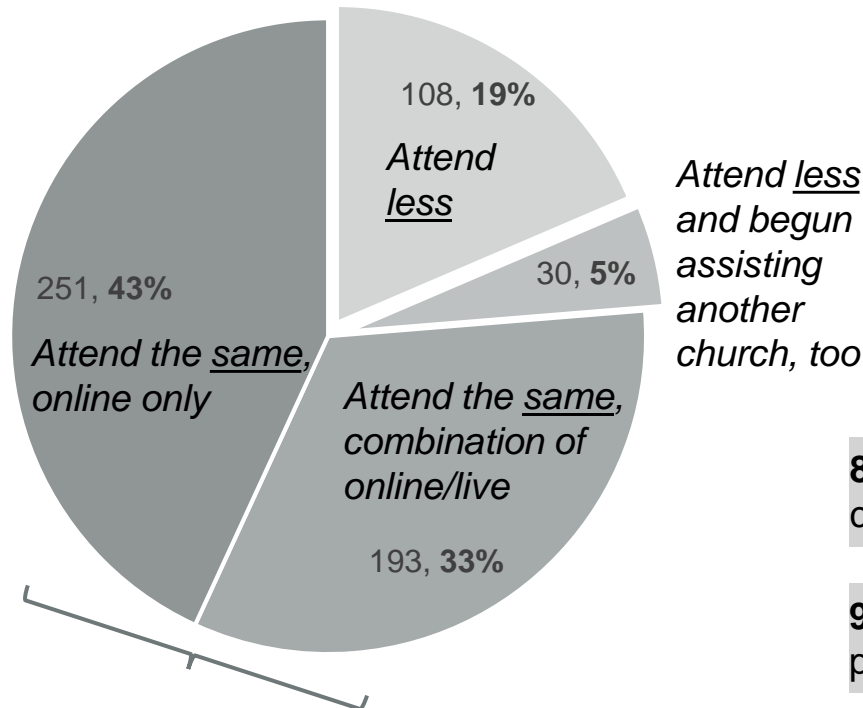
Most respondents live within a 30-min drive, with McLean zip codes 22101 and 22102 the highest frequency.



Church Attendance

Three-quarters attend with the same frequency today as pre-COVID levels, and one out of four attends less.

Q: How has your attendance at our church changed since COVID?



76% attend at the same level as pre-COVID, whether online or combo

n = 582 (numbers may not add due to rounding)

Q: How often do you attend church worship services presently (during COVID)?

- 42%** weekly, online only
- 39%** weekly, combo online/live
- 9%** every other week, online or combo
- 5%** once a month, online on combo
- 5%** less than once a month

85% primarily attend MPC, 13% Fairfax, 2% combination of both sites

93% of respondents attended our church weekly pre-COVID, while post-COVID is 81%

Older age groups attend more online during COVID than younger ages.

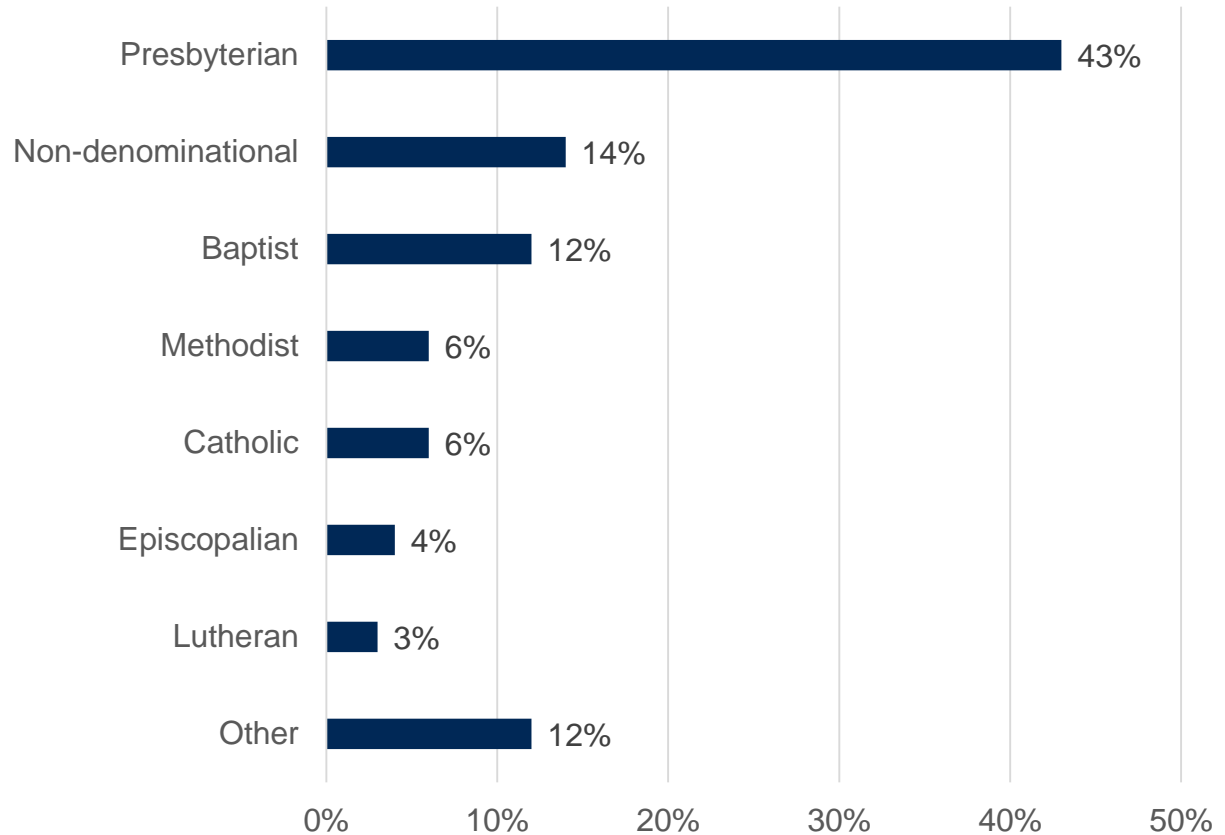
Church Background

Almost all grew up in a church setting, though not necessarily Presbyterian.

Q: What is your denominational background?

<i>Did you grow up in a church setting?</i>	
YES	89%
NO	11%

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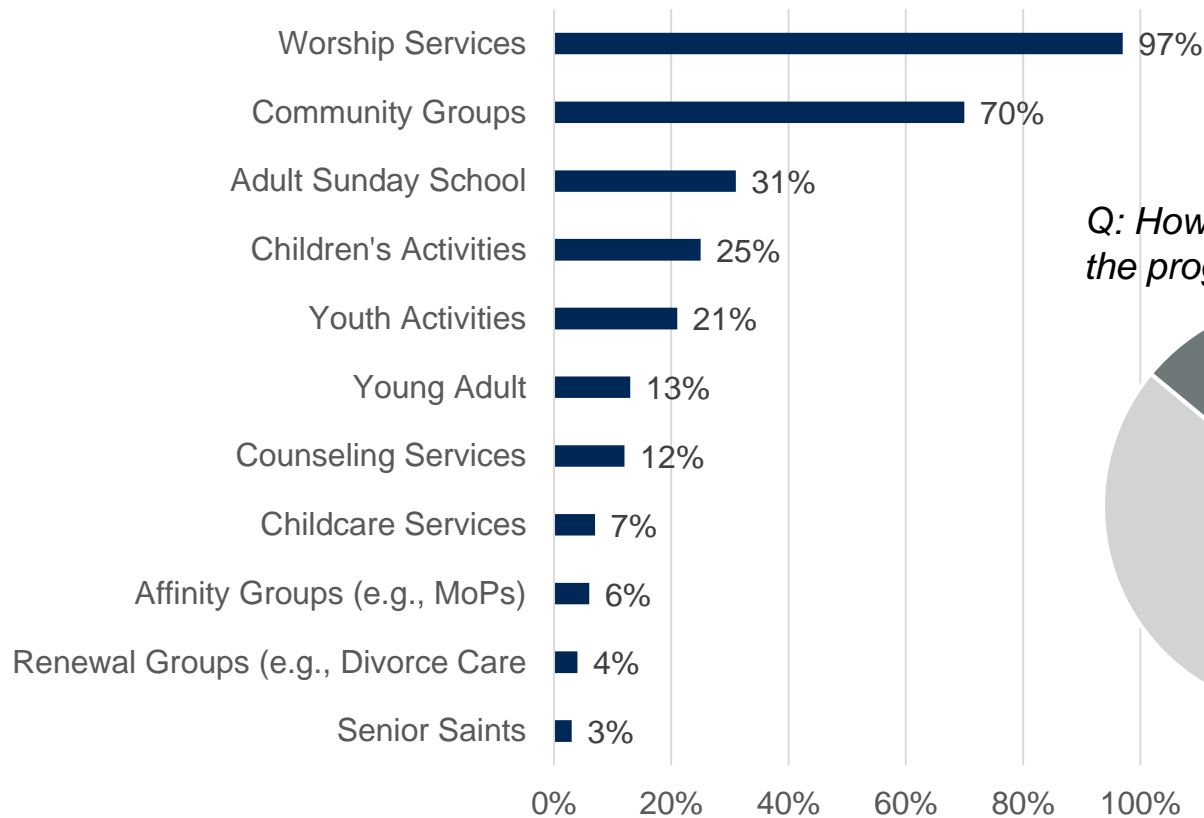


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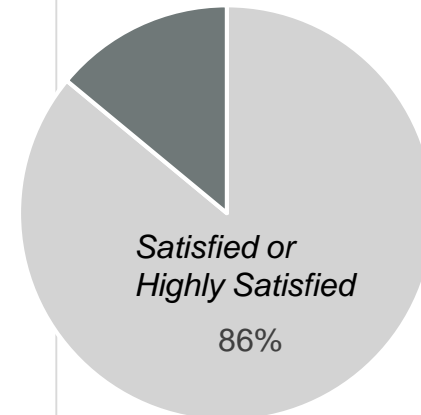
Importance of Church Ministries/Programs Worship Services and Community Groups are by far of most importance to respondents.

Q: Please select the *ministries/programs* of most importance to you (select your Top 3)

Percentage Selecting Each Program As One of Their Top Three in Importance



Q: How satisfied are you with the programs you selected?



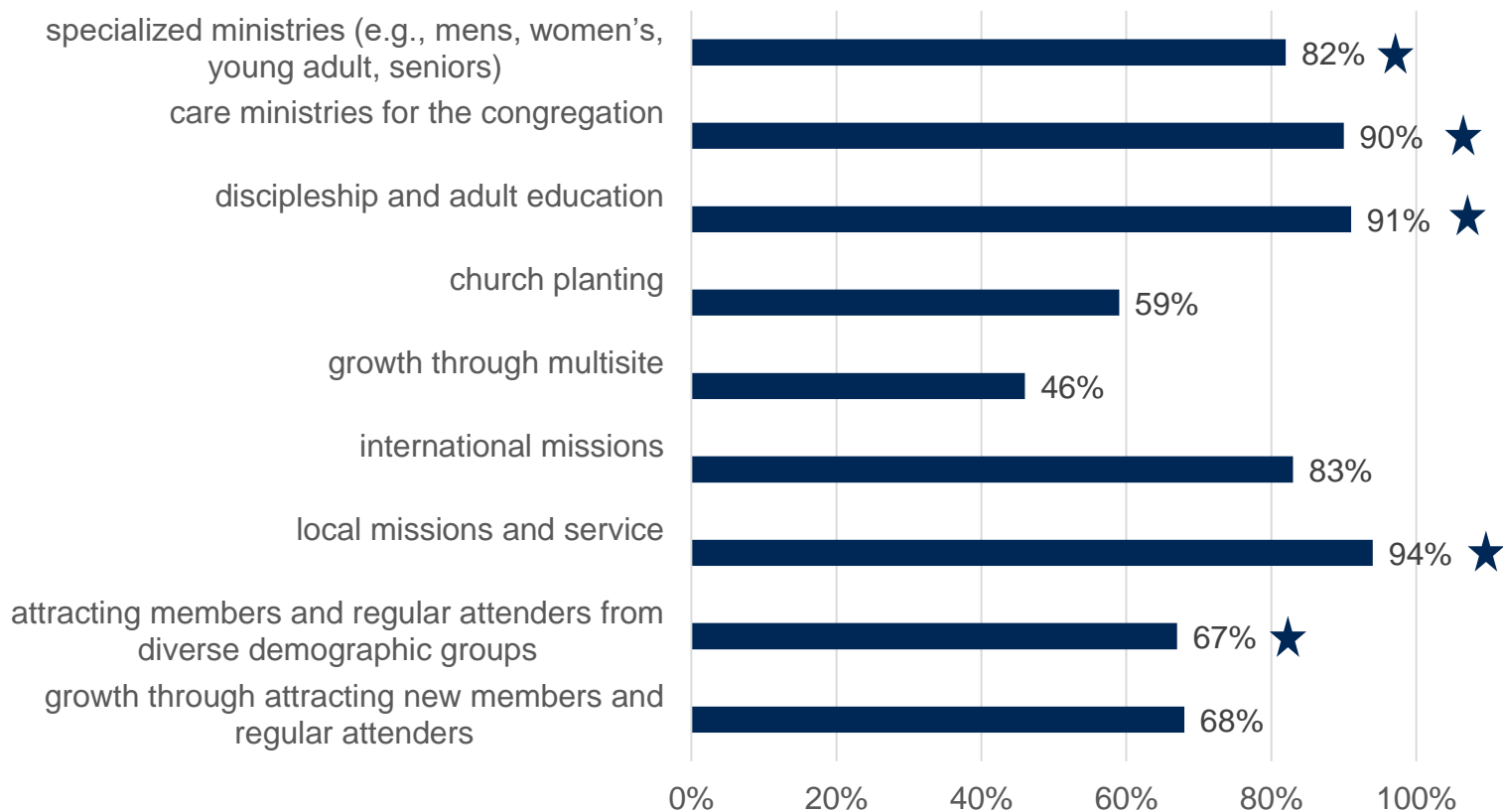
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Church Direction/Priorities

Missions, discipleship, and care ministries are the ones respondents most want emphasized.

Q: Please indicate your level of agreement with the following: “Our church should emphasize...”

Percentage Selecting Strongly Agree or Agree



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★ Indicates where number of “Strongly Agree” exceeds “Agree”

Church Vision

Two-thirds report a high understanding of the vision, and 90% believe the church fulfills its vision.

“We exist to glorify and enjoy God by making disciples who make a difference through grace-filled worship, community, and missions.”

Q: How would you rate your understanding of our church’s vision/mission?

High	69%
Medium	28%
Low	1%
None	1%

Q: To what extent do you believe the church currently fulfills its mission/vision?

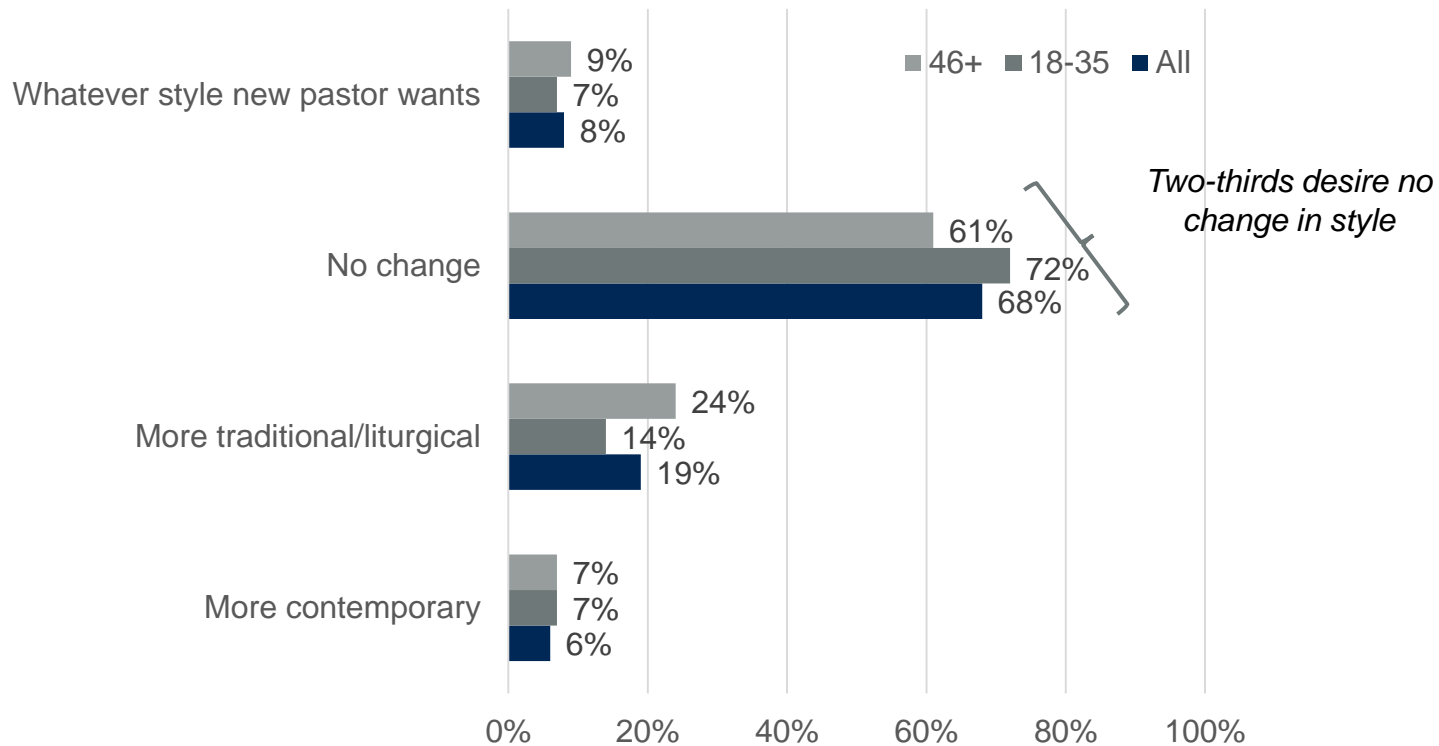
Highly	40%
Mostly	51%
Some	4%
Neutral	5%
Does Not	1%
N/A or DK	<1%

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Worship/Music Style Preferences

Two-thirds desire no change in style, although some older respondents are inclined toward more traditional liturgy.

Q: Compared to our church's **current worship services**, would you want the prospective pastor to lead in making any of the following changes?

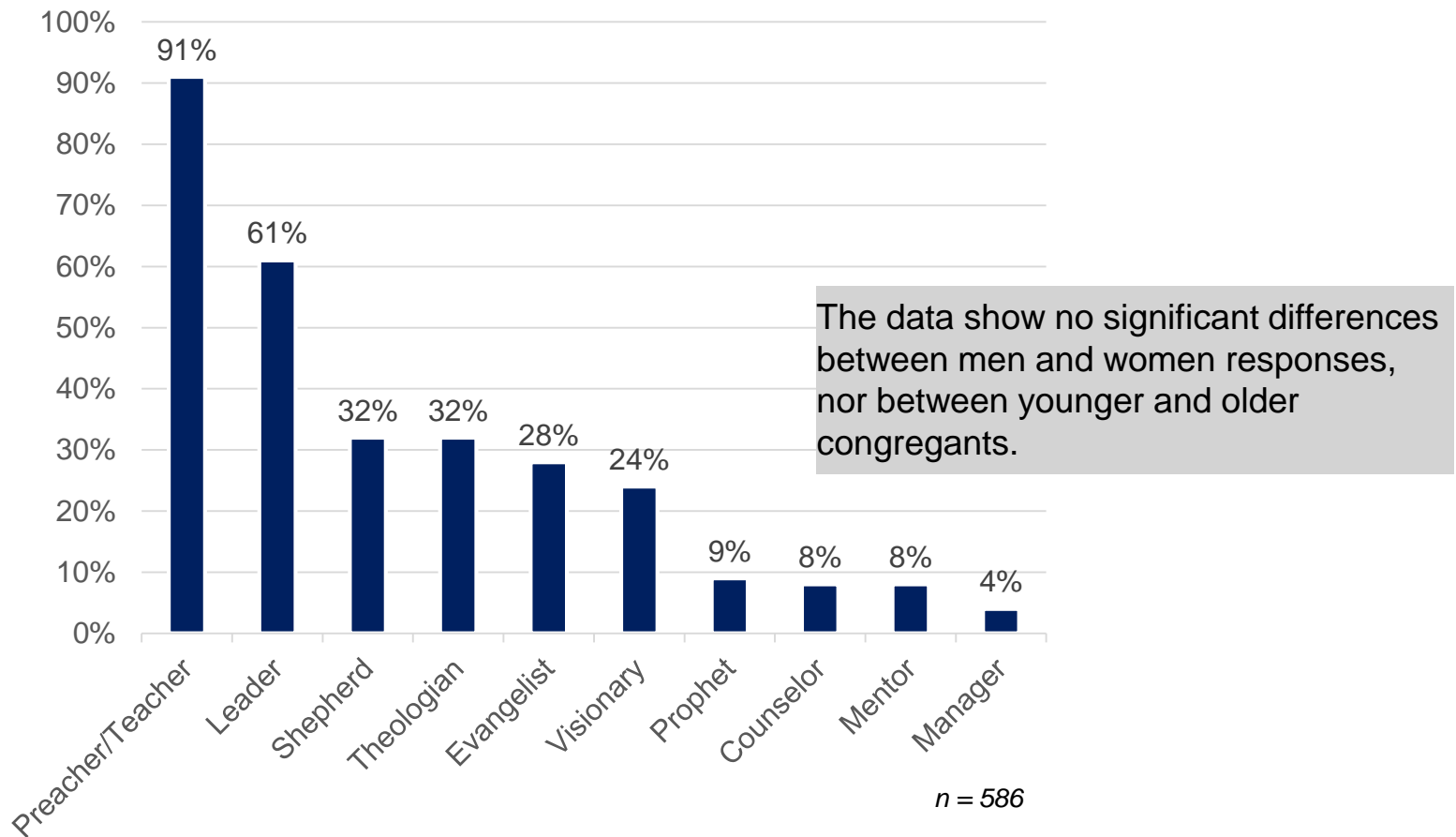


n = 516 (all), 178 (18-35), 223 (46+)
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Future Senior Pastor: Top Strengths Preferences Preacher/Teacher and Leader are by far the most desired strengths of a future senior pastor.

Q: What do you prefer to be our next Senior Pastor's **top strengths**? (Choose your top 3)

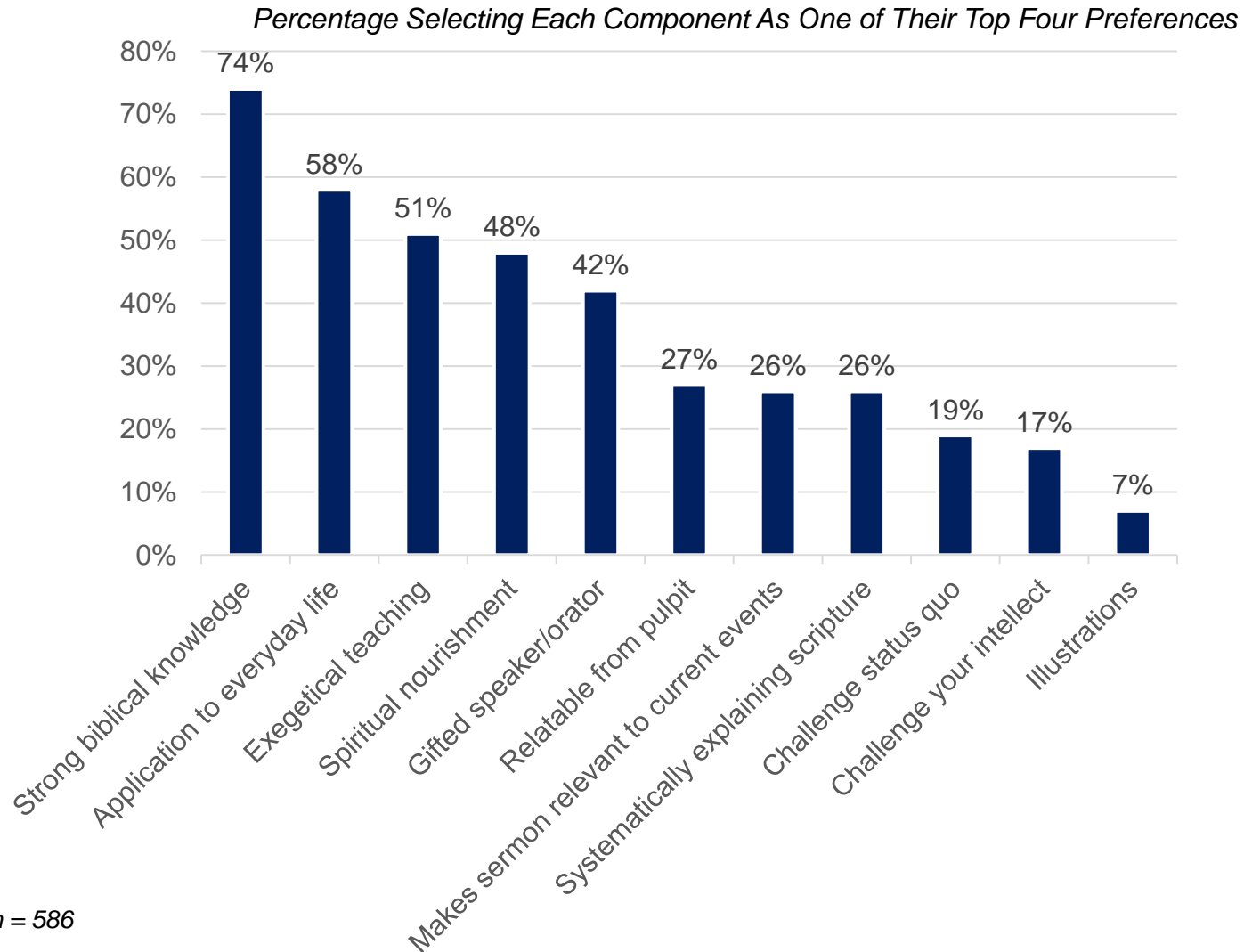
Percentage Selecting Each Attribute As One of Their Top Three Preferences



Sermon Component Preferences

Biblical knowledge and application to life are most desired.

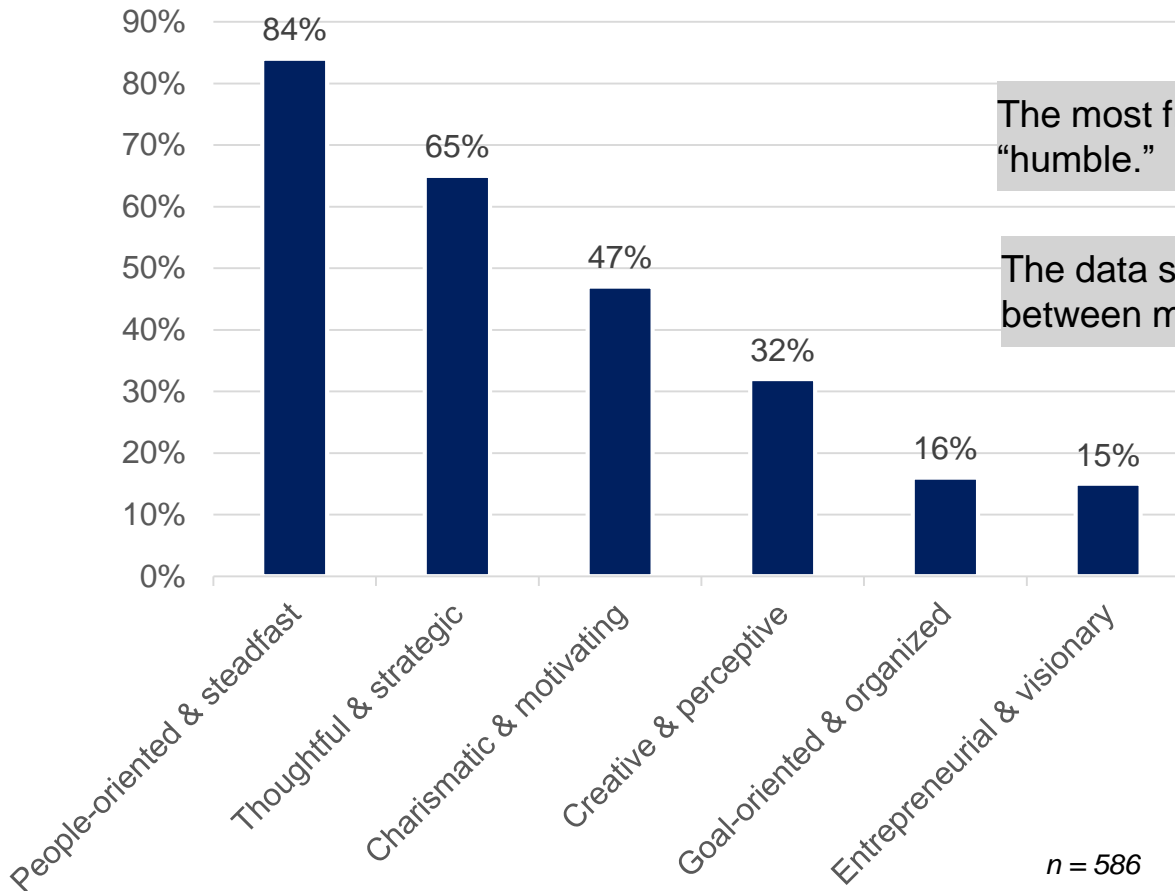
Q: In a sermon which of these **sermon components** are most important to you? (Choose your top 4)



Future Senior Pastor: Character Traits Preferences Respondents indicate a preference for someone people-oriented and thoughtful.

Q: What are your **desired character traits** of the new senior pastor (choose up to 3)?

Percentage Selecting Each Trait As One of Their Top Three Preferences



The most frequent write-in response was "humble."

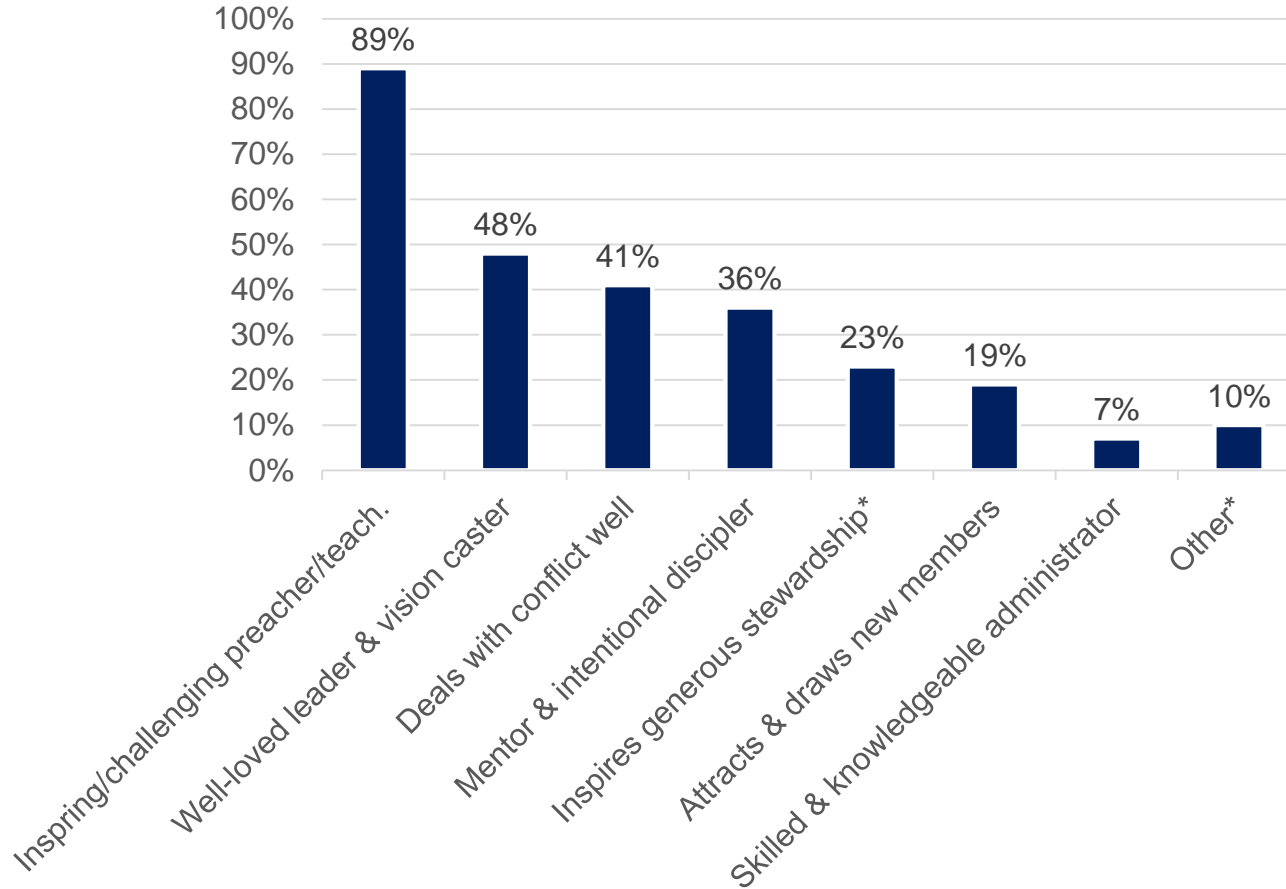
The data show no significant differences between men and women responses.

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Future Senior Pastor: Leadership Qualities Preferences **Respondents desire an inspiring and challenging preacher.**

Q: What are the most important **leadership qualities** our new Pastor must possess? Choose up to 3?

Percentage Selecting Each Quality As One of Their Top Three Preferences



Inspires generous stewardship of members' time & resources

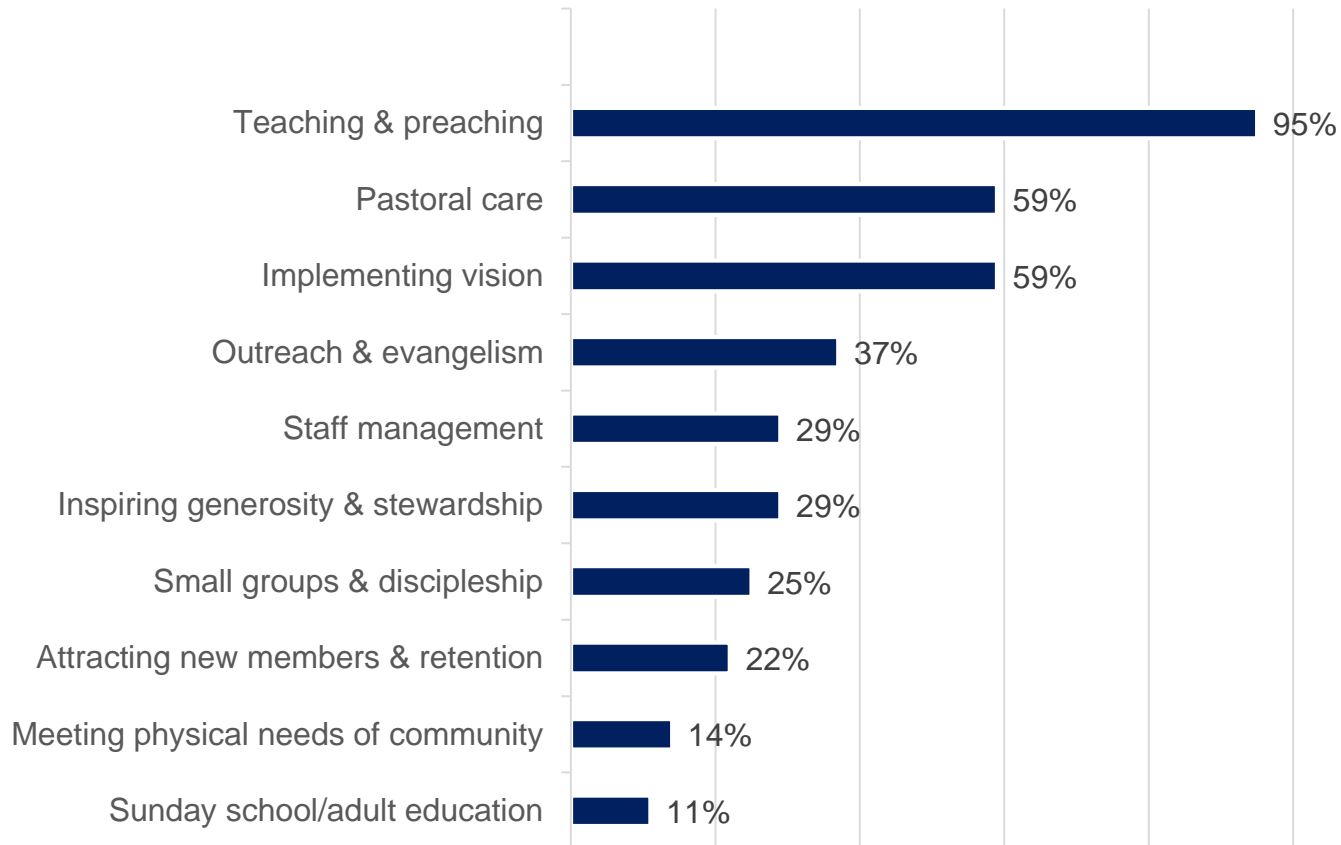
*Other includes: Passionate about reaching young families/young adults/seniors, and write-ins such as "humble" and "non political"

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Future Senior Pastor: Focus Respondents most desire a focus on teaching & preaching.

Q: What should our new Pastor **focus** most of his energy/time on? (Choose up to 5)

Percentage Selecting Each Focus As One of Their Top Preferences

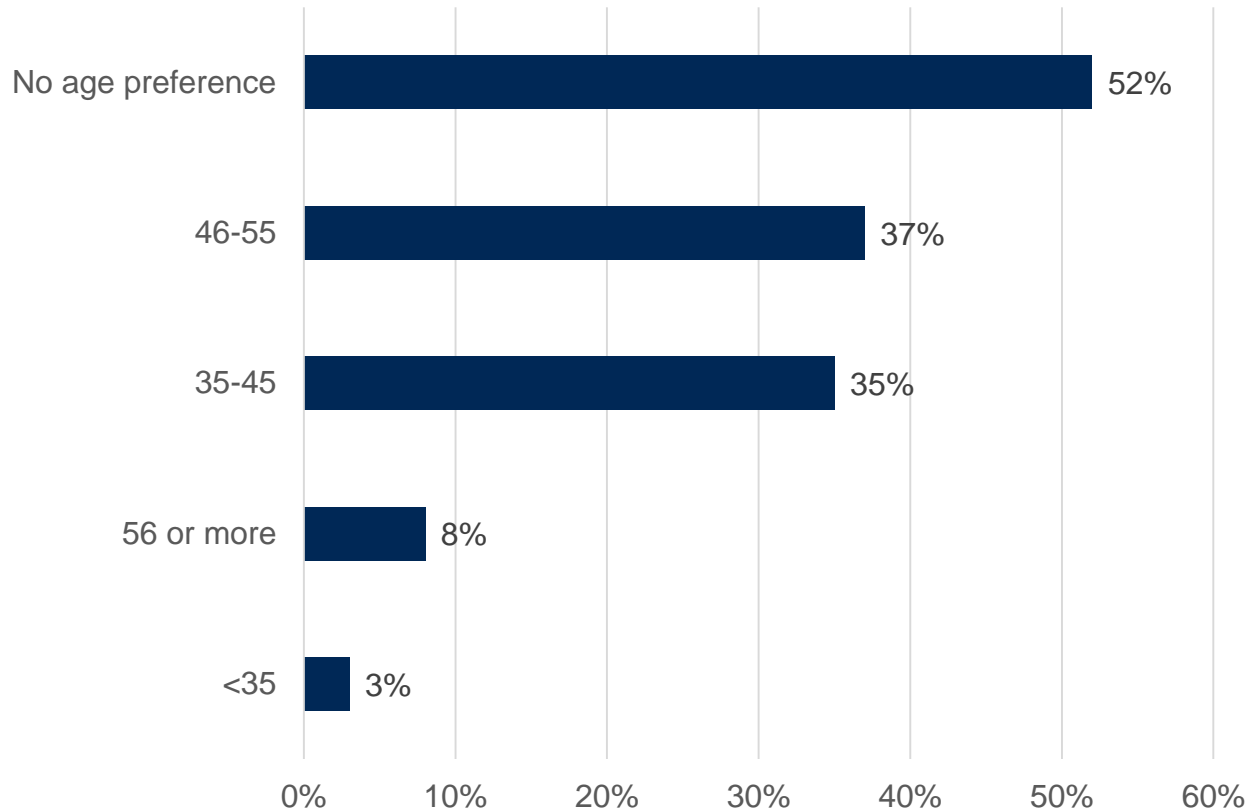


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Future Senior Pastor: Age Preference

Half of respondents have no age preference, but when pressed, there's little desire for a young senior pastor.

Q: What is your desired **age range** for the senior pastor? Select up to two.



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