



United Presbyterian Church
of Whitinsville

2019 Congregational Study Results



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The study was conducted December 2018 - January 2019.

A total of 59 surveys were collected and analyzed.

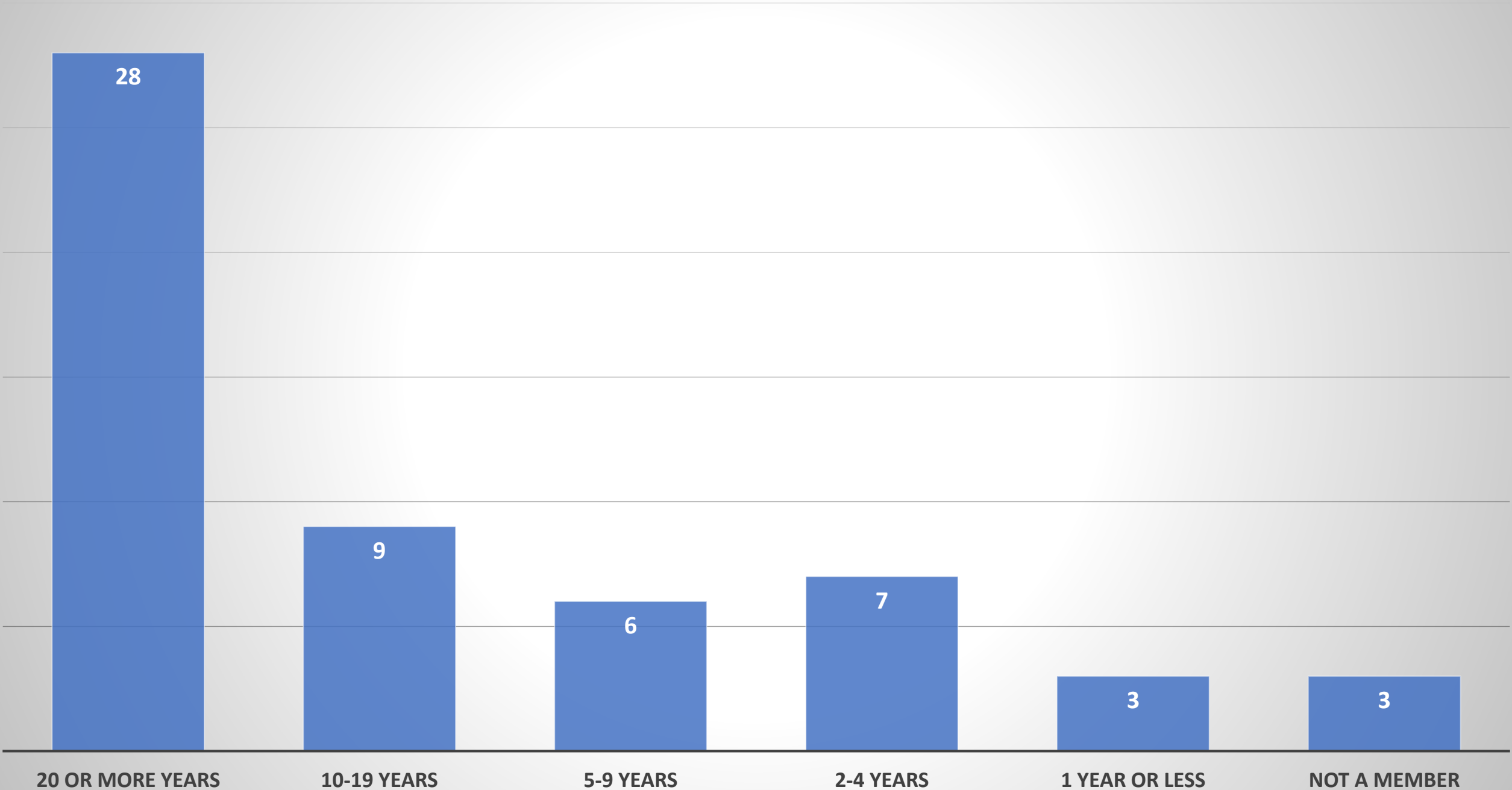


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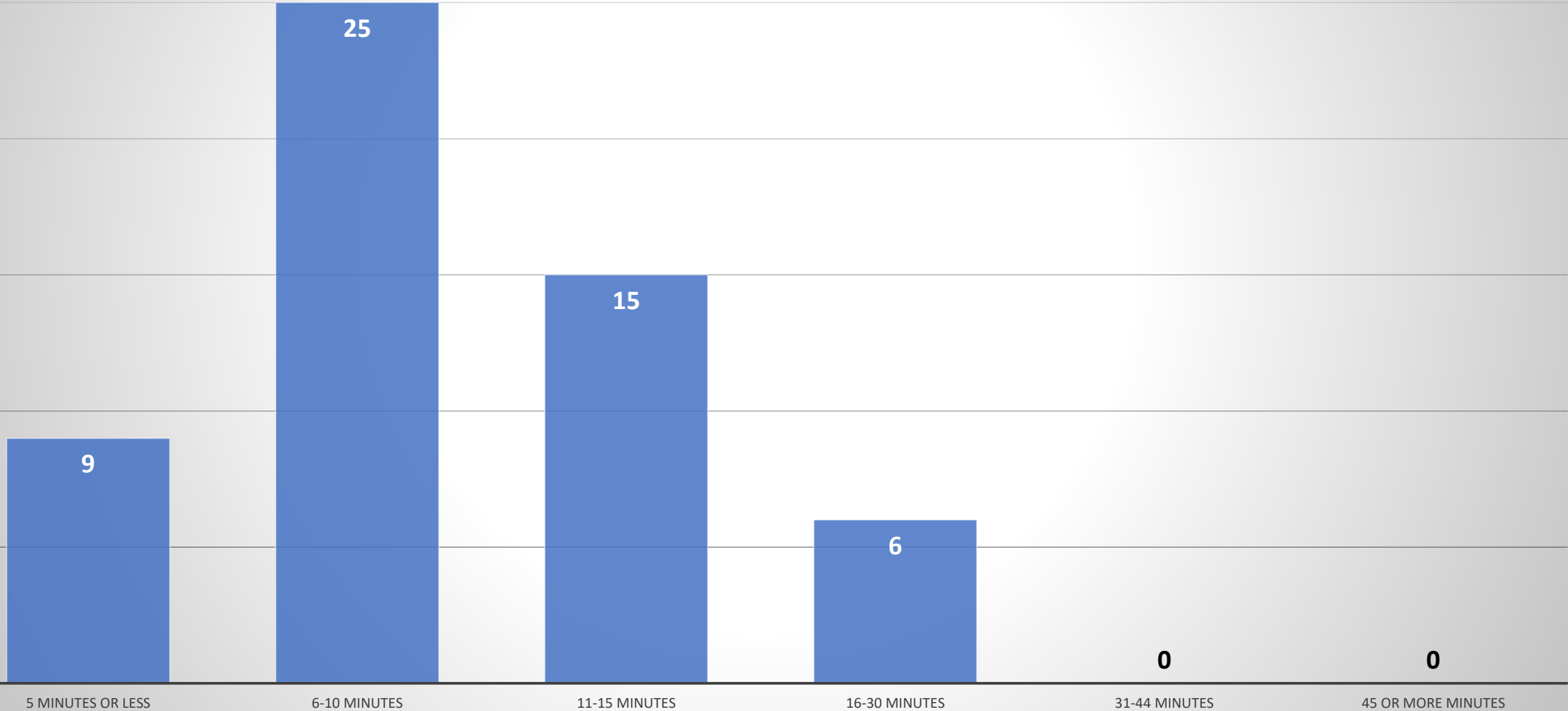
SURVEY SECTION: YOUR CHURCH PARTICIPATION

(CHARACTERISTICS OF SURVEY RESPONDERS)

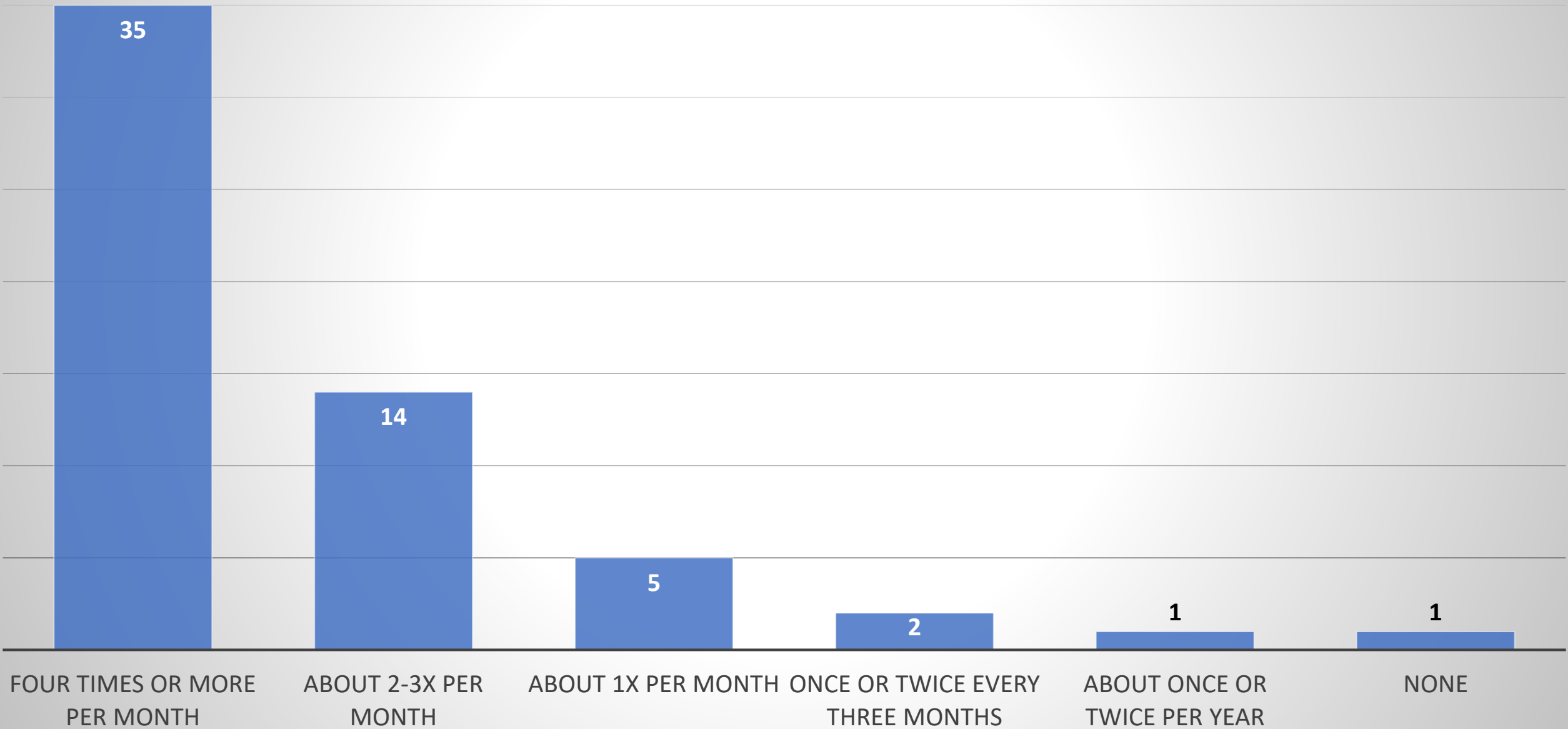
LENGTH OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP



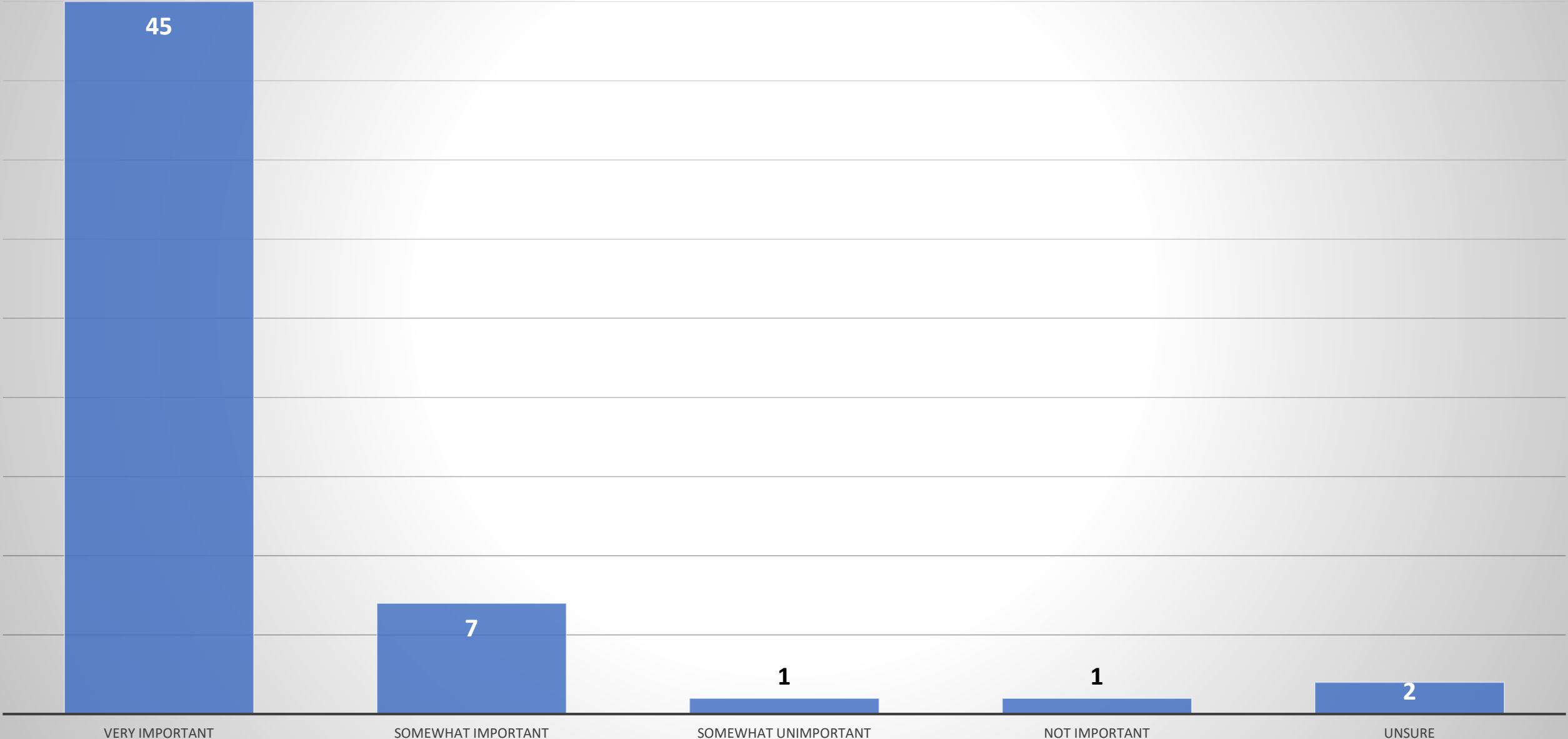
DRIVE TIME TO CHURCH



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

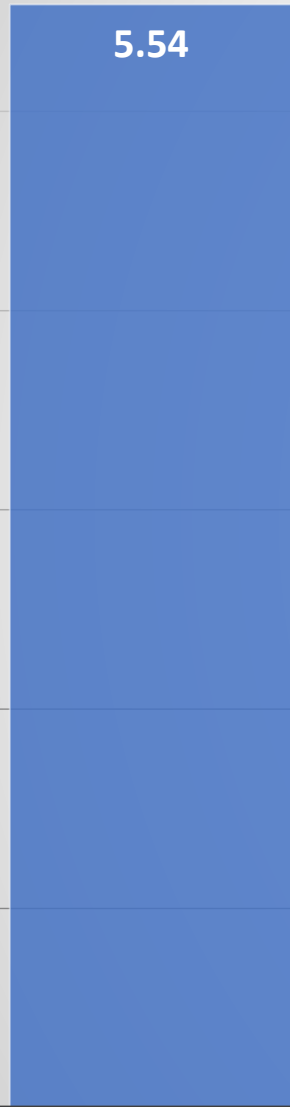


IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION

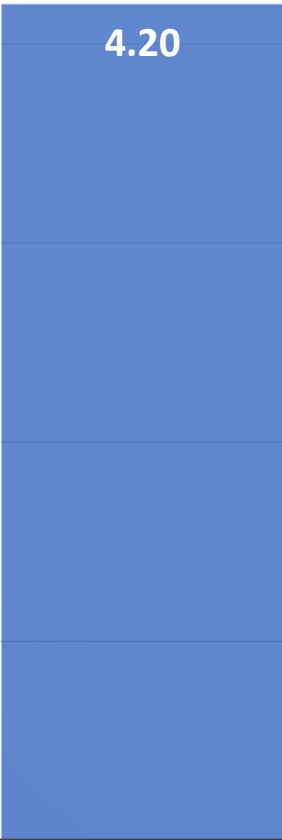


RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

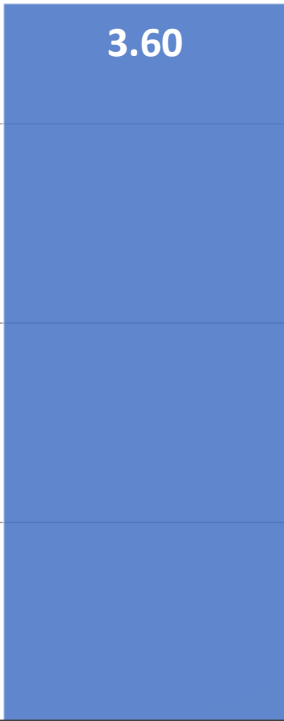
FREQUENCY OF PRACTICE
(6 DAILY – 1 NEVER)



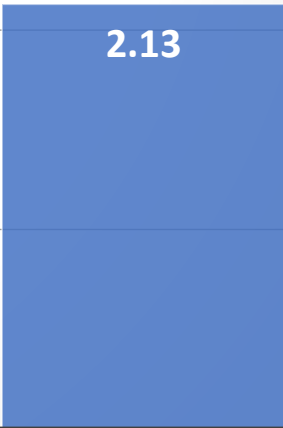
PRIVATE PRAYER OR
MEDITATION



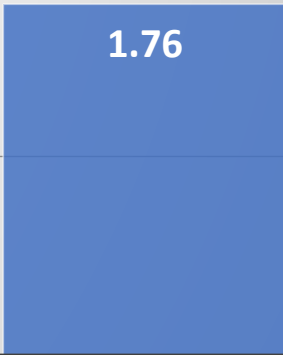
BIBLE READING



SERVE IN CHURCH

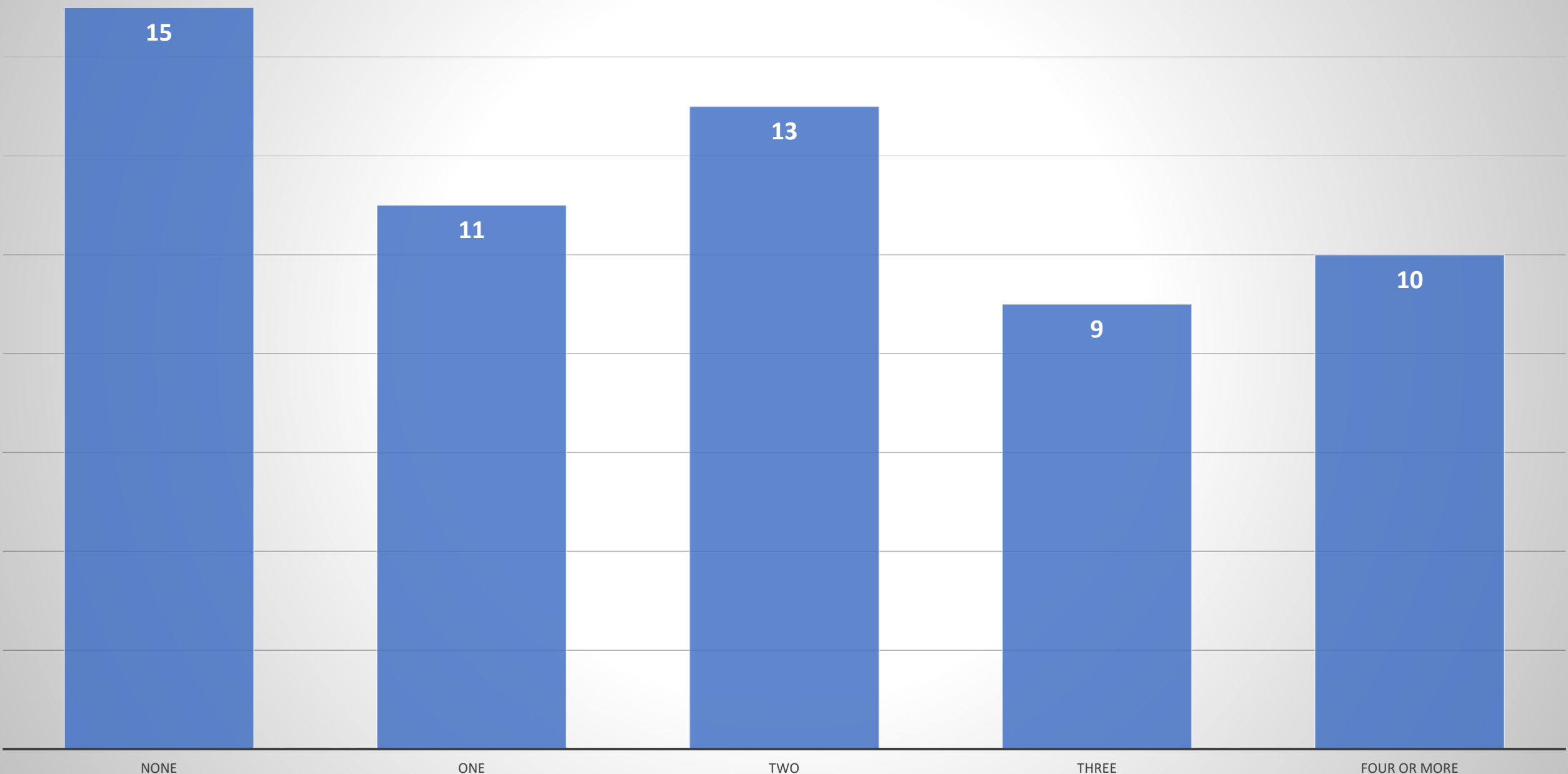


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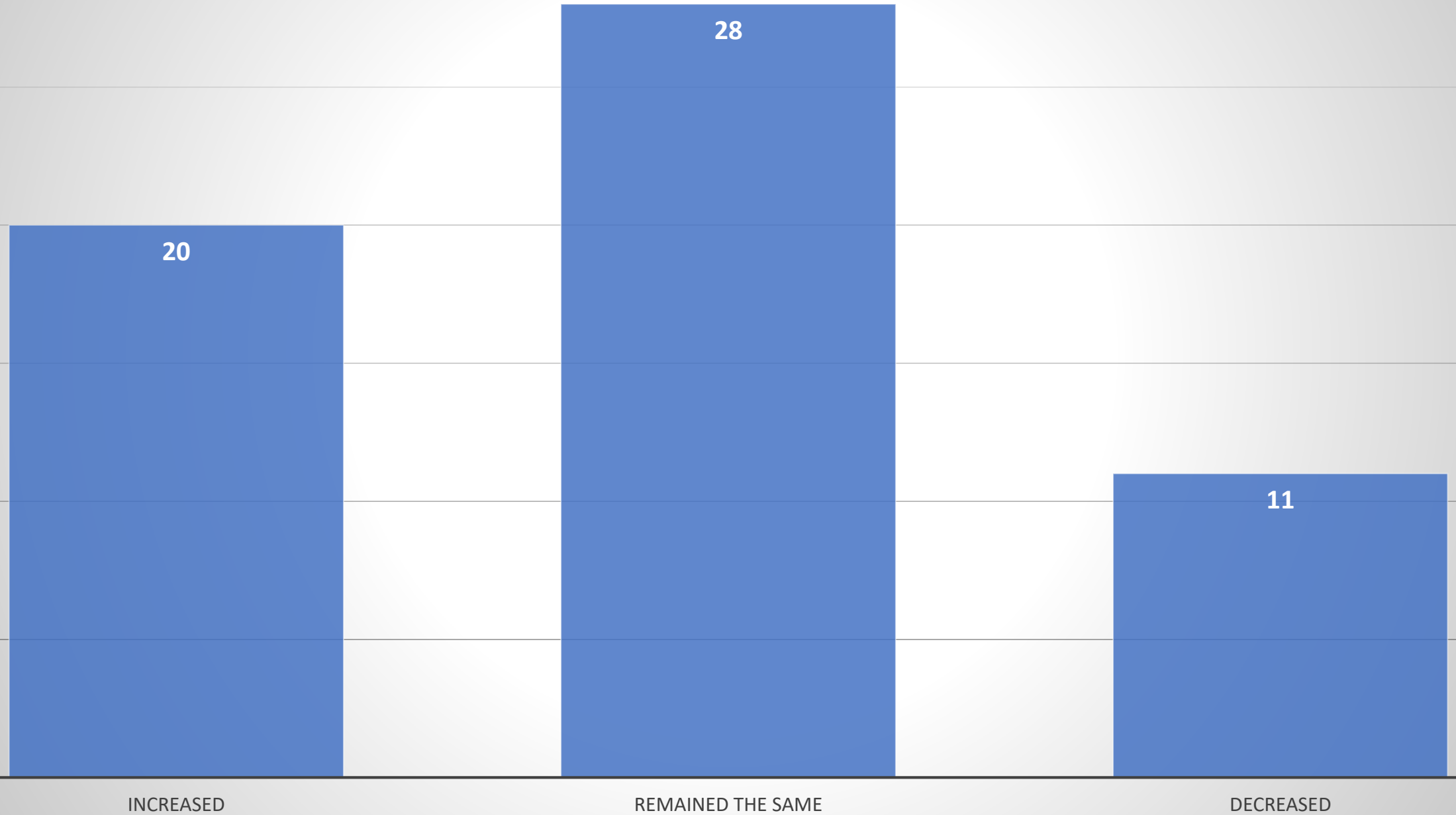


SEEK NEW MEMBERS

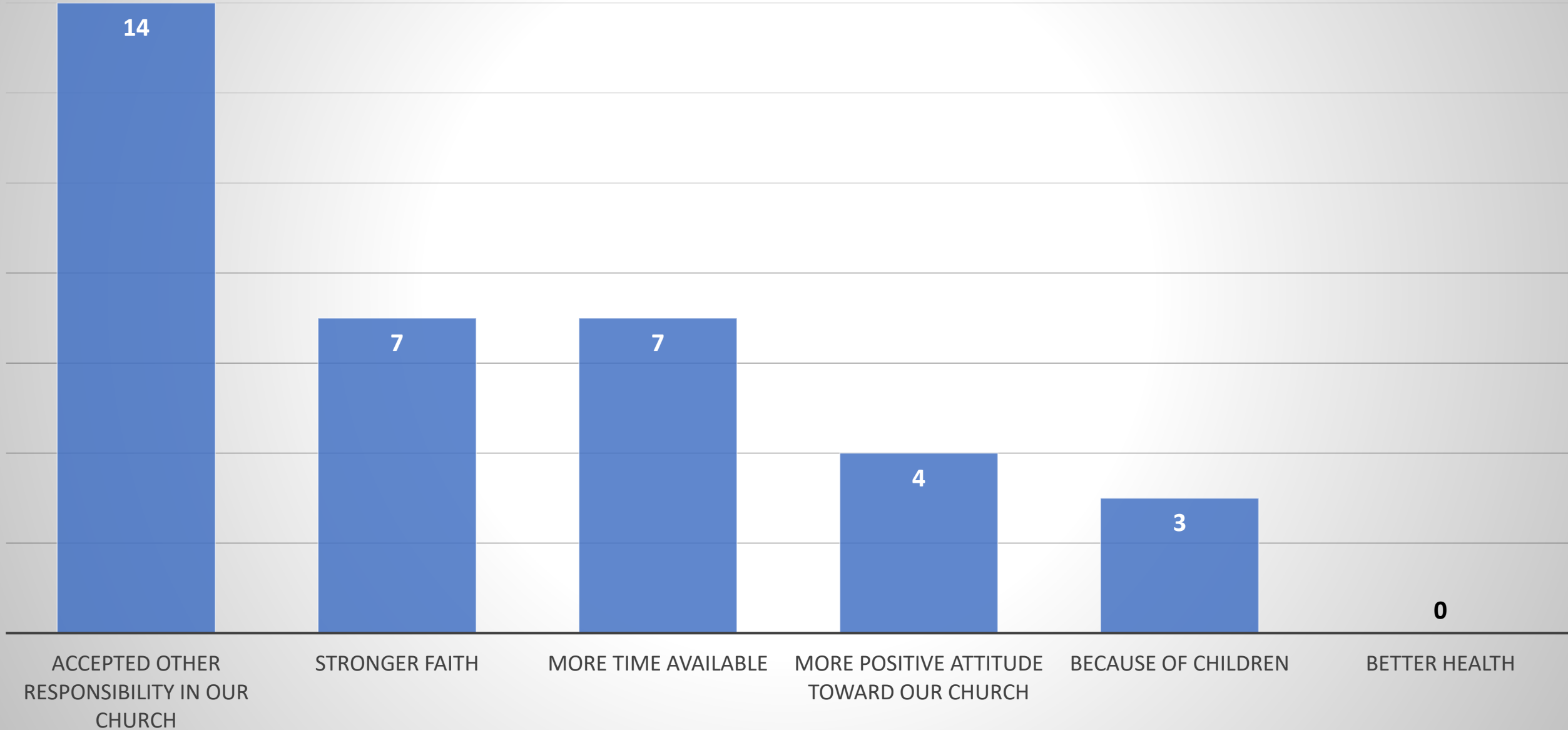
CHURCH COMMITTEES OR GROUPS PARTICIPATED IN



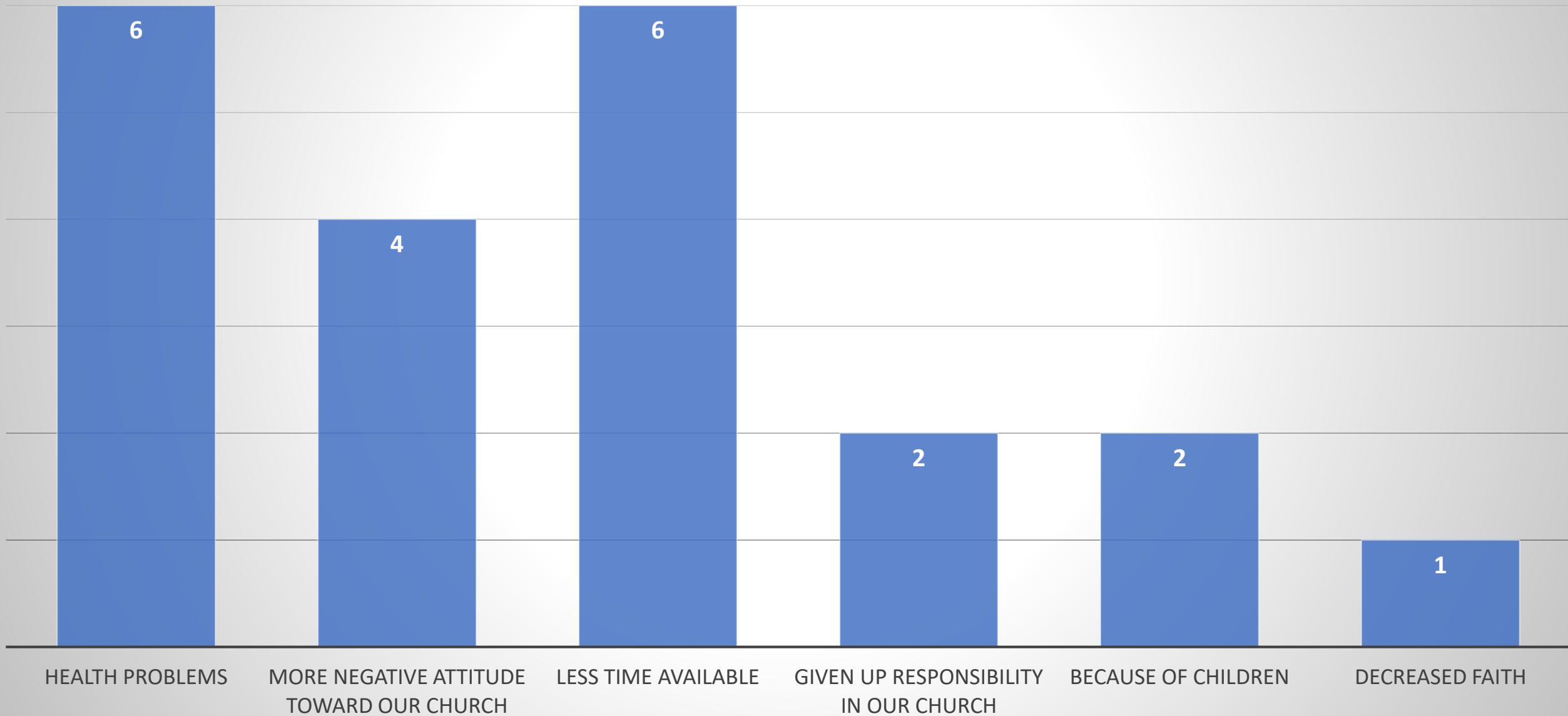
PARTICIPATION IN CONGREGATION IN THE LAST FEW YEARS



REASONS PARTICIPATION IN CONGREGATION HAS INCREASED



REASONS PARTICIPATION IN CONGREGATION HAS DECREASED



Comments- Your Church Participation

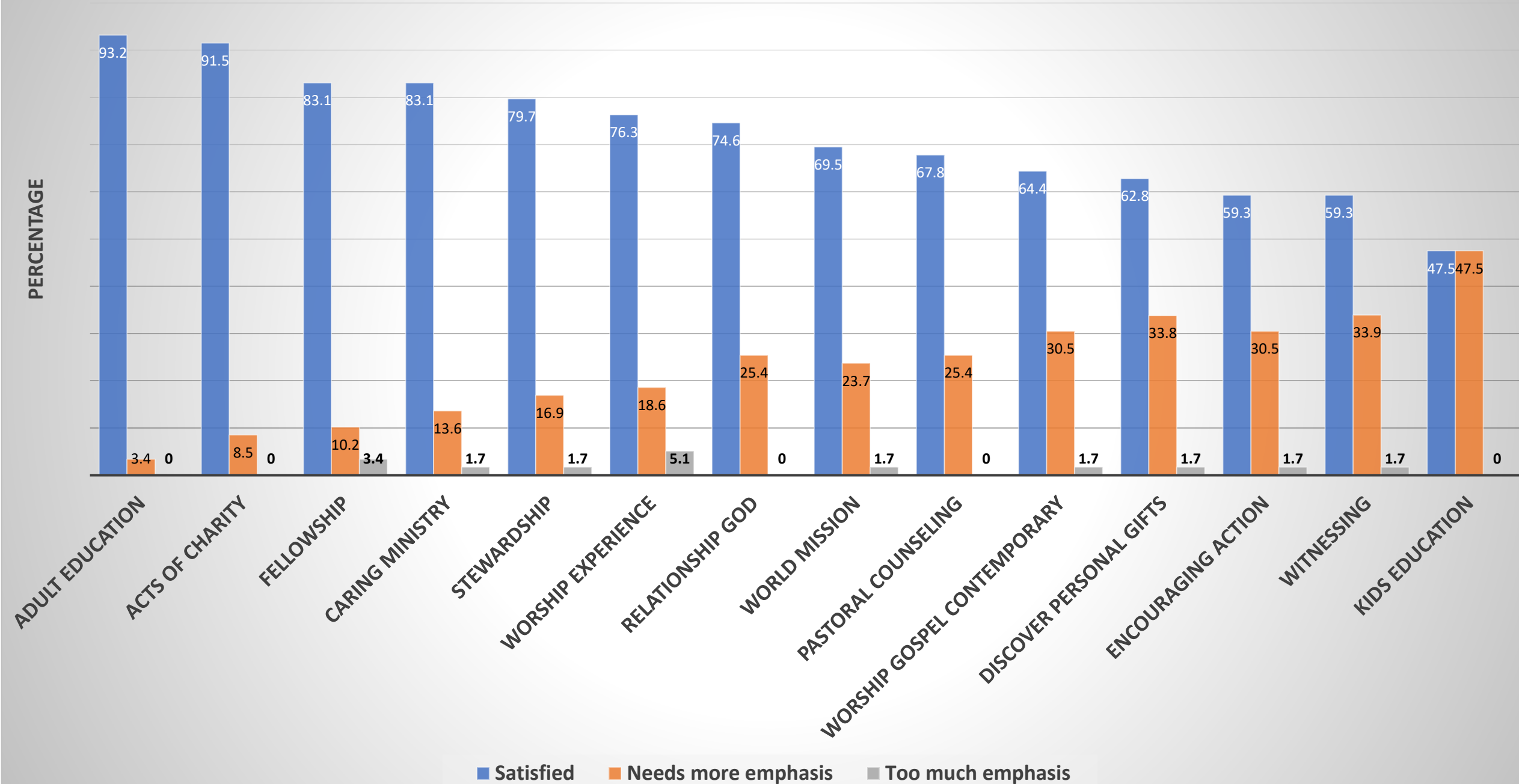
- Poor question. By religion, are we talking attending church or personal time with God or my faith or...what exactly? Active participation in my faith via personal exploration & participation in church.
- I have a problem with this word [Faith]. Faith is important religious activity for the sake of “doing something for God is not.
- 75 years [Been a member]



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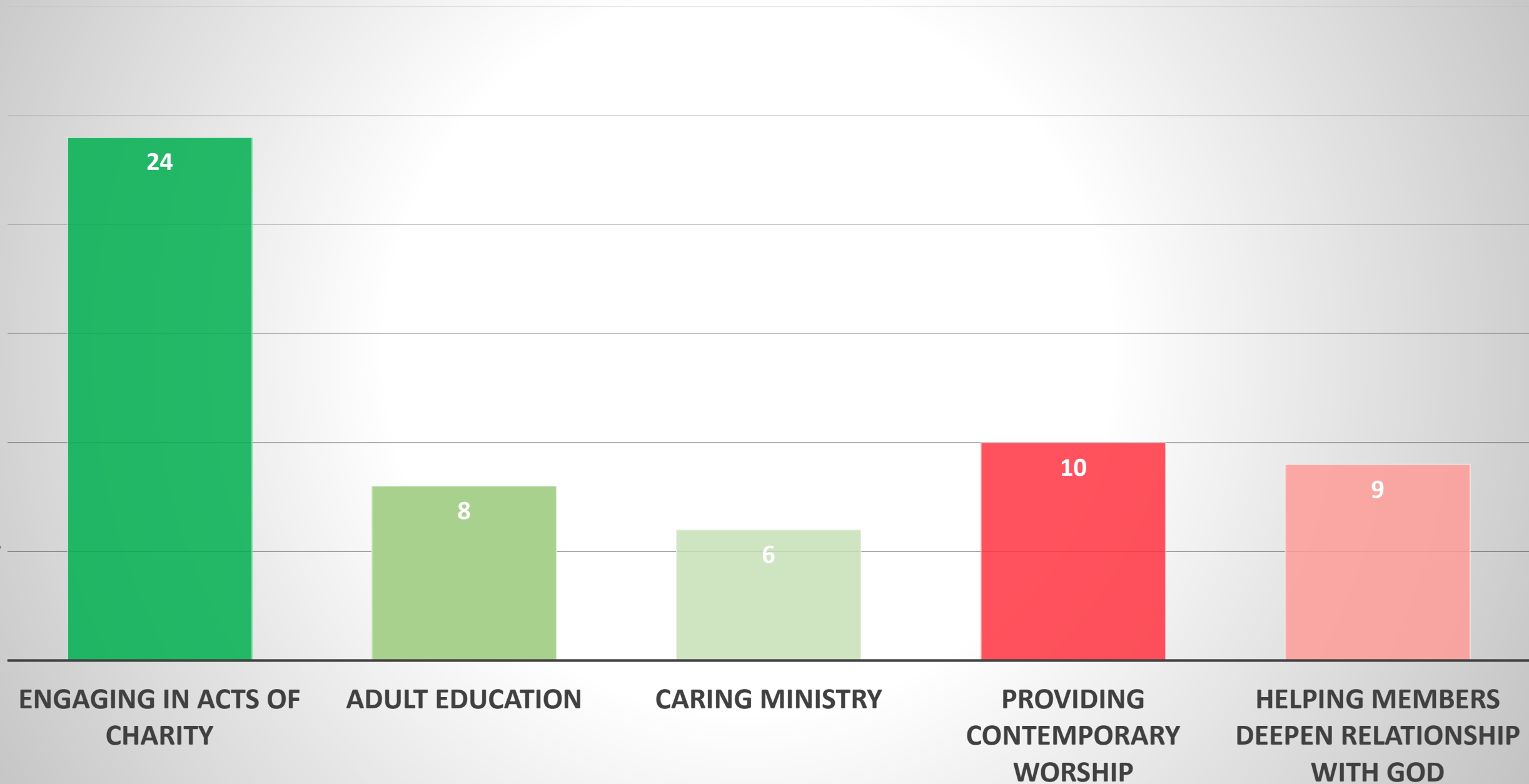
SURVEY SECTION: TASKS OF THE CHURCH

SATISFACTION AND NEEDED EMPHASIS OF CHURCH TASKS



**STRONGEST TASKS OF CONGREGATION AND
TASKS MOST IN NEED OF STRENGTHENING**

FREQUENCY OF TASK CHOSEN IN RESPONSES



Comments- Tasks of the Church

- Need to reinstate Stephens Ministries
- Note: when I was young and active in the church, we had a good young people's group, a combination of religion and social activities. Now: as an older person often cannot go to church. I still like the connection with it. Never forget the sick and elders!!
- It is critical to the future of the church to do now what it takes to attract families with young children. There has to be a reason for families to attend our church. They will come if there are attractive activities to be involved in, especially activities geared toward kids. If our goal is to build membership and secure a solid membership base for the future, it is also important that the church modernize- move toward more contemporary music, service styles, energy, technology. The church experience has evolved in our country and, if our goal is to sustain our church, we have to evolve with it.

Comments- Tasks of the Church

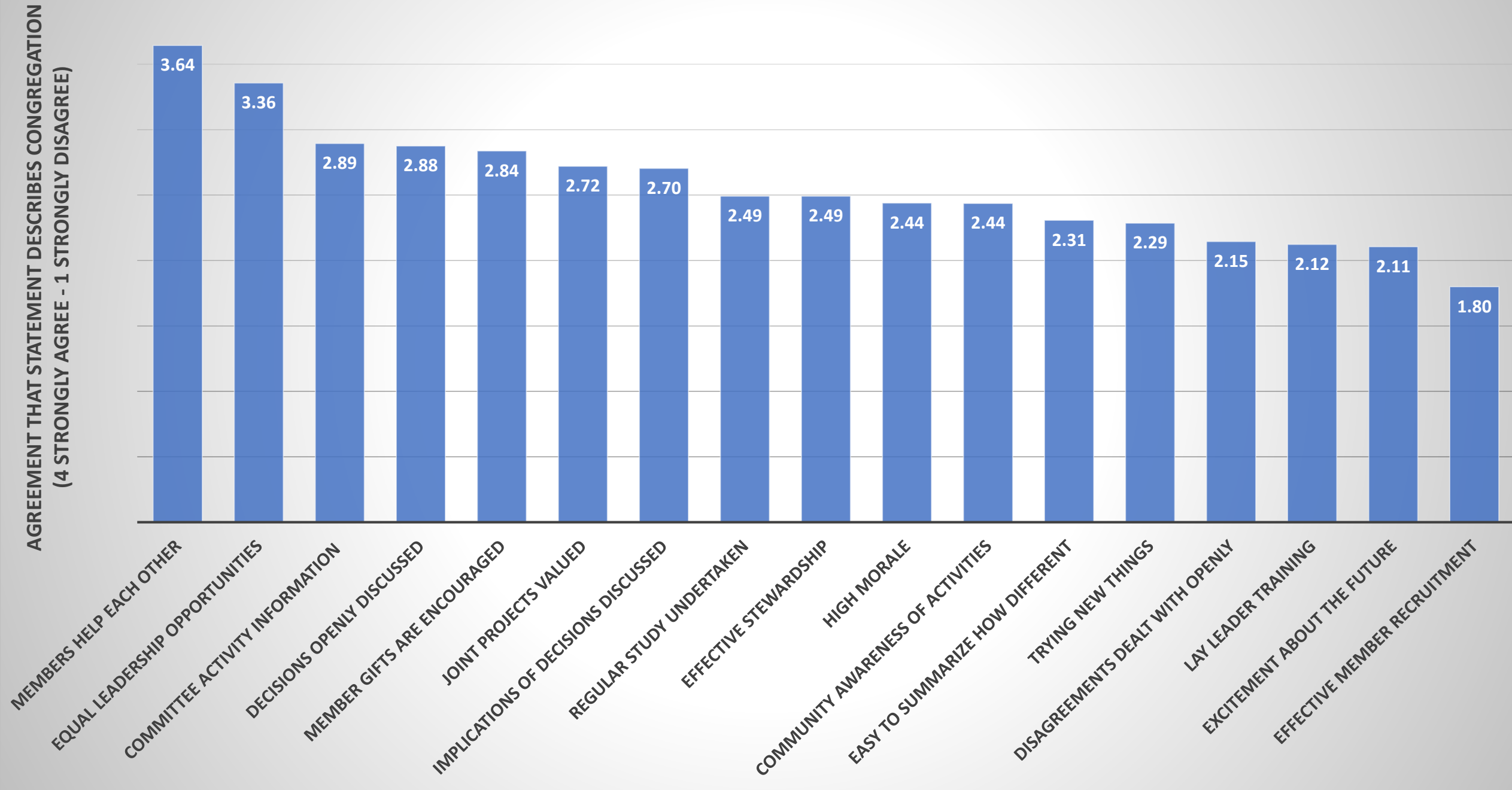
- I am new to the church, having attended for just about two months now. I have answered the questions that I can but for many I either don't no or have no experience yet, so I am adding these comments I hope they might be helpful.
- My priority right now is to find a worshiping community, and I think you do an excellent job with liturgy- a good liturgy, well-executed. I have visited many churches and in my opinion your worship service is one of the best in the area. It is not only strong, but it has space for various styles within the various elements, e.g. musical elements can be a mix of traditional and modern; same with prayer styles; and obviously the sermon style will depend on the pastor.
- I have no children and would have not attended any adult programs, but the children's time and worship is generally very well done parentheses you have some good storyteller's and there appeared to be several opportunities during the week for adult education.
- For a small church, your Peace of Bread ministry and the winter shelter are quite ambitious to sustain. Seems to be good work!



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SURVEY SECTION: ORGANIZATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

ORGANIZATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS





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SURVEY SECTION: CONGREGATIONAL IDENTITY

CONGREGATIONAL IDENTITY 1-5

1. Our church is more influenced by history and tradition.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Our church is more influenced by contemporary ideas and trends.
			2.9					
2. Members are similar in values and lifestyle to the people who live immediately around the church.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Members are very different in values and lifestyle from people who live immediately around the church.
				4.3				
3. Our church is very involved with the community around the church.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Our church is not at all involved with the community around the church.
			2.4					
4. Our church is primarily oriented to serving our members.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Our church is primarily oriented to serving the world beyond our membership.
				3.7				
5. Our congregation feels like one large family.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Our congregation feels like a loosely knit association of individuals and groups.
				3.5				

CONGREGATIONAL IDENTITY 6-9

6. Our church is known as a prestigious one in the area.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
4.9

Our strengths notwithstanding, our church is not considered one of the “status” churches in the area

7. Our church’s approach to social issues is basically educational, leaving any action to individual conscience.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
2.9

Our church’s approach to social issues is decidedly “activist”. We have a proven history of taking a stand on social issues as a congregation.

8. Our congregation’s approach to individual salvation emphasizes education, nurture and gradual growth in the faith.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
2.6

Our congregation’s approach to individual salvation stresses conversion and a born-again experience.

9. Our congregation gives strong expression to its denominational identity and heritage.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
2.8

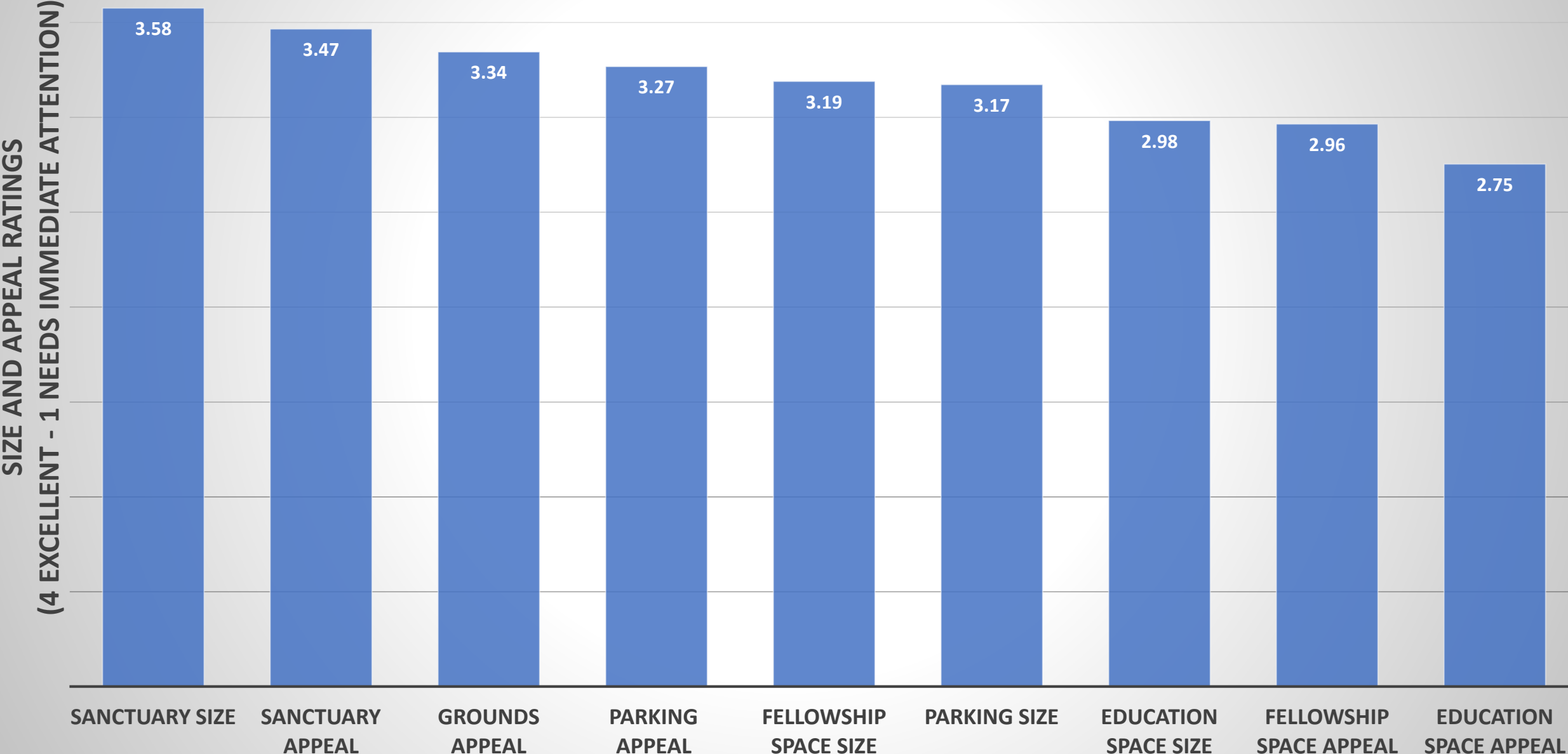
It would be difficult for a visitor to know to which denomination the congregation belongs.



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**SURVEY SECTION:
SIZE AND CONDITION OF FACILITIES**

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Comments- Size and Condition of Facilities

Size

- Right now our space is enough- should be checked later time
- No Place for Children Christian Education
- Would love to see educational resources having a place and a space outside fellowship hall to meet.

Appeal

- no handicapped parking next to ramp; sidewalk and road in rough shape
- I always thought the church & grounds looked really nice.
- The key to growth is families and children. If our facilities look as uninviting as they do, families will not want to stay.
- Parking Unibank- Street So, So
- We like the way the sanctuary is currently set up- much better for being able to see and hear the preacher.
- Parking adequate thanks to Unibank

Comments- Size and Condition of Facilities

Appeal (Continued)

- Condition needs incl. paving of road & need for signs for the handicapped.
- A bit dated
- The church itself is very nice (- Building)
- People (visitors) need to know upon arrival that they can park in the Unibank parking lot- Our educational space has been compromised because of Peace of Bread-
- Please make a complete center aisle
- Would love to see more art & different visuals in the sanctuary. Tired of the same old. Don't really have a space for adult education other than makeshift ones; more resources for children's education spaces. Liven it up! Our fellowship space I'd like to see updated for the church now, it's stuck in what we did years ago.
- Sanctuary is ample for present size of congregation; parking adequate because of lot across the street. You have a lovely sanctuary, visually and acoustically. I have not yet seen the educational space or the fellowship space. I have answered these questions based on my observations about the present size of the church. I might answer differently for a larger congregation.

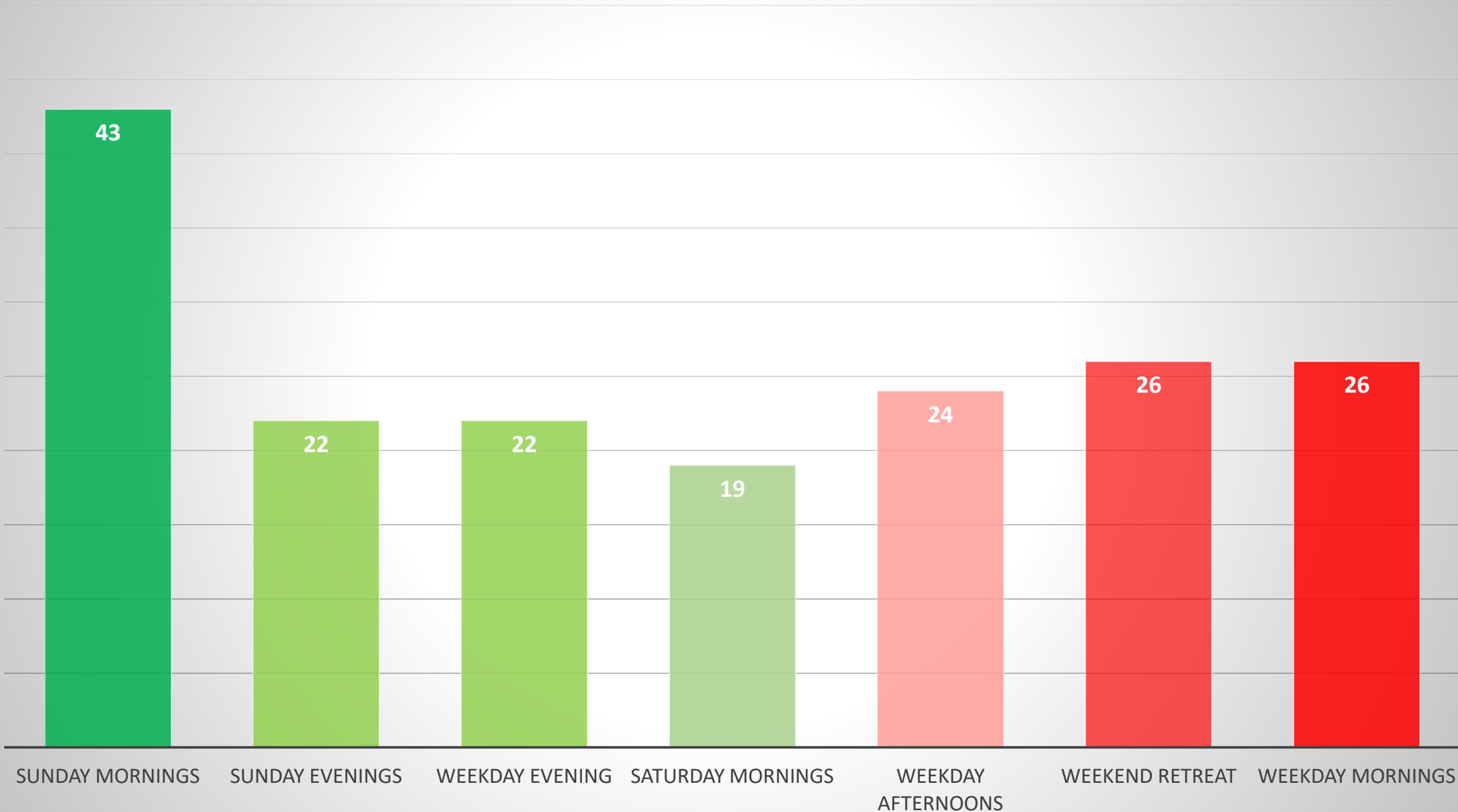


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**SURVEY SECTION:
ADULT EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAMS**

BEST AND WORST TIMES FOR ADULT EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

FREQUENCY OF TIME CHOSEN AS BEST OR WORST





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SURVEY SECTION: TASKS OF THE PASTOR

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