

# Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

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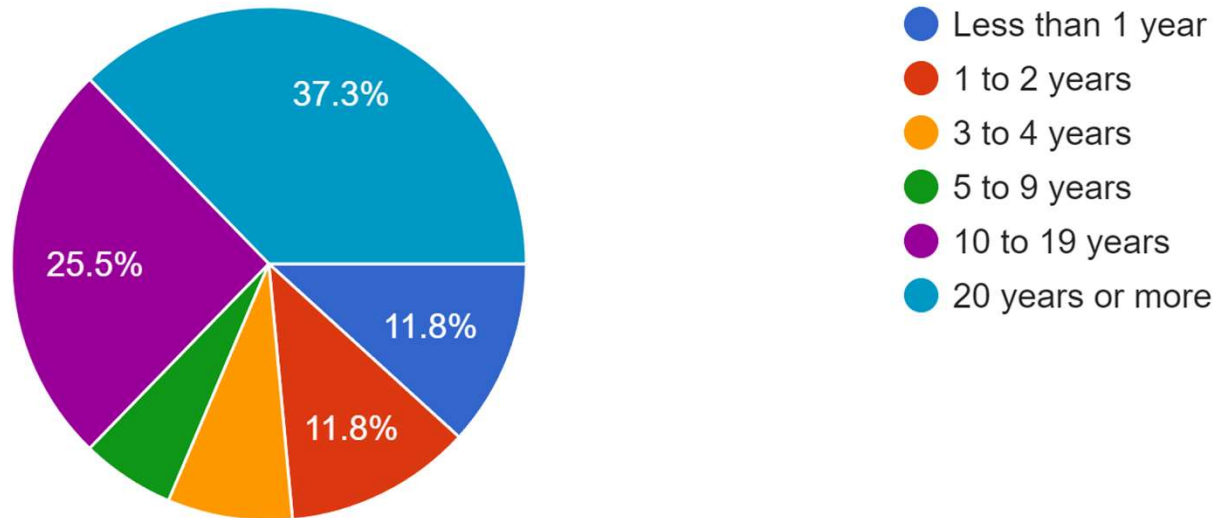
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# Your Church Participation

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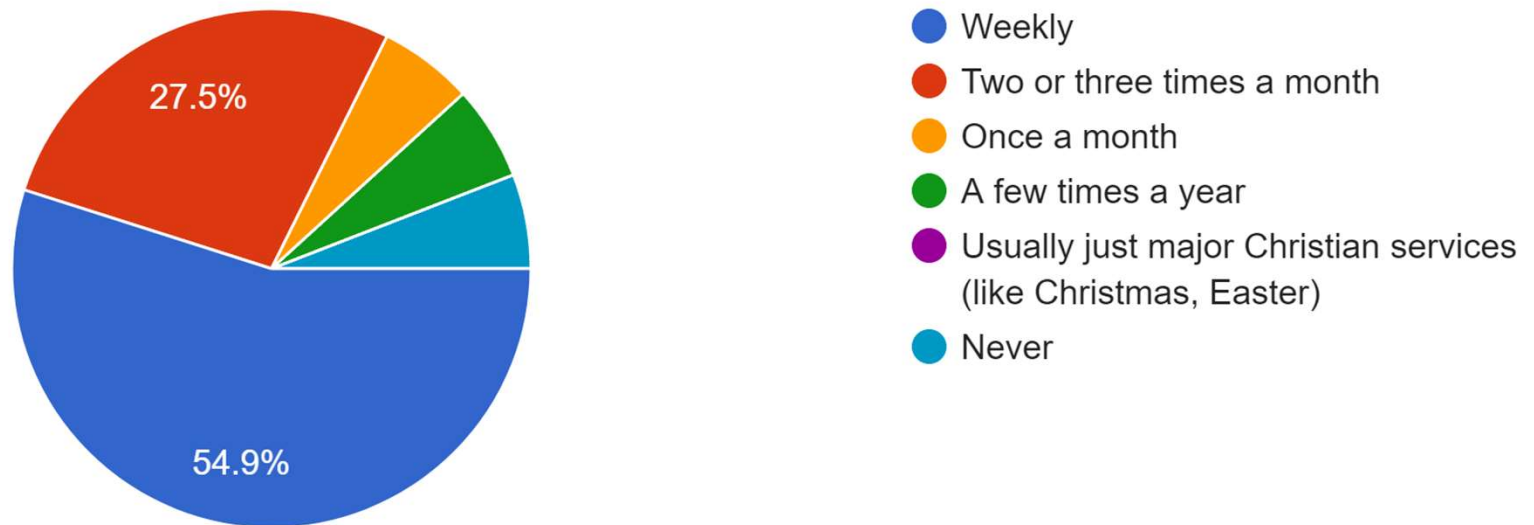
# 1. How long have you been attending the Church of the Resurrection?

51 responses



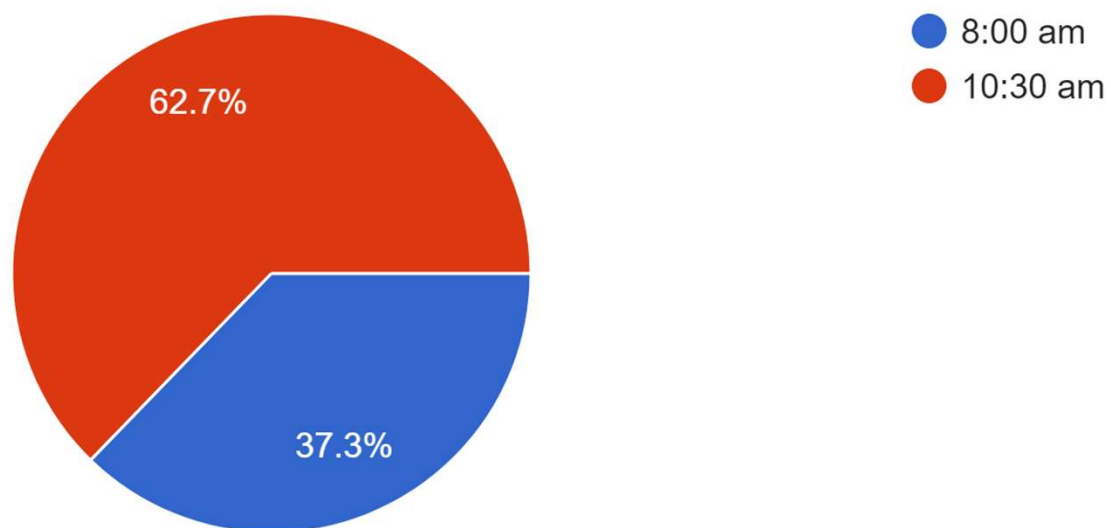
## 2. On average, how often do you attend the Church of the Resurrection in-person?

51 responses



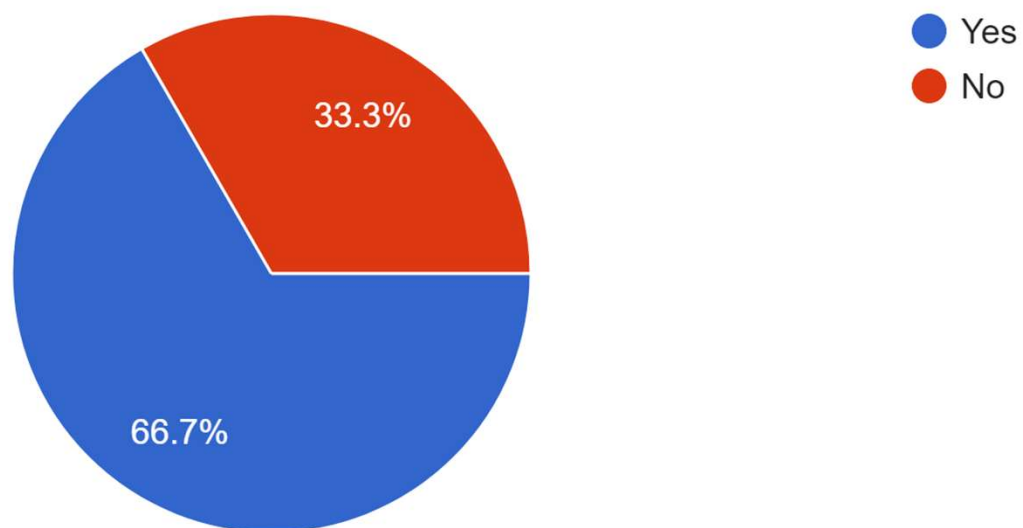
3. Which service do you typically attend when you come to church to worship?

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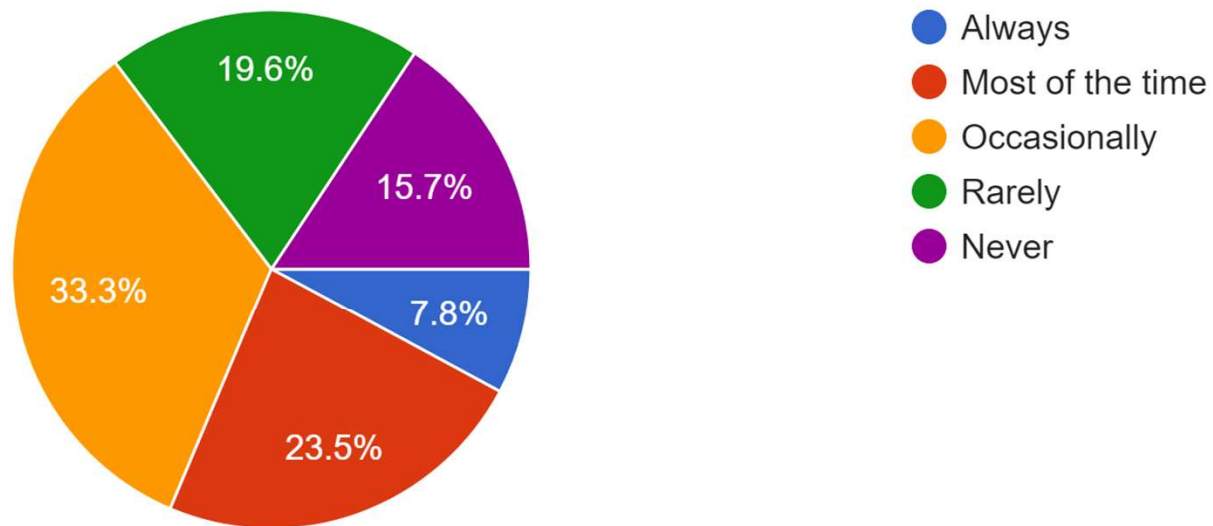
4. After worship in-person, do you typically attend the fellowship hour following services?

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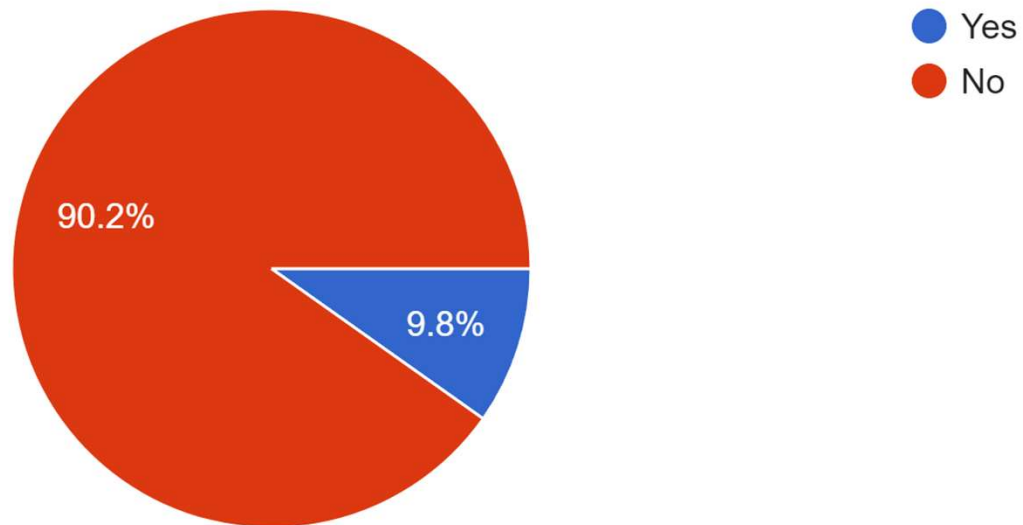
5. Do you watch the Church of the Resurrection Sunday services on-line if you do not attend church in-person?

51 responses



6. Do you typically watch any weekday church services on-line?

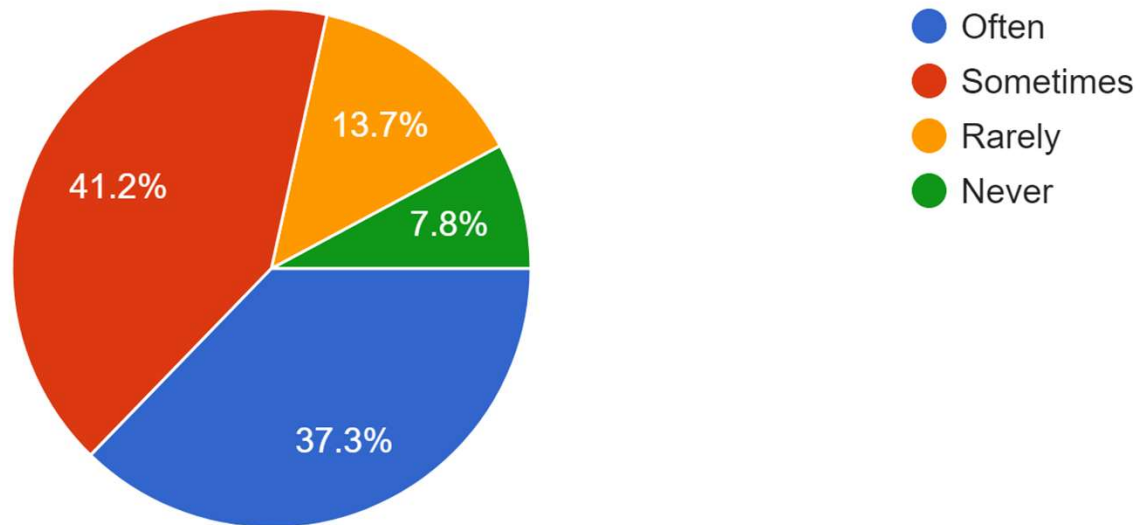
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## 7. Do you participate or attend any parish activities outside of regular worship?

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8. Please check if you have attended or participated in any of the following events (check all that apply):

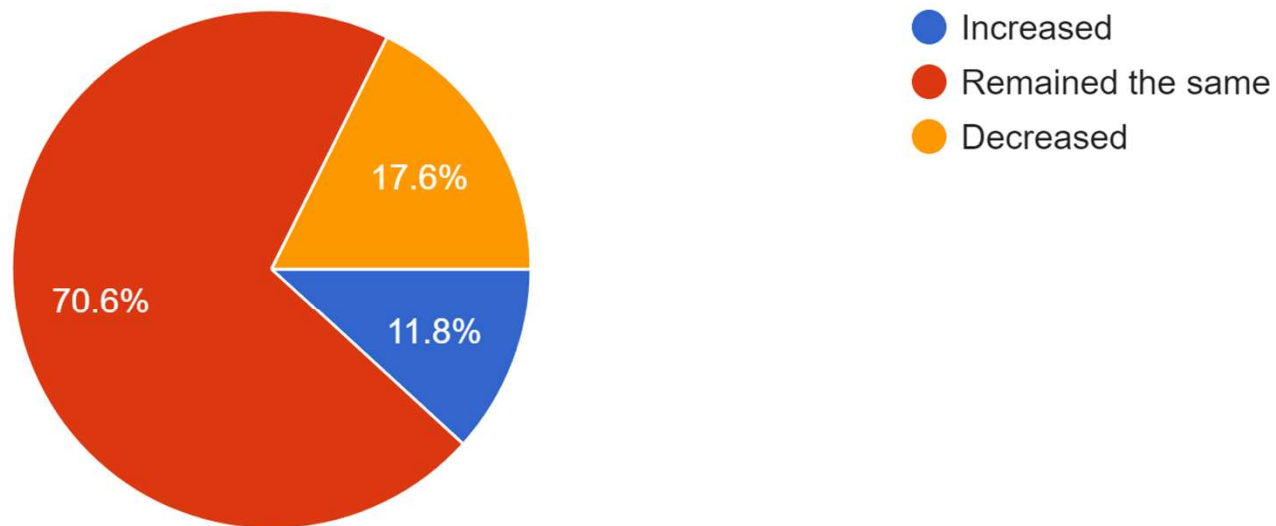
45 responses

**Responses from highest to lowest:**

First Sunday Breakfast	80%
Social Dinner	76%
Bonfire	58%
Yard Sale and Shrove Tuesday	53%
Game Night	42%
Movie Night	38%
Adult Forum	33%
Bible Study	27%
Men's Group	18%
Book Club	11%

9. Has your involvement in the congregation increased, decreased, or remained about the same in the last few years?

51 responses



10. If your involvement has increased OR decreased, which of the following are reasons for that?  
(check all that apply; check only the last response if your involvement is unchanged)

51 responses

**Responses from highest to lowest:**

COVID concerns	20%
More/Less time available	16%
Change in health	14%
Other reason	8%
A change in faith	6%
Change in attitude toward Priest	6%
Style of worship	4%
Children commitments	4%
Out of the habit	2%

11. What ORIGINALLY attracted you to come to the Church of the Resurrection? Please select your top three answers with #1 being the most important.

#1                    I'm Episcopalian

#2                    The Priest

#3                    The Liturgy / Worship Style

12. What KEEPS you as part of the Church of the Resurrection? Please select your top three answers with #1 being the most important.

#1

I'm Episcopalian

#2

The People / Fellowship

#3

The Liturgy / Worship Style

13. What is your satisfaction with the following aspects of the Church of the Resurrection?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied		Rank
General communication in the weekly e-mail and website	32	18	1		2.608
The Vestry and lay leadership of the parish	27	23	1		2.510
Opportunities for fellowship	23	27	1		2.431
Sunday worship service, other than the music	22	23	6		2.314
The music (choir, anthems, and instrumentals) during Sunday worship	17	32	2		2.294
The way your spiritual needs are being met	16	30	5		2.216
<b>Adult Christian education</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>1.882</b>

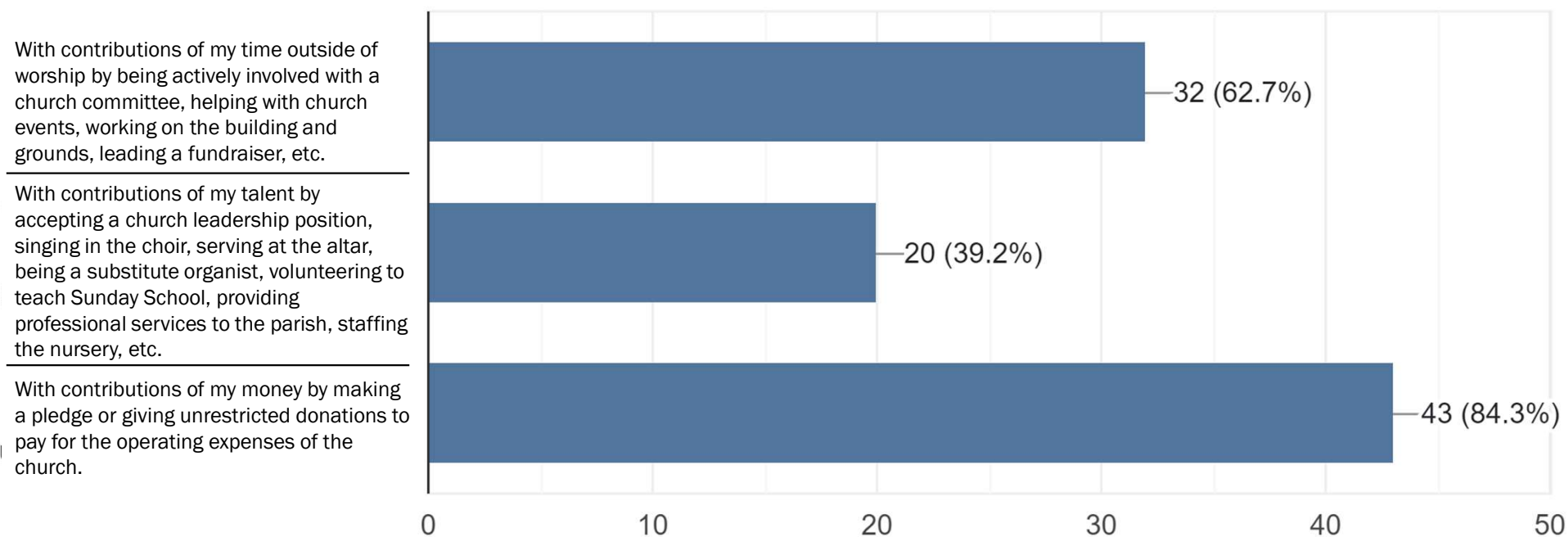
# Your Stewardship

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## 14. How do you support the Church of the Resurrection? (check all that apply)

51 responses



15. If the congregation was able to raise significantly more money, how high a priority would you give to the following uses of that money?

	High Priority	Moderate Priority	Low Priority	Not a Priority		Rank	
Increased support for outreach	16	32	2	0		164	3.280
Renovate, enlarge or add to current facilities	17	21	8	4		151	3.020
Increase budget for educational programs	8	31	8	3		144	2.880
Increase evangelistic efforts and advertising	11	24	12	3		143	2.860
Increase current staff salaries or benefits	6	27	13	4		135	2.700
Hire a clerical person	6	20	20	4		128	2.560
Begin an endowment or add to an existing one	6	20	17	7		125	2.500
Increased support for world missions	0	18	29	3		115	2.300
Increased support to the Diocese	0	11	22	17		94	1.880

# Your Worship Preferences

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16. For you personally, how important is each of the following in the mix of qualities that make a good worship service?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't want at all	Rank	
A good sermon that is intellectually challenging	39	12	0	0	192	3.765
Providing worship that is spiritual and emotionally moving	36	14	1	0	188	3.686
Individually remembering by name those who are sick	23	23	4	1	170	3.333
Providing plenty of time for members to greet one another during the peace	12	31	8	0	157	3.078
Recognizing birthdays and anniversaries by name (birthday and anniversary prayer)	14	29	4	1	152	3.167
Having parts of the worship especially for children	11	27	13	0	151	2.961
Use of altar bells	14	23	12	2	151	2.961
Silent prayer / meditation time	10	27	14	0	149	2.922
Use of contemporary worship styles, music and language	9	21	17	4	137	2.686
Occasional use of new or unfamiliar hymns	6	20	22	3	131	2.569
Chanting of the liturgy	7	18	22	4	130	2.549
Use of incense	4	18	25	4	124	2.431
Use of inclusive, non-sexist language	5	17	20	9	120	2.353

Very Important

Somewhat Important

Not Important

17. For you, personally, how important is each of the following in the mix of qualities that make a good sermon?

	Essential	Important	Not Very Important	Rank
Is spiritually moving and inspirational	35	15	1	2.667
Touches directly on my everyday life	33	17	1	2.627
Is challenging and thought-provoking	32	19	0	2.627
Is carefully composed and skillfully delivered	32	17	2	2.588
Sets forth a clear faith position as a guide for making decisions	25	24	2	2.451
Explores sides of an issue without advocating for one side	23	22	6	2.333
Makes me reflect on current issues and events	21	22	8	2.255
Based on a clear, unambiguous religious authority	21	20	10	2.216
Is based on the weekly liturgical readings	15	32	4	2.216
Is comforting and reassuring	19	21	11	2.157
Flows from the Priest's own personal faith and spiritual convictions	13	31	7	2.118
Contains scholarly or literary references	11	28	12	1.980
Occasionally includes commentary or opinion on secular politics	2	17	32	1.412

# Your Priorities for the Church of the Resurrection

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18. Listed below are a number of possible priorities for the Church of the Resurrection to undertake in the future. Please respond to each item by indicating how important you feel it is for Resurrection going forward.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important		Rank
Providing a caring ministry for the sick, shut-ins and the bereaved	43	8	0		2.843
Worship that provides a meaningful experience of God and the Christian tradition	42	8	1		2.804
Engaging in outreach to persons in need	36	15	0		2.706
Providing fellowship opportunities for members	35	16	0		2.686
Helping members deepen their spiritual relationship with God	36	13	2		2.667
Evangelism / Growing the church in numbers and participation	33	16	2		2.608
Providing pastoral counseling to help members deal with personal problems	33	16	2		2.608
Providing Christian education programs for adults including bible study and discussion groups	32	16	3		2.569
Helping members discover their own gifts for ministry and service	26	24	1		2.490
Providing Christian education for children and youth	25	24	2		2.451
Helping members understand their use of money, time and talents as expressions of Christian stewardship	19	28	4		2.294
Offering worship that expresses the Gospel in contemporary language and forms	20	22	9		2.216
Participating in activities and programs with other local religious groups or organizations	13	28	10		2.059
Encouraging members to act on the relationship of the Christian faith to current social, political, and economic issues	14	25	12		2.039
Supporting the global mission of the Episcopal church	7	33	11		1.922
Actively participating in the Deanery and Diocese	6	29	16		1.804

The Qualities  
you desire in our  
next Rector

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19. Select from the list below the importance of each quality you would like to see in our next Rector for you personally.

	Very Important	Important	Least Important		Rank
Communication and listening skills	45	6	0		2.882
Meaningful preaching / sermons	43	8	0		2.843
Compassion	42	9	0		2.824
Parish involvement	37	14	0		2.725
Conducting worship	36	15	0		2.706
Pastoral Care	36	14	1		2.686
Spiritual guidance	32	18	1		2.608
Parish growth	32	18	1		2.608
Setting a vision and goals for the parish	30	19	2		2.549
Outreach	29	18	4		2.490
Counseling	24	26	1		2.451
Christian Education for adults	19	28	4		2.294
Community involvement	18	28	5		2.255
Christian Education and programs for youth	18	26	7		2.216
Church administration	16	27	8		2.157
Diocesan involvement	8	26	17		1.824

20. Please select the top three pastoral specialties or talents you believe are the most important for the Search Committee to look for in a new Rector, where #1 is first.

**#1**

**Preaching**

*(Ability to preach with clarity and to make the Gospel relevant in people's lives.)*

**#2**

**Pastoral Care**

*(Ability to care for people and respond to people at significant points in their lives; such as death, dying, sickness, birth, trauma and success.)*

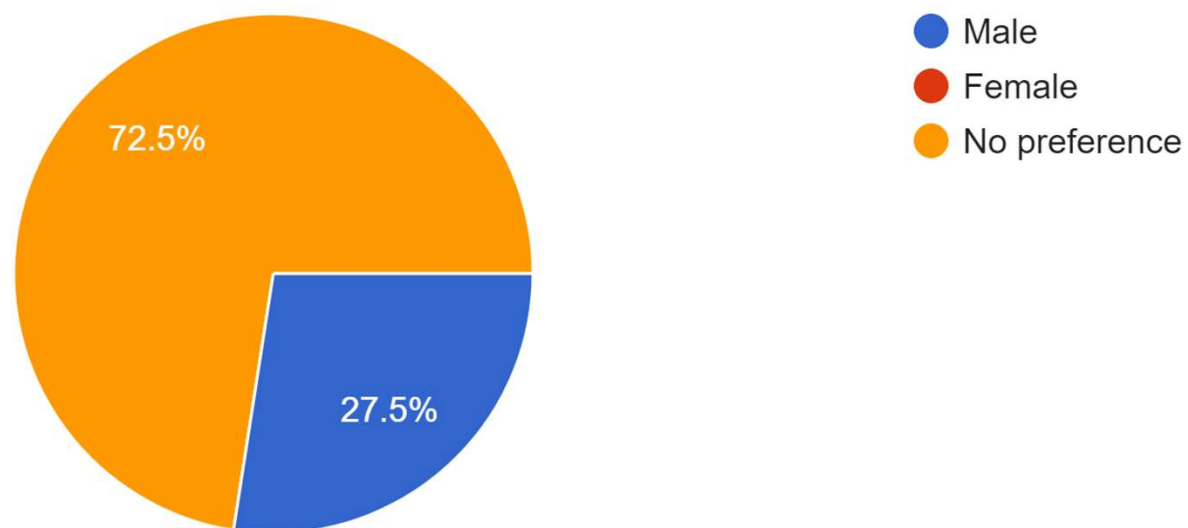
**#3**

**Liturgical Leader**

*(Ability to plan and conduct spiritual liturgical services of public worship.)*

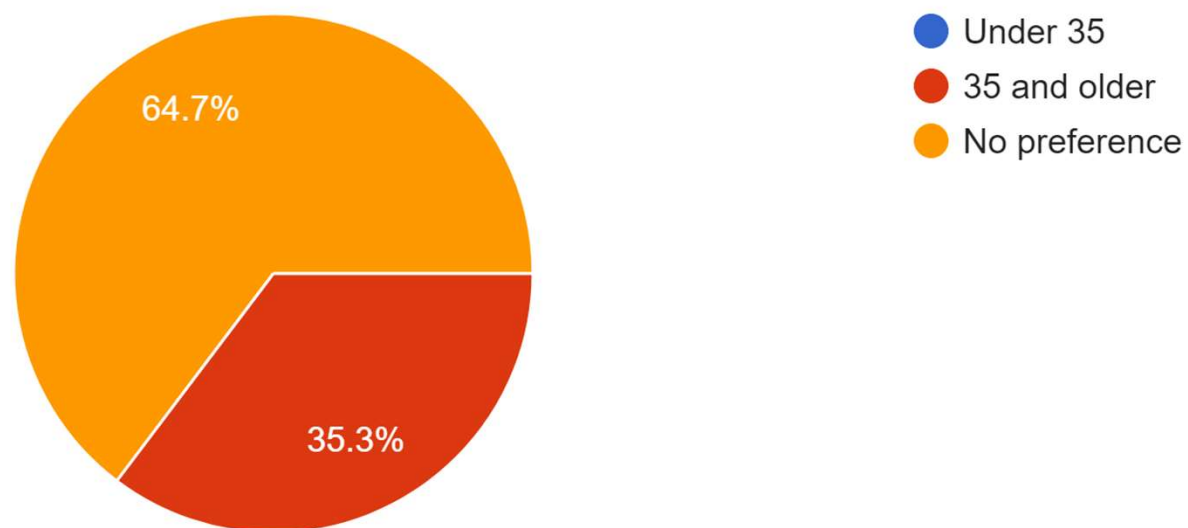
21. Do you have a preference regarding the gender of our next Rector?

51 responses



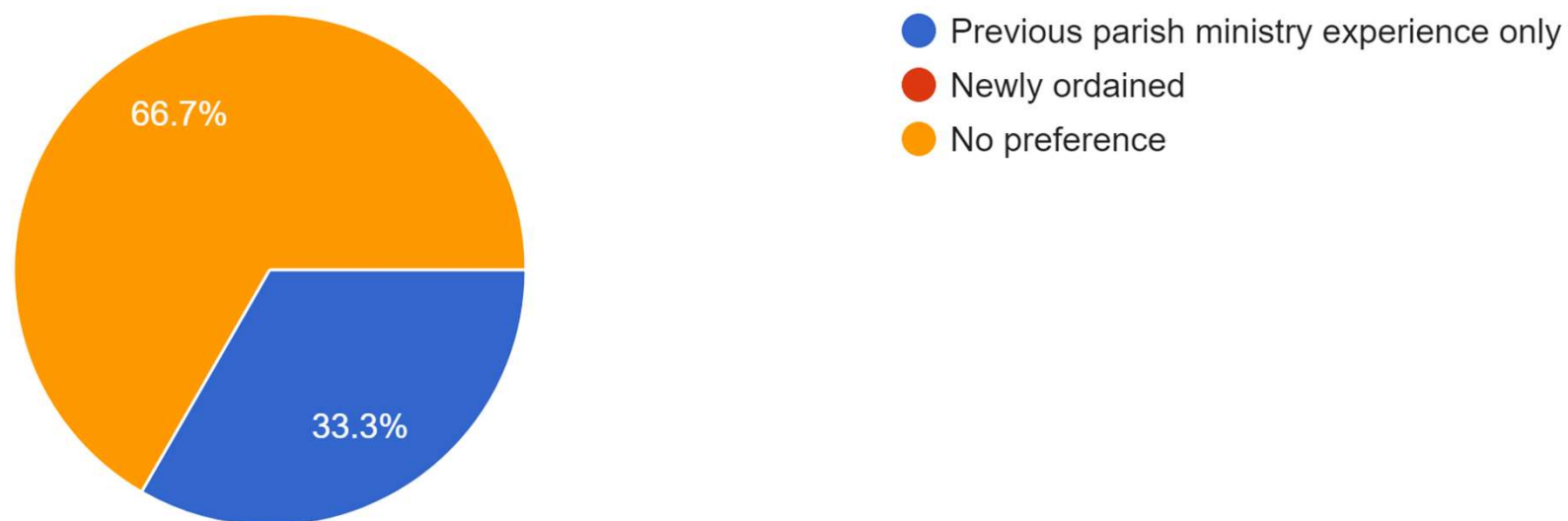
## 22. Do you have a preference regarding the age of our next Rector?

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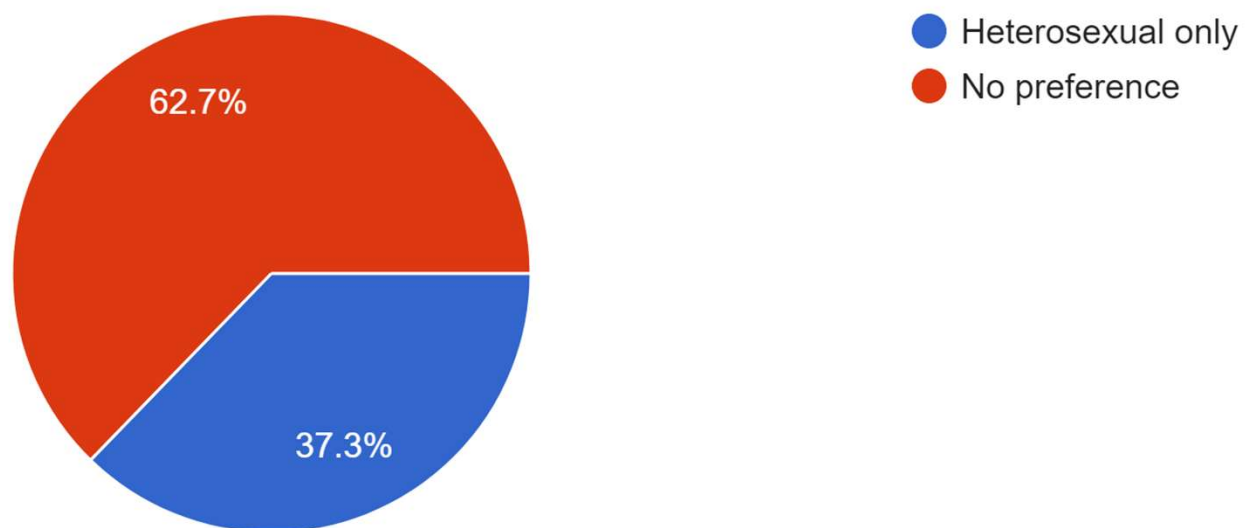
## 23. Do you have a preference regarding the work experience of our next Rector?

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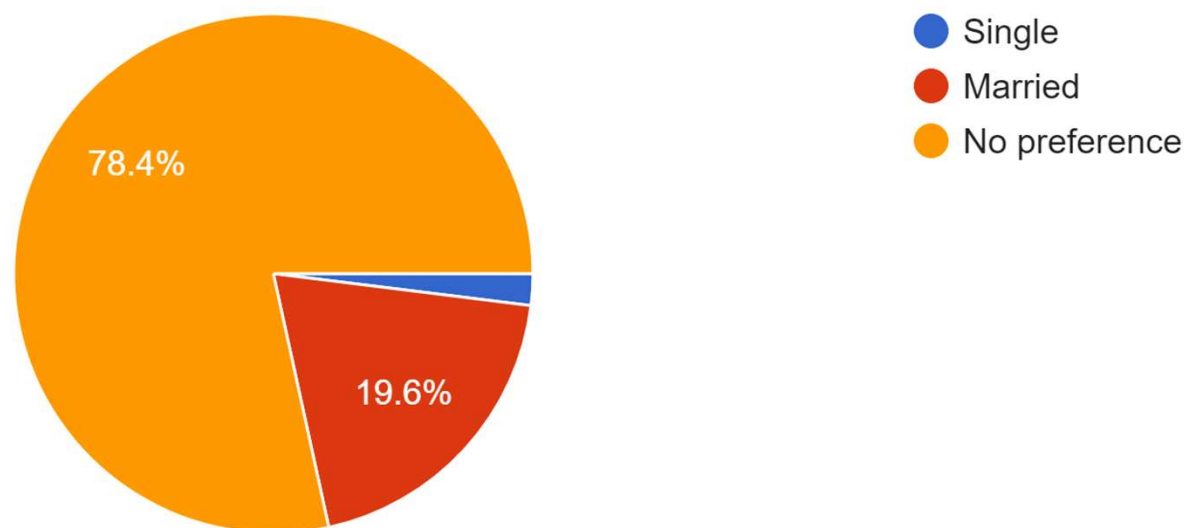
24. Do you have a preference regarding the sexual orientation of our next Rector?

51 responses



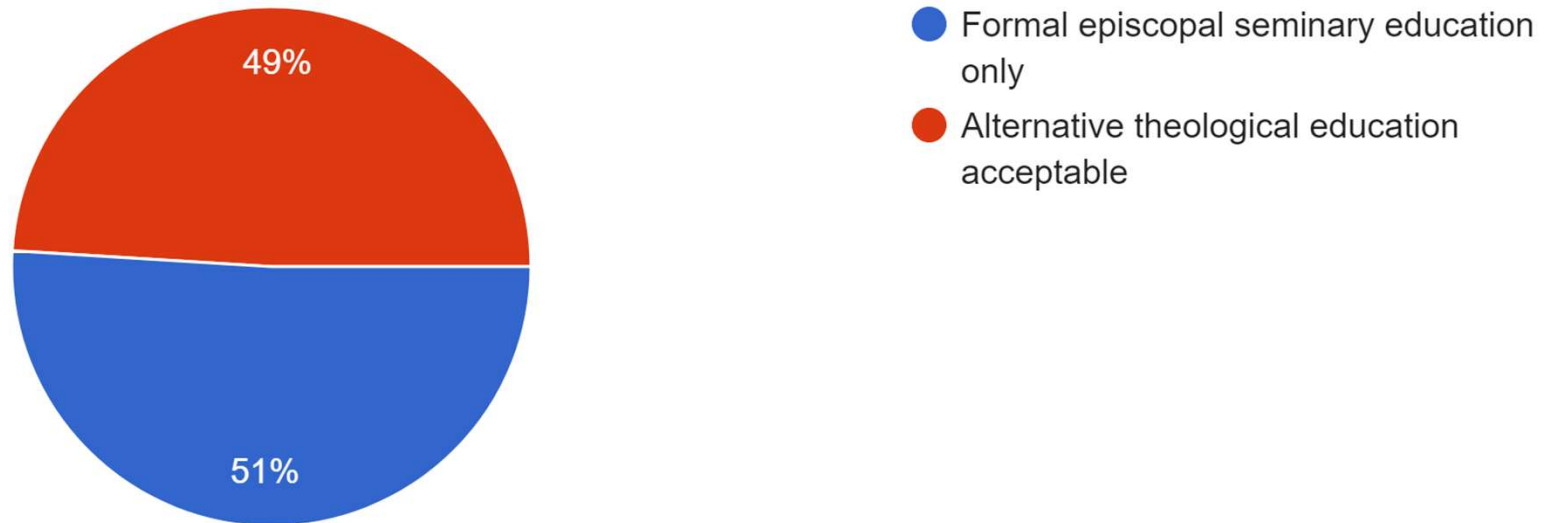
25. Do you have a preference regarding the marital status of our next Rector?

51 responses



## 26. Do you have a preference regarding the theological education of our next Rector?

51 responses





# The Future of the Church of the Resurrection

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27. Think about your vision for the future of the Church of the Resurrection. Please take a few minutes to discuss your hope for our church's future. What are your desires and wishes for the church over the next five years?

51 responses

**Themes:**

Parish growth

More young people and children

Continue Outreach

Help each other and help in the community

More involvement of parishioners

Bible study for people who work during the day

For the priest to connect to and motivate the congregation

Update and complete construction

More diversity

Get involved with other churches for religious and social activities

Financial stability

28. The membership and average Sunday attendance of the Church of the Resurrection has declined over the last few years. Considering this information, please answer the following questions regarding your opinion how Resurrection may respond to the challenges facing a small church with low membership and limited financial resources.

	Definitely Support	Maybe Support	Would NOT Support		Rank
<b>Part-time Priest</b>	16	20	15		2.020
<b>Share a Priest with another congregation</b>	<input type="text" value="10"/>	32	9		2.020
<b>Combine with another congregation</b>	13	22	16		1.941

# Background Information about Yourself

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## Questions 29 through 35

**Gender:** 55% Female; 45% Male

**Age:** 89% 50 +

**Race:** 94% White

**Marital Status:** 69% Married

**Education:** 96% Some College, College Degree or Post-Graduate Work/Degree

**Employment:** 55% Retired; 24% Work full-time; 16% Work part-time; 5% Student

**Children:** 7 children aged 18 or younger living at home

# Summary

Q16. REQUIREMENTS OF A GOOD WORSHIP SERVICE	Q18. OUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES	Q.19 TOP QUALITIES IN OUR NEXT RECTOR	Q.20 TOP TALENTS OF OUR NEXT RECTOR
A good sermon	Providing a caring ministry for the sick, shut- ins and the bereaved	Communication and listening skills	Preaching
Spiritual and emotionally moving worship	Worship that provides a meaningful experience of God and the Christian tradition	Meaningful preaching and sermons	Pastoral Care
Remembering the sick	Engaging in outreach to persons in need	Compassion	Liturgical Leader