

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
2012 CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY FOR SEARCH AND CALL OF A PASTOR

Name (Optional) _____

Your prayerful input matters as we are involved in the significant and sacred task of calling pastoral leadership.
Thank you for responding.

A. Information about person responding to this survey:

1. Date _____
2. Gender? _____ Male _____ Female
3. Age? ___Teen ___20s ___30s ___40s ___50s ___60s ___70s ___80s
4. Marital Status? _____Single _____Married _____Divorced _____Widowed
5. How long have you been active in this congregation _____ Years
6. Are you a member of this congregation? _____ Yes _____ No
7. On average, about how many times did you attend worship at this congregation during the past year?
____None _____About once a month
____Less than six times _____About two to three times a month
____About one to two times a month _____Four times a month or more
8. How much time do you spend during an average month in this congregation's activities (including worship, study groups, meetings, ministries, committees, travel, preparation, etc.?)
____Less than one hour _____11 to 15 hours
____One to five hours _____16 to 20 hours
____Six to ten hours _____Over 20 hours
9. Please list the organizations, ministries, committees, and groups (including Sunday School Class) in this congregation in which you are now active:

10. What leadership positions or offices do you now hold in this congregation? (Optional)

11. Name five things you find positive about our church:

12. Name five things you would change about our church, if you could:

B. Please indicate areas you consider most important for ministerial emphasis:

Prioritize by circling 1 for each activity on which you place the highest priority. Do not circle more than six 1's. Circle the remaining activities 2, 3, 4 or 5.

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| 1. Worship | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Planning and leading worship; working with the congregation to develop a rich worship life. | |
| 2. Preaching | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Effective preaching, articulating personal faith. | |
| 3. Minister's Personal Creativity and Resourcefulness | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Planning and leading program activities. | |

4. Spiritual Development of Members	1 2 3 4 5
Helping persons develop their spiritual life; encouraging persons to relate their faith to their daily lives.	
5. Congregational Home Visitation	1 2 3 4 5
Making personal calls on people in their homes.	
6. Hospital and Emergency Visitation	1 2 3 4 5
Making pastoral calls on persons in hospital and nursing homes; ministering to persons in crisis situations.	
7. Congregational Fellowship	1 2 3 4 5
Building a sense of fellowship and community; reaching out to inactive members; accepting persons with divergent backgrounds and traditions.	
8. Counseling	1 2 3 4 5
Maintaining confidentiality; being compassionate and sensitive to other's needs; helping persons develop emotional maturity and security.	
9. Evangelism	1 2 3 4 5
Bringing new members into the congregation regularly; developing commitment to evangelism in other people.	
10. Planning Congregational Life	1 2 3 4 5
Long range planning and goal setting; helping leaders work together in solving problems; working with committees and officers; working effectively on team.	
11. Involvement in Mission Beyond the Local Community	1 2 3 4 5
Understanding and interpreting the mission of the church from a global perspective; encouraging support of Christian Church outreach.	
12. Educational Program	1 2 3 4 5
Identifying with educational needs of persons; developing programs to meet those needs; helping to set educational goals for the congregation; working with youth, children and adults.	
13. Teaching	1 2 3 4 5
Strong commitment to teaching ministry; interpreting and teaching the Scriptures, theological concepts, church history, etc.; providing instruction for church leaders, members, etc.	
14. Mission in the Local Community	1 2 3 4 5
Helping persons understand and act upon social and justice issues; becoming informed and involved in the community; organizing persons for community action.	
15. Ecumenical and Interfaith Activities	1 2 3 4 5
Active personal participation in ecumenical relationships; encouraging the congregation to participate in ecumenical relationships; encouraging united Christian witness in the community.	
16. Congregational Communication	1 2 3 4 5
Encouraging communication in the congregation; sharing information; encouraging shared problem solving in the congregation.	

17. Administrative Leadership 1 2 3 4 5
Accepting responsibility for leadership; encouraging shared leadership;
helping persons develop their leadership abilities; encouraging others to
assume and carry out leadership.

18. Stewardship and Commitment Program 1 2 3 4 5
Developing stewardship education programs; encouraging regular stewardship growth;
challenging the congregation to commitment to the church's work.

19. Evaluation of Program and Staff 1 2 3 4 5
Planning and carrying out processes to evaluate programs; establishing procedures
to evaluate staff performance in accord with goals and objectives.

20. Responsibilities and Relationships with the Christian Church 1 2 3 4 5
(Disciples of Christ), both Region and General
Being involved in the life of the church beyond the congregation; strong personal commitment to the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); helping the congregation know and be involved in the work of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

C. List Disciples of Christ ministers you would like the Search Committee to consider:

D. Do you have any other comments for consideration by the Search Committee?

