

Pastor Views on Church Segregation

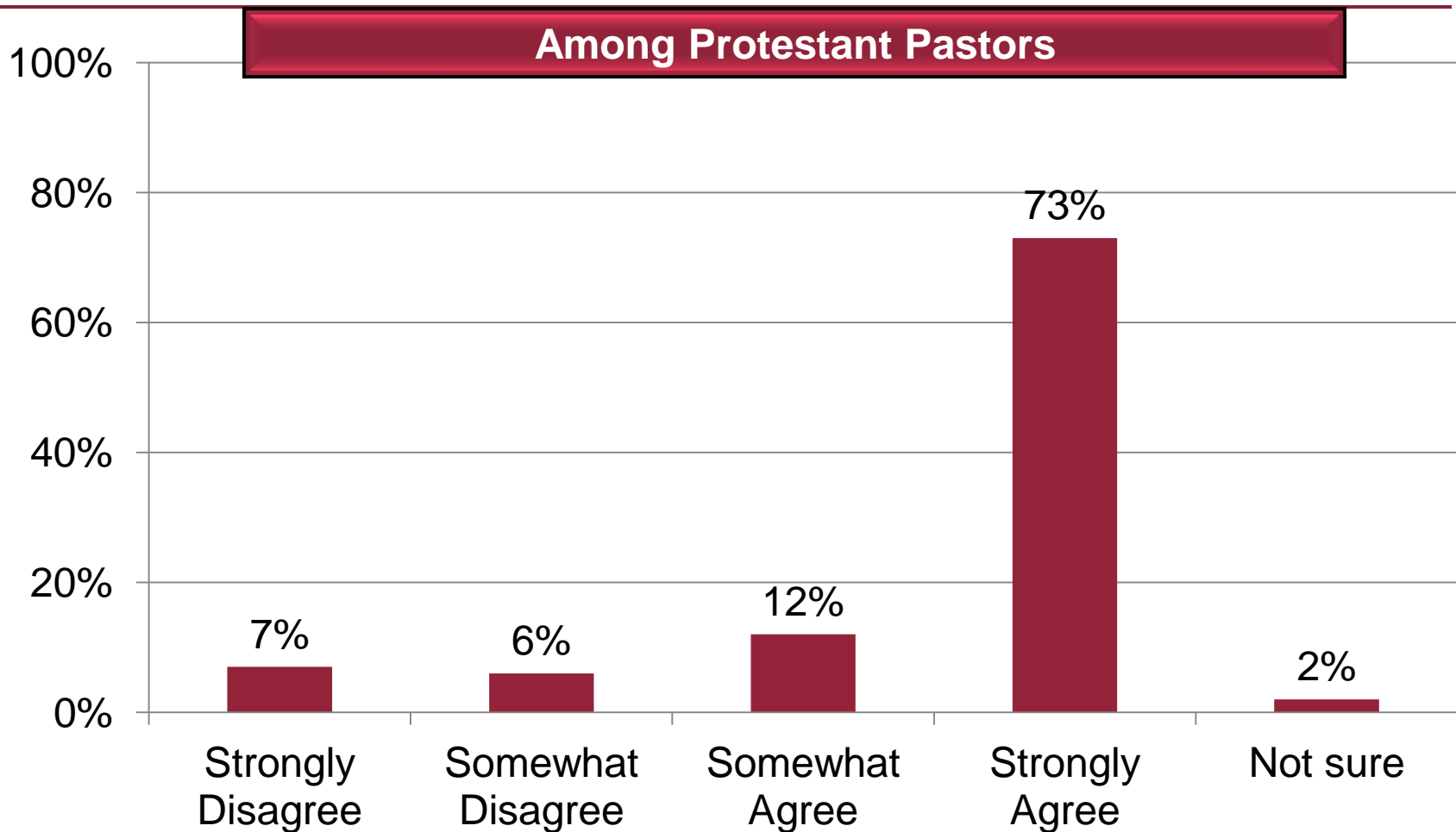
Survey of 1,000 Protestant Pastors

Methodology

- ❑ The phone survey of Protestant pastors was conducted September 11-18, 2014
- ❑ The calling list was a stratified random sample drawn from a list of all Protestant churches
- ❑ Each interview was conducted with the senior pastor, minister or priest of the church called
- ❑ Responses were weighted by region to more accurately reflect the population
- ❑ The completed sample is 1,000 surveys
- ❑ The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed $\pm 3.1\%$
- ❑ Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

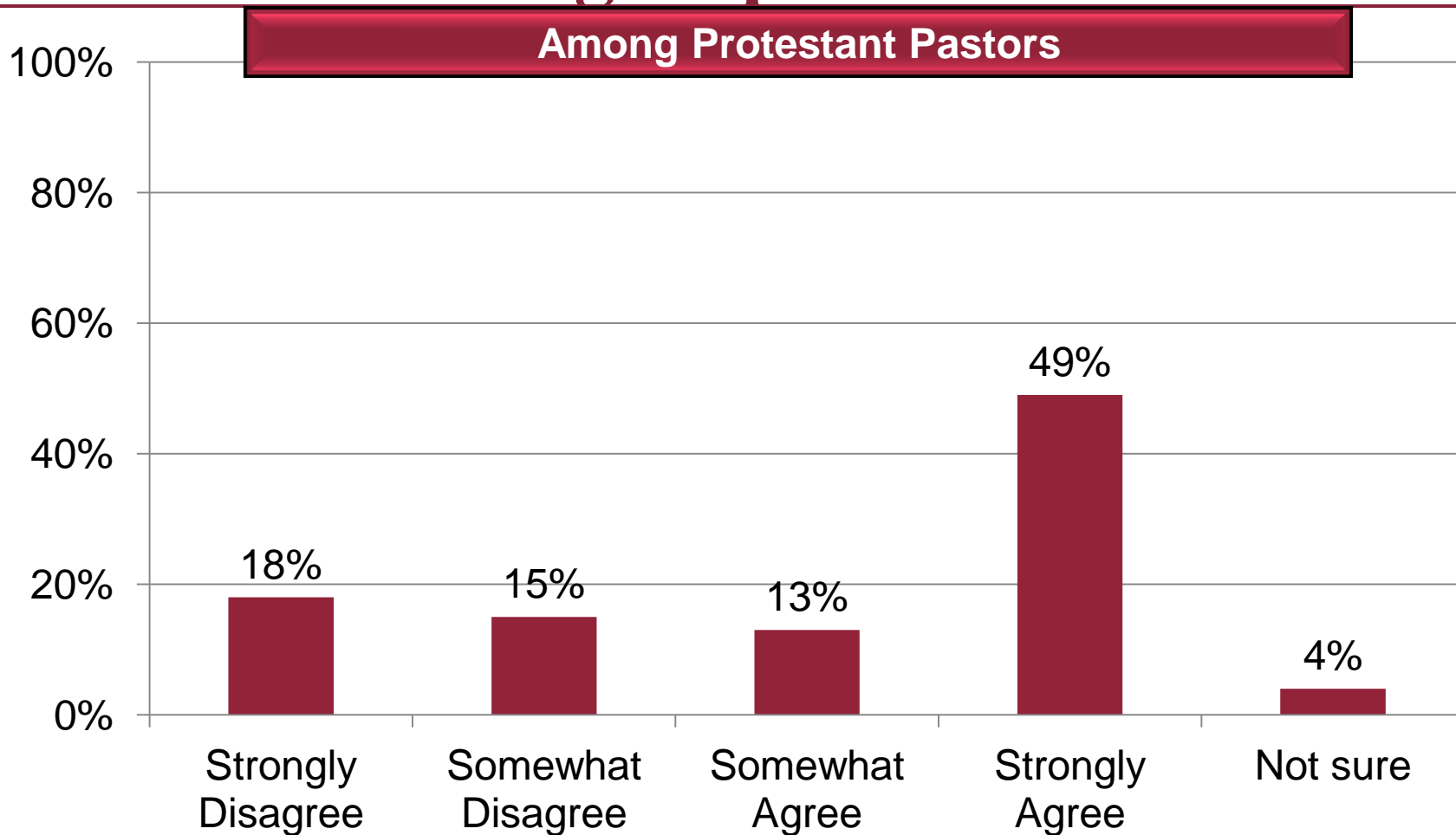
Survey Responses

84% say they have spoken with a friend from a different ethnic group in the last week



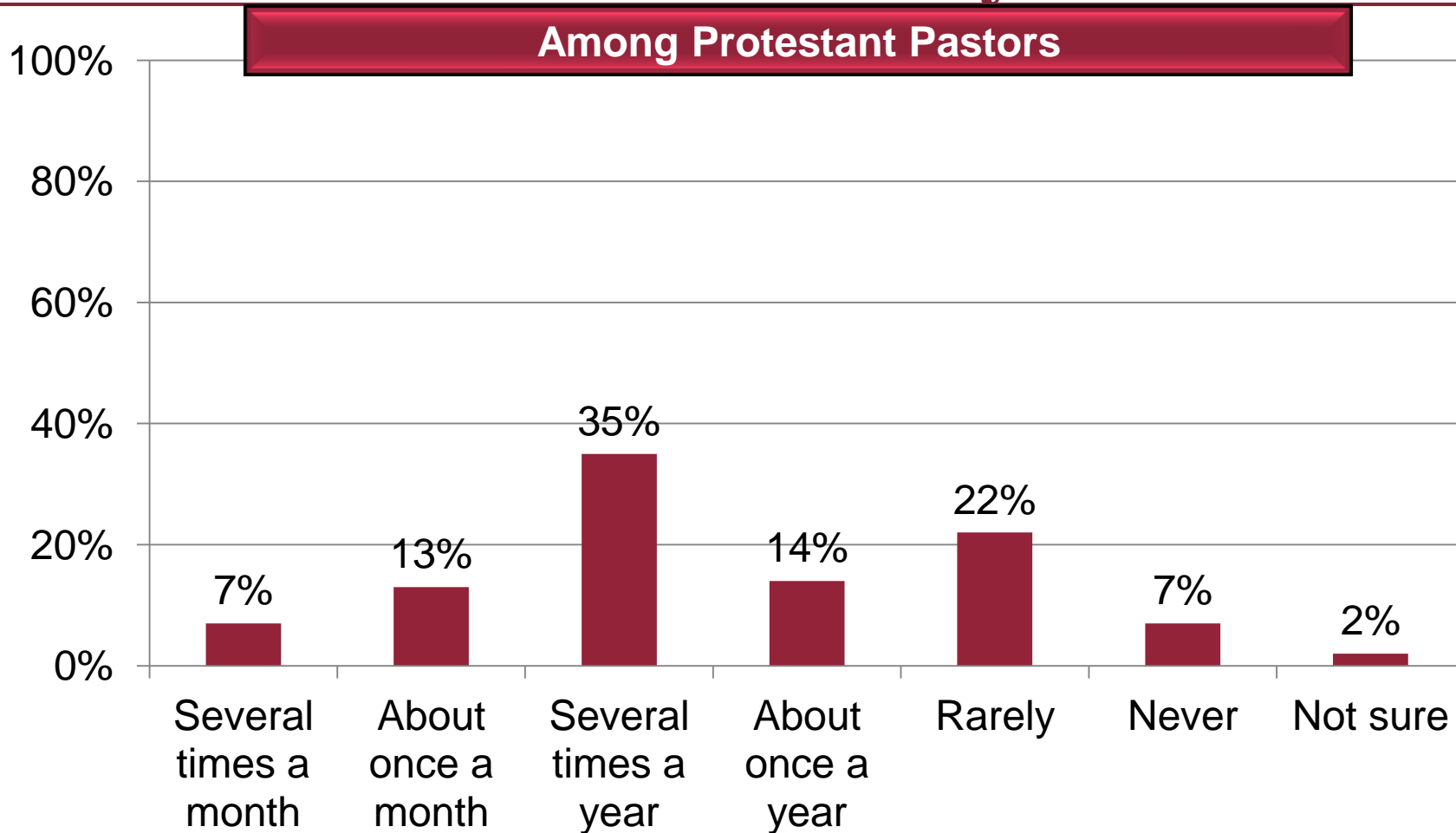
Q: "In the last week I have spoken with a friend who is from a different ethnic group than me"

63% have met with pastors from a different ethnic group in the last month



Q: "I have met in the last month with pastors from a different ethnic group than me who I know personally"

43% of pastors say they speak about racial reconciliation once a year or less



Q: "How often do you speak to your church in sermons or large group messages about racial reconciliation?"

Significant Differences

Church

Average Attendance
Region

Pastor

Age
Ethnicity
Self-identified Evangelical/Mainline
Education Level

Significant Statistical Differences

- Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among region of the country, age, average attendance, and education level.

Region	Attendance	Age	Education Level
Northeast	0-49	18-44	No College Degree
Midwest	50-99	45-54	Bachelor's
South	100-249	55-64	Master's (including M.Div)
West	250+	65+	Doctorate (including Ph.D, D.min)

Note: Region is defined by US Census locations

Significant Statistical Differences

- Comparisons were also made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among the pastor's ethnicity and those self-identifying as Evangelical or Mainline.

Pastor's Ethnicity	Self-Identify
African-American	Evangelical
White, non-Hispanic	Mainline

Note: Additional ethnic groups were identified, but did not have sufficient sample size for comparison

“In the last week I have spoken with a friend who is from a different ethnic group than me”

- Pastors in churches 250+ (82%) are more likely to Strongly Agree than churches 0-49 (65%) and 50-99 (70%)
- Pastors in churches 100-249 (75%) are more likely to Strongly Agree than churches 0-49 (65%)
- Pastors in churches 250+ (3%) are less likely to Strongly Disagree than churches 0-49 (12%) and 50-99 (9%)
- Pastors in churches 100-249 (6%) are less likely to Strongly Disagree than churches 0-49 (12%)
- Midwesterners (66%) are less likely to Strongly Agree than Southerners (77%)
- Southerners (5%) are less likely to Strongly Disagree than Northeasterners (10%) and Midwesterners (10%)
- Those age 65+ (60%) are least likely to Strongly Agree and most likely to be unsure (7%)

“In the last week I have spoken with a friend who is from a different ethnic group than me” continued

- Those with Doctoral degree (80%) are more likely to Strongly Agree than those with no college degree (67%) or a Master's (72%)
- Those with Doctoral degree (2%) are less likely to Somewhat Disagree than those with no college degree (9%) or a Master's (7%)

“I have met in the last month with pastors from a different ethnic group than me who I know personally”

- Southerners (53%) are more likely to Strongly Agree than Northeasterners (42%) and Midwesterners (43%)
- Westerners (54%) are more likely to Strongly Agree than Midwesterners (43%)
- Southerners (15%) are less likely to Strongly Disagree than Northeasterners (24%)
- Those age 18-44 (58%) are most likely to Strongly Agree
- Those age 65+ (26%) are most likely to Strongly Disagree
- White pastors (16%) are more likely to Somewhat Disagree than African-American pastors (5%)
- Evangelicals (12%) are less likely to Somewhat Agree than Mainlines (17%)
- Those with a Bachelor's (21%) are more likely to Somewhat Disagree than those with a Master's (14%) or Doctoral degree (12%)

“How often do you speak to your church in sermons or large group messages about racial reconciliation?”

- Pastors in churches 0-49 (28%) are less likely to select “Several times a year” than churches 100-249 (37%) and 250+ (38%)
- Pastors in churches 250+ (16%) are less likely to select “Rarely” than churches 0-49 (26%) and 50-99 (25%)
- Southerners (38%) are more likely to select “Several times a year” than Westerners (29%)
- Southerners (17%) are less likely to select “Rarely” than Midwesterners (27%) and Westerners (29%)
- Those with a Master’s degree (9%) are more likely to select “Several times a month” than those with a Bachelor’s (4%)
- Those with a Doctoral degree (44%) are more likely to select “Several times a year” than those with no college degree (27%) or a Bachelor’s (31%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s degree (29%) are more likely to select “Rarely” than those with a Master’s (21%) or Doctoral degree (16%)

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