

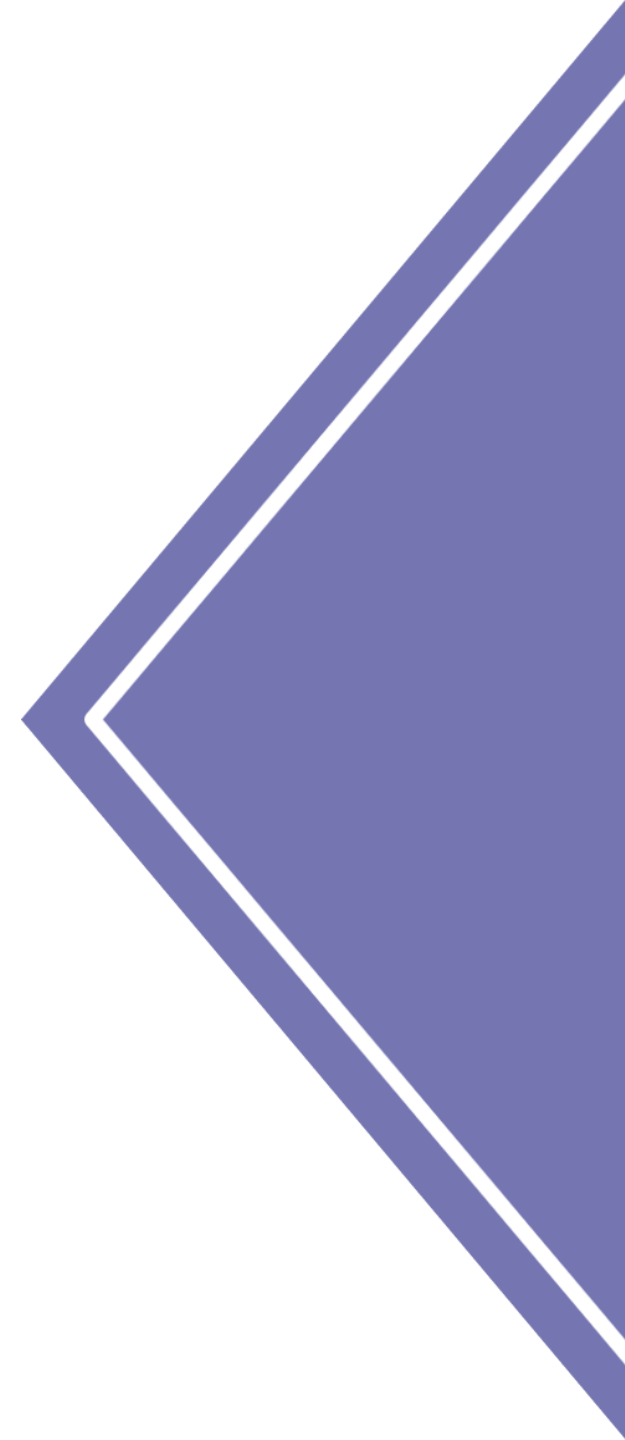
Pastors' Views - Meetings

Survey of American Protestant Pastors

Methodology

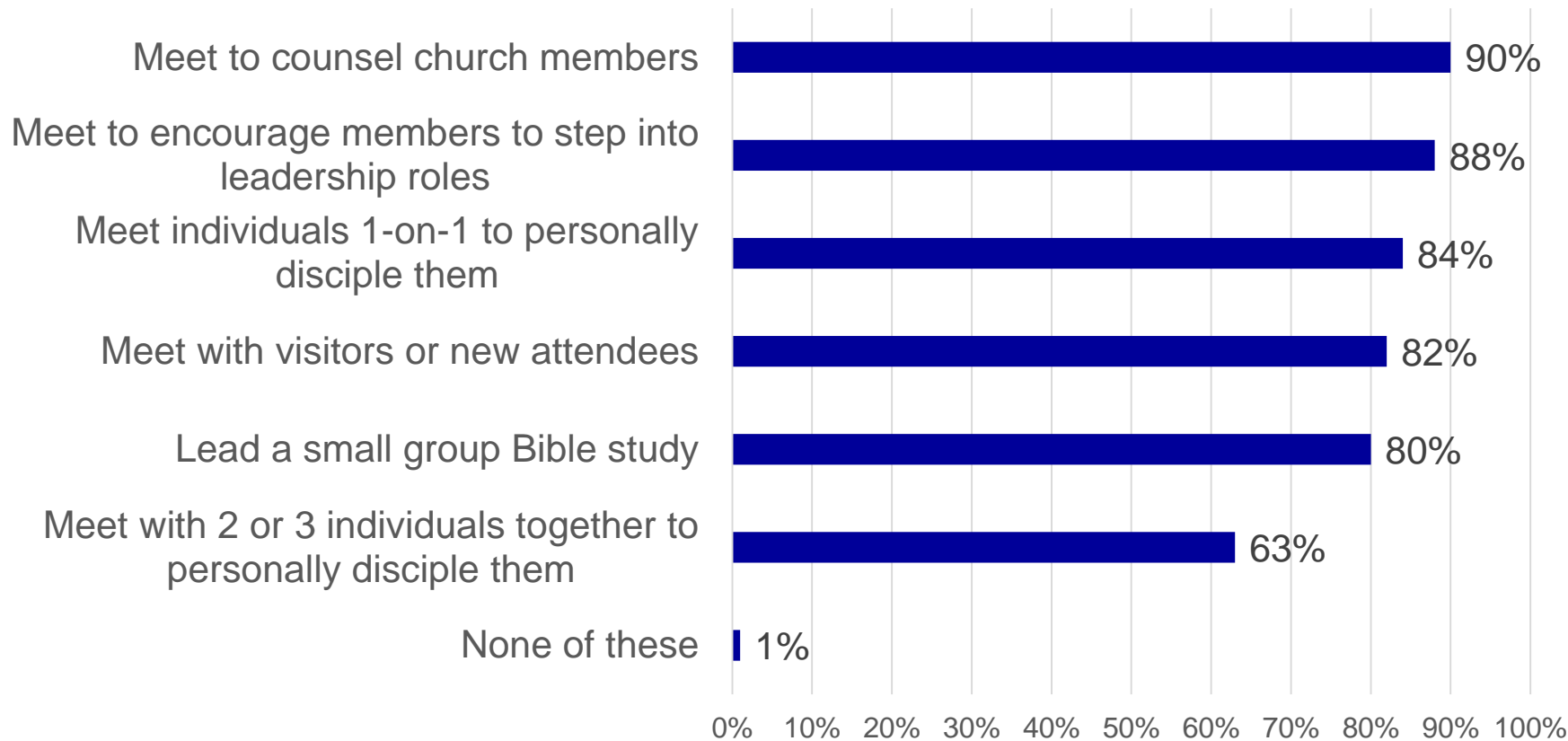
- The phone survey of 1,000 Protestant pastors was conducted August 29 – September 11, 2018
- The calling list was a stratified random sample, drawn from a list of all Protestant churches. Quotas were used for church size
- Each interview was conducted with the senior pastor, minister or priest of the 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 $\pm 3.2\%$
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

Survey Responses



“Which, if any, of the following types of meetings do you as pastor have regularly?”

Among Protestant Pastors



Significant Differences

Pastor

Ethnicity

Age

Gender

Education Level

Self-identified Evangelical/Mainline

Church

Region

Denomination

Average Attendance

Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among the church's attendance and region, the pastor's gender, age and ethnicity.

Attendance	Region	Pastor's Gender	Pastor's Age	Ethnicity
0-49	Northeast	Male	18-44	White
50-99	Midwest	Female	45-54	African-American
100-249	South		55-64	Other Ethnicity
250+	West		65+	

Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among the church's denomination and the pastor's education level and identification as evangelical or mainline.

Education Level	Self-Identified	Denomination
No College Degree	Evangelical	Baptist
Bachelor's Degree	Mainline	Lutheran
Master's Degree		Methodist
Doctoral Degree		Pentecostal
		Presbyterian/ Reformed
		Christian/ Church of Christ

“Which, if any, of the following types of meetings do you as pastor have regularly?”

Meet with visitors or new attendees

- Pastors in the South (85%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (79%)
- Pastors age 65+ are the least likely to select (73%)
- Baptists (85%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (86%) are more likely to select than Pentecostals (74%)

“Which, if any, of the following types of meetings do you as pastor have regularly?” (continued)

Meet to counsel church members

- Pastors of churches with attendance of 100-249 (94%) and 250+ (94%) are more likely to select than those at churches of 0-49 (83%) and 50-99 (88%)
- Male pastors are more likely to select than females (91% v. 85%)
- Pastors with a Bachelor's degree (92%) or a Doctoral degree (92%) are more likely to select than those with no college degree (85%)
- Baptists (92%), Lutherans (92%), and Presbyterian/Reformed (94%) are more likely to select than Christian/Church of Christ (82%)

“Which, if any, of the following types of meetings do you as pastor have regularly?” (continued)

Meet to encourage members to step into leadership roles

- Pastors of churches with attendance of 0-49 are the least likely to select (79%)
- Pastors in the South (91%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (84%)
- Pastors age 18-44 (92%) and 45-54 (89%) are more likely to select than those 65+ (82%)
- Baptists (90%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (83%)

“Which, if any, of the following types of meetings do you as pastor have regularly?” (continued)

Lead a small group Bible study

- Pastors of churches with attendance of 0-49 are the least likely to select (73%)
- Pastors age 18-44 (82%) and 45-54 (82%) are more likely to select than those 65+ (74%)
- Pastors with a Master’s degree (81%) or a Doctoral degree (86%) are more likely to select than those with no college degree (72%)
- Pentecostals are the least likely to select (63%)

“Which, if any, of the following types of meetings do you as pastor have regularly?” (continued)

Meet with individuals 1-on-1 to personally disciple them

- Pastors age 45-54 (90%) are more likely to select than those 55-64 (82%) and 65+ (80%)
- Evangelical pastors are more likely to select than Mainline pastors (86% v. 81%)
- Baptists (87%) and Pentecostals (90%) are more likely to select than Methodists (76%)

“Which, if any, of the following types of meetings do you as pastor have regularly?” (continued)

Meet with 2 or 3 individuals to personally disciple them

- Pastors of churches with attendance of 100-249 (68%) and 250+ (67%) are more likely to select than those at churches of 0-49 (55%)
- Pastors age 45-54 (71%) are more likely to select than those 55-64 (61%) and 65+ (57%)
- Pastors with no college degree (73%) or a Doctoral degree (74%) are more likely to select than those with a Master's degree (58%)
- Evangelical pastors are more likely to select than Mainline pastors (66% v. 59%)
- Baptists (66%) and Pentecostals (71%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (54%)

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