

2018 NORTH KINGSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SURVEY



Every five years we take the opportunity to reflect on who we are as a church and where we would like to move this body of Christ in the years ahead. In order to do this, we are seeking to understand our congregation better, and role this church plays in our daily lives, and how we could better serve the spiritual needs of our community.

We deeply respect your privacy, and your individual responses will not be distributed. No attempt will be made to match survey responses to specific individuals. The information gathered will be grouped and collectively analyzed to help inform our vision for North Kingstown UMC.

The survey is in three sections; Section One asks questions intended to help us better understand the nature of our congregation. Section Two asks you to consider your worship experience at NKUMC. Section Three asks about your spiritual and pastoral needs.

Please complete and return your survey by October 14th. Surveys may be dropped off at the church office or mailed to NKUMC, 450 Boston Neck Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

Please feel free to skip any question you are uncomfortable answering for any reason.

This survey should take less than ten minutes to complete. You may also complete this survey online at nkumcri.org. Click on "Church Survey" in the left-hand main menu.

SECTION ONE: WHO WE ARE

1. What is your current Zip Code?

2. Please indicate your current age

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50-54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-59 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> 60-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-69 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 70-74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75-79 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 80-84 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 85 and over |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45-49 | |

3. Please indicate your gender

- Male
 Female

4. Please indicate the ethnic or racial group(s) with which you identify

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian and Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to respond |

5. What is your marital status?

- Single, never married
- Married
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

6. Do you have children living at home?

- No
- Yes

6a. If yes, please provide ages (use separate line for each child)

_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

7. Do you have an elder parent(s) living at home with you?

- No
- Yes

7a. If yes, please indicate any special needs your parent has:

8. What is the highest level of education you have attained?

- Some high school
- High school graduate or GED
- Some college, no degree
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate or professional degree

9. What is/are the primary language(s) spoken at home?

- English
- Spanish
- Other Indo-European language
- Asian and Pacific Islander language
- Other language: _____

10. Where were you born?

- 50 States (Which? _____)
- Puerto Rico
- US Island areas
- Europe
- Asia
- Africa
- Oceania
- Latin America
- Northern America

11. How long have you lived in Rhode Island?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 5-10 years
- More than 10 years

12. What is your employment status?

- Full-Time
- Full-Time, but no benefits
- Part-Time
- Student
- Retired
- Volunteer
- Unemployed, seeking work
- Unemployed, not seeking work

13. What is your annual household income?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000-\$99,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000-\$14,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000-\$149,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000-\$24,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000-\$199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000-\$34,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35,000-\$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to respond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000-\$74,999 | |

14. In what faith were you raised?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> United Methodist | <input type="checkbox"/> Judaism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Protestant | <input type="checkbox"/> Islam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roman Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> None |

SECTION TWO: OUR CHURCH LIFE

15. On average, how often do you attend worship services at THIS church?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Every week | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-6 times per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 times per month | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 times per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not attend |

16. How often do you attend worship services at other churches?

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Every week | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-6 times per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 times per month | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 times per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not attend |

17. Do you have access to transportation to get to church?

- No
- Yes

17a. If yes, how do you get to church?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Car or other private vehicle (as passenger) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle | <input type="checkbox"/> Public transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car or other private vehicle (as driver) | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |

18. Have you in the last 12 months participated in any of the following at or through this church?

Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Book/Bible study | <input type="checkbox"/> Special event (concert, presentation) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bread Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Café del Soul | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Social Time | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Formation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee (Admin Council, SPRC, Finance, Trustees, Shepherding, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Dinner | <input type="checkbox"/> UMM activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District/Conference Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> UMW activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraiser | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Support (usher, counter, acolyte, communion server, liturgist) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat for Humanity | <input type="checkbox"/> Other meeting or event _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music (choir, hand bells, instrumental) | |

19. What type of ministries or activities would you like us to initiate that would help you grow in your spiritual life/relationship with God?

20. Do you worship through giving?

- Regularly through Tithes and Offerings
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Not applicable

21. If it were available, would you give electronically? Check all that apply:

- Online (Paypal or similar website)
- Automatic transfer from your bank
- Credit or debit card

22. Do you participate in our Shopping Card program?

- Yes
- No

22a. If not, why not?

23. How would you PREFER to find out about events in the life of the church?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday announcements | <input type="checkbox"/> Email |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Church website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly bulletin | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly newsletter (mailed) | |

24. How did you find NKUMC?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet search |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brought by a friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brought by family member | <input type="checkbox"/> Other advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drove by church | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone book | |

25. What made you decide to attend this church?

26. What aspect of church life is the most appealing for you?

27. What aspect is the least appealing?

28. What type of worship format is most appealing to you; for example, traditional or contemporary?

29. Services are currently offered at 5:00 pm Saturdays and 10:00 am on Sundays. Which service do you normally attend?

- 5:00pm Saturday Café Service
- 10:00am Sunday Service

30. On a scale of 1 to 10, the music/singing at the service you most often attend is (circle one number):

Uninspiring 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Uplifting

Why? Please comment:

31. On a scale of 1 to 10, the message/scripture readings at the service you most often attend is (circle one number):

Uninspiring 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Uplifting

Why? Please comment:

32. On a scale of 1 to 10, the PowerPoint visuals used during the services you most often attend are (circle one number):

Uninspiring 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Uplifting

Why? Please comment:

33. On a scale of 1 to 10, how important/useful is the weekly worship bulletin to you (circle one number)?

Unimportant

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Very Important

Why? Please comment:

34. Is there anything else you want to share? You may attach additional pages as necessary.

SECTION THREE: SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL NEEDS

35. What do you need a pastor to do FOR you?

36. What do you need a pastor to do WITH you?

37. What is this church able to do with existing gifts, graces and vision ON ITS OWN without significant pastoral involvement?

38. In light of your responses above, rank the importance of each of these areas for pastoral emphasis on a scale of 1 (not important) to 5 (very important).

_____ Hospital / Emergency Visitation

_____ Preaching

_____ Church Administration

_____ Strategic Planning

_____ Conflict Resolution

_____ Equipping Laity for Ministry

_____ Stewardship

_____ Worship Technology

_____ Use of Social Media

_____ Visitation (congregational and community)

_____ Visioning

_____ Spiritual Growth of Members

_____ Leading and Designing Worship

_____ Counseling

_____ Evangelism

_____ Teaching

_____ Healing Ministry

_____ Social Justice Ministries

_____ Mission in Community

_____ Children's Ministry

_____ Leading Staff

_____ Communication Technology

_____ Ecumenical Participation

_____ Youth Ministry

_____ Use of Technology