

Christ Lutheran Church, Stoughton, Wisconsin
Survey #1 - Congregational Current and Future Direction Results

May 22, 2018

Two perception surveys were conducted by the Christ Lutheran Church Council during April and May, 2018. Results for "Survey #2 Pastoral Characteristics" are published separately. Respondents were provided with the following five choices for each question: SA = Strongly Agree, A = Agree, N = No Opinion or Not Applicable, D = Disagree, and SD = Strongly Disagree. The chart above each question and category combines Strongly Agree with Agree and Disagree with Strongly Disagree in percentages. Results are based on 102 responses - 13.75% of 742 confirmed members and 34.34% of average 2017 Sunday attendance of 297 that includes children. 27 surveys were submitted electronically.

Top Ten Strongly Agree + Agree

#	%	Question	
1	31	99.0%	Property and building should be kept in good shape.
2	4	95.1%	The congregation fosters youth and young family participation.
3	21	91.2%	The worship . . . involving congregational youth in music & liturgy during worship services.
4	15	90.2%	The congregation is obviously Lutheran in identity and practice.
5	1	89.2%	The congregation has a strong community outreach.
6	12	87.3%	The congregation provides its facilities for community use.
7	2	85.3%	The congregation should develop a strategic plan.
	18	85.3%	Before calling, council must provide a rationale for filling the position.
	23	85.3%	The worship experience is enhanced by providing contemporary & traditional services.
10	19	83.3%	Before calling, council must provide financial data to support calling a second pastor.

= Question number % = Percentage strongly agree and agree

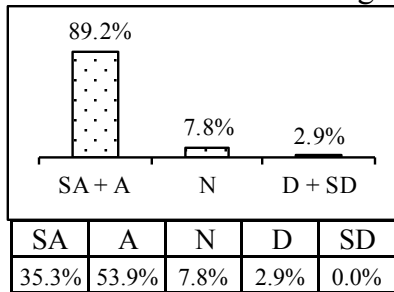
Top Ten Disagree + Strongly Disagree

#	%	Question	
1	6	59.8%	The congregation has no stated goals or plans.
2	24	44.6%	The worship experience is enhanced by using mostly organ music rather than a variety of instr.
3	7	33.3%	The congregation is racially diverse.
4	36	31.3%	Family Express should be offered on Saturday evenings.
5	35	28.6%	Family Express should be offered during summer.
6	32	27.0%	I will increase my 2019 pledge so a second pastor can be called.
7	29	25.5%	The worship experience is enhanced by reducing printing costs, relying on overhead screens.
8	40	24.2%	Repeat hymns often enough to memorize them.
9	43	20.2%	Need to sing hymns that are familiar so visitors are comfortable with us.
10	47	19.2%	Congregation members should provide a written pledge every year.

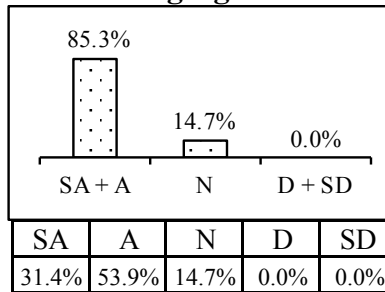
= Question number % = Percentage disagree and strongly disagree.

Questions 1 through 17 and 58 through 62 were based on the ELCA's "Ministry Site Profile" as well as questions 1 through 25 on Survey #2, Pastoral Characteristics. The remaining questions were suggested by Christ Lutheran Church members during April, 2018.

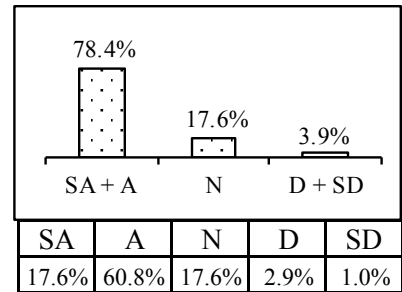
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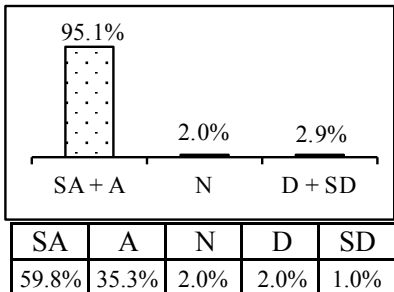
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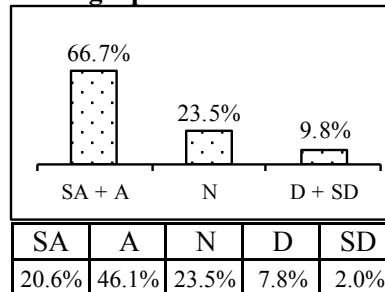
2 should develop a strategic plan.



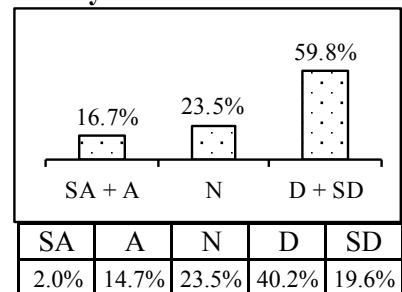
3 participates in ELCA and synod activities.



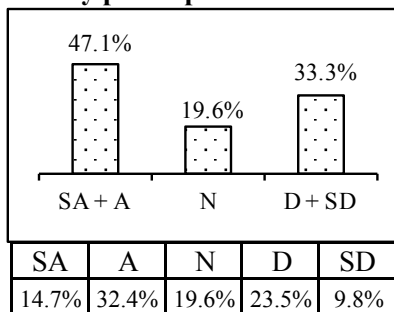
4 fosters youth and young family participation.



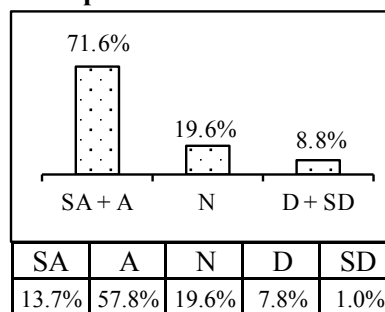
5 tends to be informal and spontaneous.



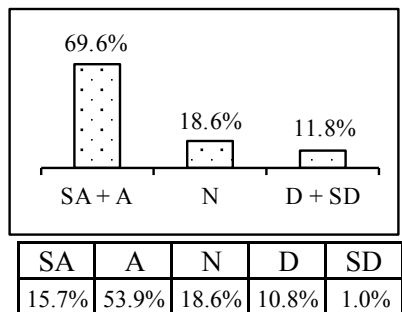
6 has no stated goals or plans.



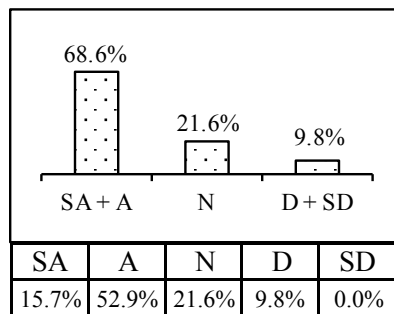
7 is racially diverse



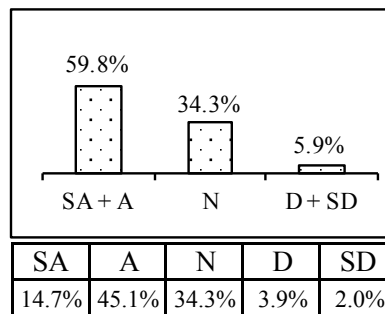
8 is economically diverse.



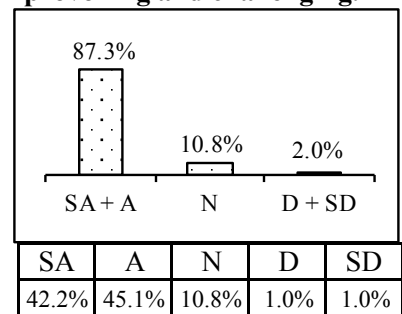
9 welcomes ideas that are thought provoking and challenging.



10 relies on group decision making.

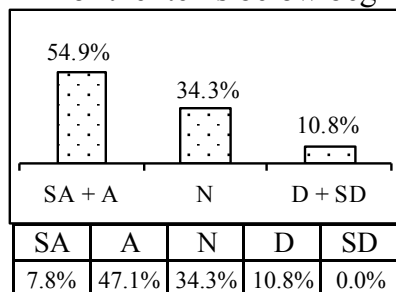


11 has learned to use conflict constructively.

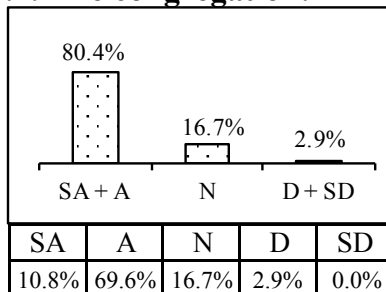


12 provides its facilities for community use.

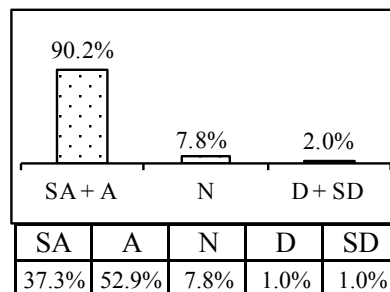
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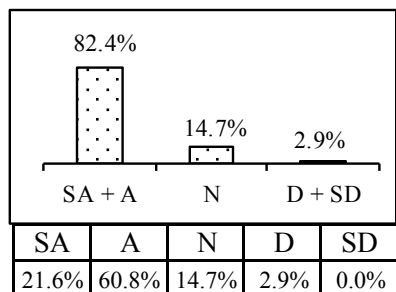
13 trains people to minister outside our walls.



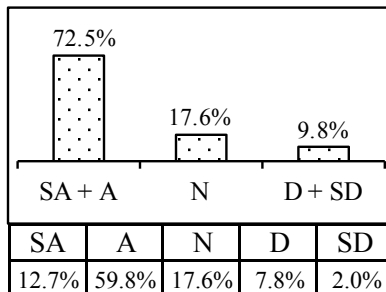
14 focuses on ideas and beliefs.



15 is obviously Lutheran in identity and practice.

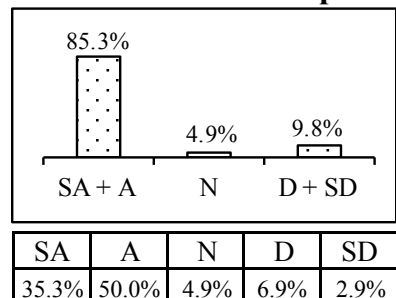


16 focuses on Biblical studies and doctrine.

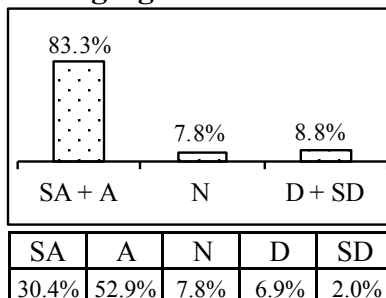


17 focuses on contemporary issues and topics.

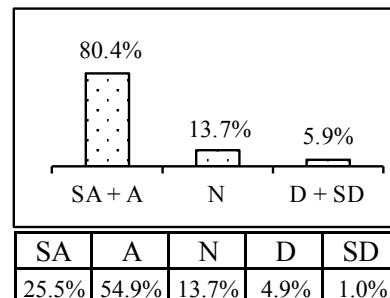
All of the items below begin with: **Before initiating a call for a second pastor, the church council must provide all congregation members with:**



18 a rationale for filling the position.

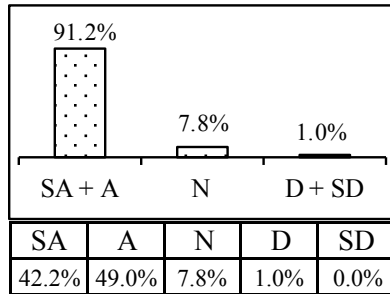


19 financial data to support calling a second pastor.

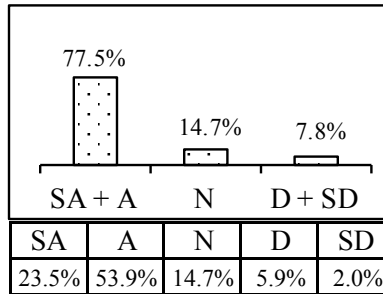


20 a dialog resulting in support for any call decision.

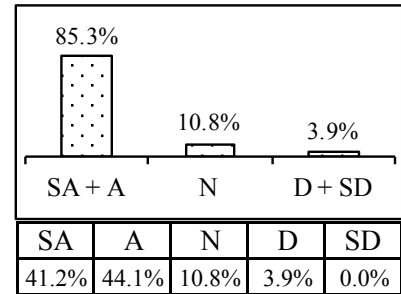
All of the items below begin with: **The worship experience is enhanced by:**



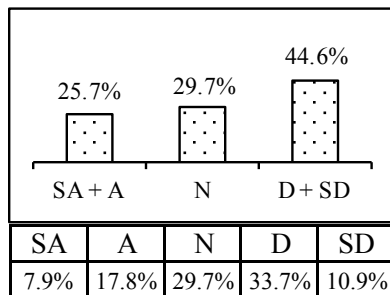
21 involving congregational youth in music and liturgy during worship services.



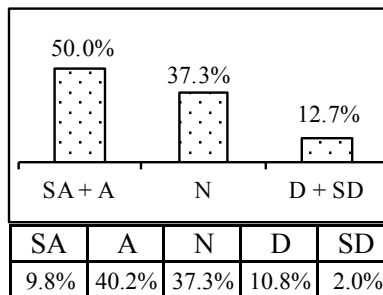
22 handbell choir performances.



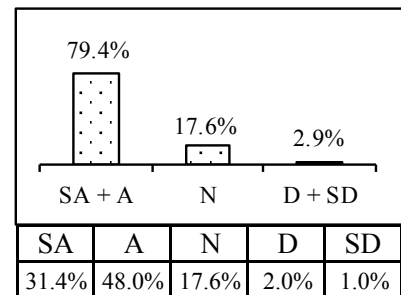
23 providing contemporary as well as traditional worship services.



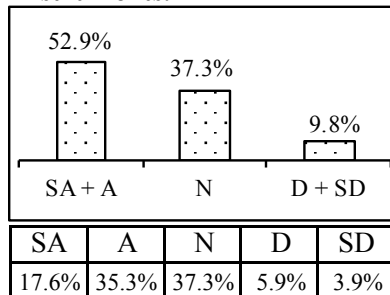
24 using mostly organ music rather than a variety of instruments.



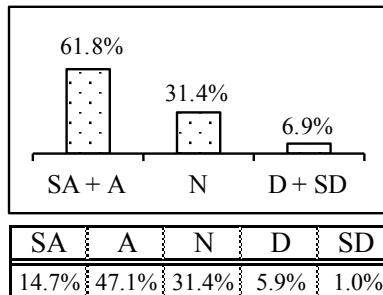
25 using percussion or drums in traditional worship.



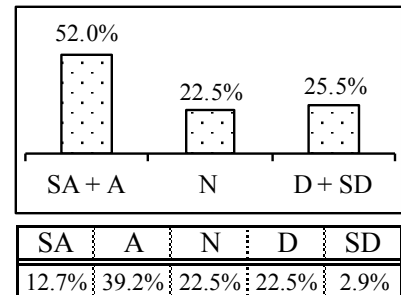
26 using the church website for information.



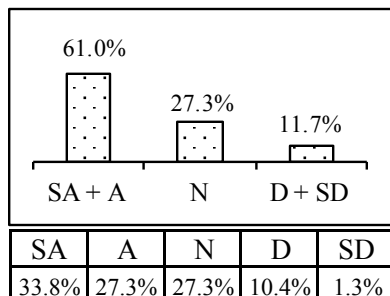
27 using a church Facebook page.



28 using the lectionary. (pre-defined Scripture texts based on the date/season)

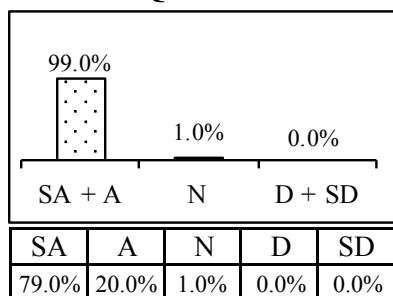


29 reducing printing costs by relying on the overhead screens.

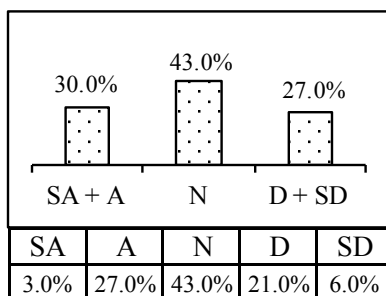


30 The worship experience is enhanced by regularly including children's sermons.

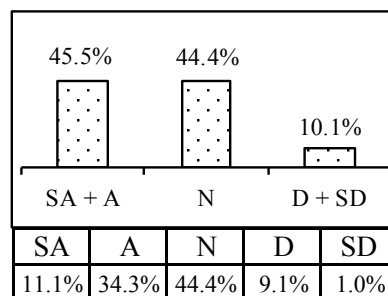
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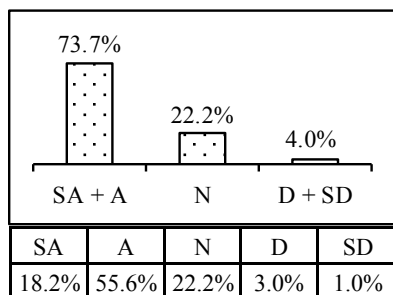
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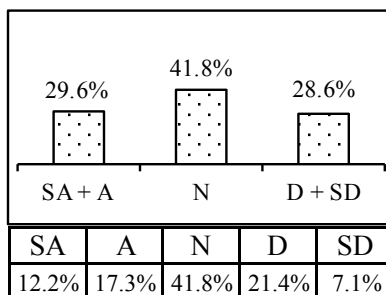
32 I will increase my 2019 pledge so a second pastor can be called.



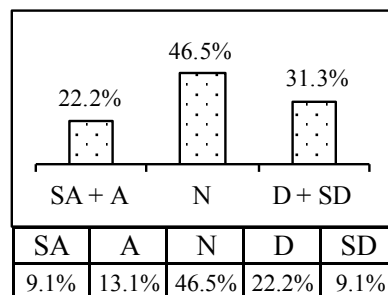
**33 We are a loud group!
Joy in joyful noise.
Joy in organized chaos.**



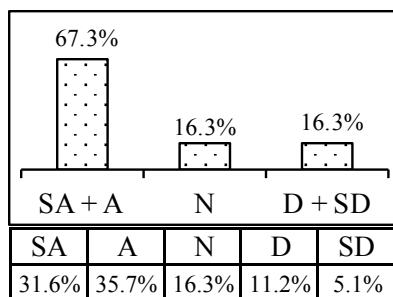
34 Utilize interns while we have a pastor vacancy.



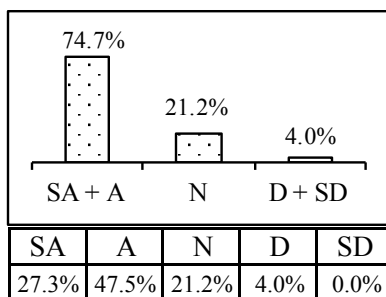
35 Family Express should be offered during summer.



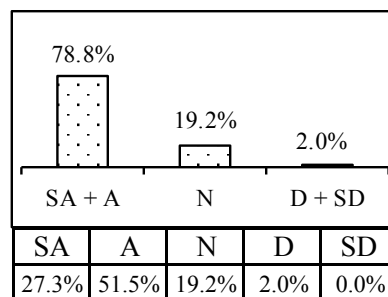
36 Family Express should be offered on Saturday evenings.



37 Do not shake hands at services during cold and flu season.

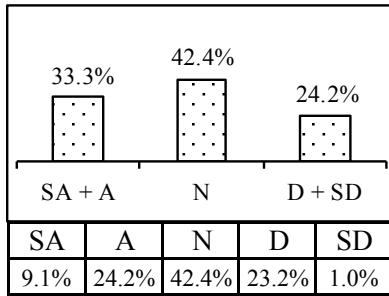


38 Utilize lively music.

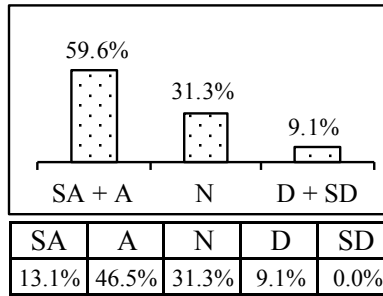


39 Utilize music from current Christian and traditional songs.

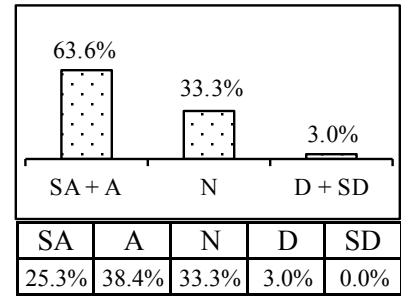
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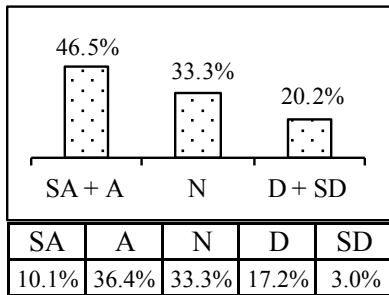
40 Repeat hymns often enough to memorize them.



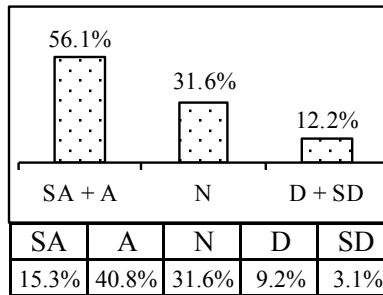
41 Continue Saturday evening summer worship with a contemporary flair.



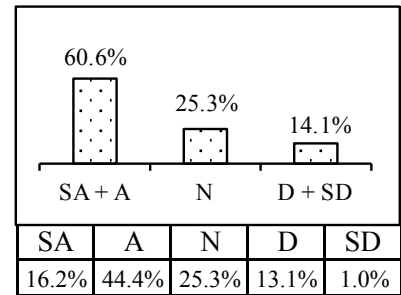
42 Current piano and band are important for Family Express.



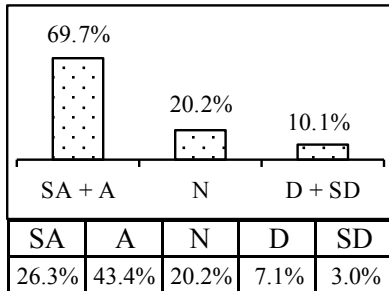
43 Need to sing hymns that are familiar so visitors are comfortable with us.



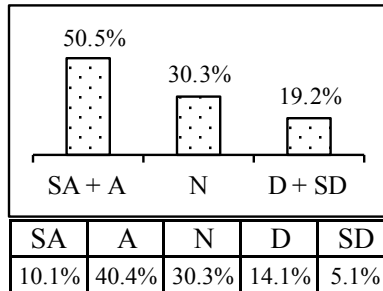
44 Confirmation students should teach/assist education for younger children.



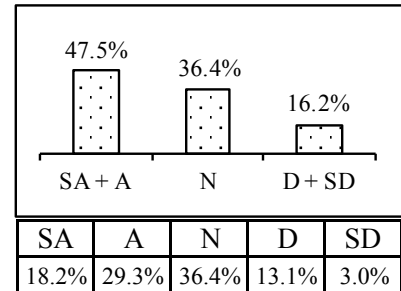
45 Confirmation students should receive credit for teaching/assisting.



46 The congregation should continue to support mission trips.



47 Congregation members should provide a written pledge each year.



48 Service times and days should be reviewed.

Responses to narrative questions are in a separate document.