

## Will Your Congregation Still Exist Ten Years From Now?

### 10 Factors That May Impact Your Survivability, Vitality, and Vibrancy

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#	√	More Likely to Exist	√	Marginal/Uncertain	√	Less Likely to Exist
1		We are fueled and flavored by an empowering spiritual vision and deep relationships.		We are flavored by the success of programs, ministries and activities.		We are fueled by management processes that are controlling.
2		We have high expectations of attendees that they will be growing as disciples.		We have some, yet tentative, expectations of attendees regarding discipleship.		We have few or no expectations of attendees regarding discipleship.
3		The average age of the active congregation is less than 50 years old.		The average age of the active congregation is 50 to 65 years of age.		The average age of the active congregation is over 65 years old.
4		The average tenure of the active congregation is less than 15 years.		The average tenure of the active congregation is 15 to 25 years.		The average tenure of the active congregation is more than 25 years.
5		Relationships within the congregation are about true friendships with one another.		Relationships within the congregation are about meaningful fellowship.		Relationships within the congregation are about face familiarity with many people.
6		Worship services are about a true relationship with and praise to our Triune God.		Worship services are a weekly program in keeping with our faith tradition.		Worship is a weekly cultural gathering where we celebrate the traditions of the church.
7		Weekly attendance has grown at least 10% during the past five years.		Weekly attendance is plateaued; not experiencing much growth or decline.		Weekly attendance has declined at least 10% during the past five years.
8		More than 30% of our budget goes to programs, ministries, activities, and missional efforts outside the congregation.		20% to 30% of our budget goes to programs, ministries, activities, and missional efforts outside the congregation.		Less than 20% of our budget goes to programs, ministries, activities, and missional efforts outside the congregation.
9		We have no significant debt for our buildings and/or other areas of our church.		We have significant debt for our buildings and/or other areas of the church.		We have overwhelming and burdening debt for our buildings and/or other areas.
10		Our buildings are in good shape and simply require routine and expected repairs.		Our buildings need regular repairs, and we are behind on routine maintenance.		Our buildings are in disrepair and we must address major repair needs.
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