

# Congregational Survey



St Paul's United Church, 2014

# What we believe:



1. I believe the Bible is a factual account of what happened thousands of years ago.

- Strongly agree (29.55%)
- **Somewhat agree (38.64%)**
- Somewhat disagree (18.18%)
- Strongly disagree (11.36%)
- Not sure (2.27%)

# What we believe:



2. I believe the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God; i.e. the Bible is a divine product that comes directly from God.
  - Strongly agree (28.57%)
  - Somewhat agree (30.95%)
  - Somewhat disagree (14.29%)
  - Strongly disagree (21.43%)
  - Not sure (4.76%)



# What we believe:



3. The 'traditional' beliefs no longer work for me and I want to discover new ways of looking at and understanding my faith.
  - Strongly agree (16.67%)
  - Somewhat agree (26.19%)
  - Somewhat disagree (26.19%)
  - Strongly disagree (26.19%)
  - Not sure (4.76%)

# What we believe:



## 4. I feel the Bible is no longer relevant.

- Strongly agree (0.00%)
- Somewhat agree (9.30%)
- Somewhat disagree (18.60%)
- **Strongly disagree (72.09%)**
- Not sure (0.00%)

# What we believe:



5. I take the Bible seriously, but I don't take it literally.

- Strongly agree (29.27%)
- Somewhat agree (46.34%)
- Somewhat disagree (7.32%)
- Strongly disagree (4.88%)
- Not sure (12.20%)

# What we believe:



6. I am comfortable with expansive language for God i.e. not just Father or 'He', but Mother/She, Creator, Spirit, Holy One, etc
  - Strongly agree (39.53%)
  - Somewhat agree (30.23%)
  - Somewhat disagree (6.98%)
  - Strongly disagree (11.63%)
  - Not sure (11.63%)



# Our church as a community:

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## 7. Our church is a welcoming community.

- Strongly agree (32.56%)
- **Somewhat agree (58.14%)**
- Somewhat disagree (9.30%)
- Strongly disagree (0.00%)
- Not sure (0.00%)



# Our church as a community:

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8. There are groups of people in our church who make others feel unwelcome, incapable or unvalued.

- Strongly agree (9.76%)
- Somewhat agree (39.02%)
- Somewhat disagree (24.39%)
- Strongly disagree (24.39%)
- Not sure (2.44%)

# Our church as a community:

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9. Our church as a community reaches out to those who have been hurt by others in our midst..

- Strongly agree (17.06%)
- **Somewhat agree (56.10%)**
- Somewhat disagree (17.07%)
- Strongly disagree (0.00%)
- Not sure (9.76%)

# Our church as a community:

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10. Gossip is a problem which hurts people in our church community..

- Strongly agree (38.10%)
- Somewhat agree (21.43%)
- Somewhat disagree (14.29%)
- Strongly disagree (7.14%)
- Not sure (19.05%)

# Our church as a community:

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11. Our church community values the contributions of all ages.

- Strongly agree (56.10%)
- Somewhat agree (36.59%)
- Somewhat disagree (4.88%)
- Strongly disagree (0.00%)
- Not sure (2.44%)



# Our church as a community:

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12. Our church community is open to new ways of doing things.

- Strongly agree (16.67%)
- Somewhat agree (42.24%)
- Somewhat disagree (21.43%)
- Strongly disagree (9.52%)
- Not sure (7.14%)

# Our church as a community:

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13. I feel comfortable in our church community.

- Strongly agree (50.00%)
- Somewhat agree (35.71%)
- Somewhat disagree (11.9%)
- Strongly disagree (0.00%)
- Not sure (2.38%)

# Worship and Learning:



14. I find Sunday morning worship to be boring.

- Strongly agree (2.38%)
- Somewhat agree (7.14%)
- Somewhat disagree (11.9%)
- **Strongly disagree (69.05%)**
- Not sure (9.52%)

# Worship and Learning:



15. I would like to see more variety in worship ie.  
Drama, videos, discussion.

- Strongly agree (9.52%)
- Somewhat agree (33.33%)
- Somewhat disagree (30.95%)
- Strongly disagree (14.29%)
- Not sure (11.90%)



# Worship and Learning:



16. I would like more opportunities for debate and questioning.

- Strongly agree (2.44%)
- Somewhat agree (29.27%)
- **Somewhat disagree (31.71%)**
- Strongly disagree (9.76%)
- Not sure (26.83%)

# Worship and Learning:



17. I enjoy Sunday morning worship just the way it is.

- Strongly agree (35.71%)
- Somewhat agree (42.86%)
- Somewhat disagree (4.76%)
- Strongly disagree (2.38%)
- Not sure (14.29%)

# Our church reaches out:



18. I want my church community to concentrate more on working for justice in the world

- Strongly agree (9.52%)
- Somewhat agree (59.52%)
- Somewhat disagree (16.67%)
- Strongly disagree (2.38%)
- Not sure (11.90%)

# Our church reaches out:



19. I want my church community to work more with the poor to improve their situation

- Strongly agree (11.90%)
- Somewhat agree (66.67%)
- Somewhat disagree (14.29%)
- Strongly disagree (0.00%)
- Not sure (7.14%)



# Our church reaches out:



20. I want my church community to provide a safe haven for those who are hurting and need help any day of the week.

- **Strongly agree (57.14%)**
- Somewhat agree (35.71%)
- Somewhat disagree (2.38%)
- Strongly disagree (0.00%)
- Not sure (4.76%)

# Our church reaches out:



21. I want my church community to work towards building closer relationships with Indigenous communities.

- Strongly agree (19.05%)
- **Somewhat agree (50.00%)**
- Somewhat disagree (16.67%)
- Strongly disagree (2.38%)
- Not sure (11.90%)

# Our church reaches out:



22. I want my church community to be an affirming church which reaches out to all LGBT people.

- Strongly agree (45.00%)
- Somewhat agree (37.50%)
- Somewhat disagree (0.00%)
- Strongly disagree (2.50%)
- Not sure (15.00%)

# Our church reaches out:



23. I want my church community to be more involved in environmental issues, caring for God's creation.

- Strongly agree (26.19%)
- Somewhat agree (57.14%)
- Somewhat disagree (7.14%)
- Strongly disagree (2.38%)
- Not sure (7.14%)





**Our future: We would like to get a sense of what our church family sees as our future, as a congregation, as a faith community and as a facility. With a steady decline in the annual giving, there will be options that must be considered and decisions to be made. The Leadership Team would appreciate feedback in order to come up with a 5 and 10 year plan for St. Paul's**

# Our future:



24. I feel that in the near future, using the church building in the present manner will no longer be viable.

- Strongly agree (19.05%)
- **Somewhat agree (54.76%)**
- Somewhat disagree (14.29%)
- Strongly disagree (7.14%)
- Not sure (4.76%)

# Our future:



25. I am not in favour of considering any change in the use of our building.

- Strongly agree (7.50%)
- Somewhat agree (15.00%)
- Somewhat disagree (20.00%)
- **Strongly disagree (55.00%)**
- Not sure (2.50%)

# Our future:



26. I would be in favour of considering part time ministry in the future in order to keep our building operating.

- Strongly agree (12.50%)
- Somewhat agree (62.50%)
- Somewhat disagree (15.00%)
- Strongly disagree (7.50%)
- Not sure (2.50%)



# Our future:



27. I would be in favour of renting some of our space such as basement rooms which are underused, in order to generate revenue to keep our church open.

- **Strongly agree (63.41%)**
- Somewhat agree (34.15%)
- Somewhat disagree (2.44%)
- Strongly disagree (0.00%)
- Not sure (0.00%)

# Our future:



28. I would be in favour of some structural changes to the CE bldg and basement in order to accommodate a prospective tenant's needs.

- Strongly agree (34.15%)
- Somewhat agree (48.78%)
- Somewhat disagree (7.32%)
- Strongly disagree (7.32%)
- Not sure (2.44%)



**Thank you!**