

Canadian Conference

Section A: My Faith Story

Check **ONE** answer box for each question, unless other directions are provided.

1. How often do you typically attend worship services?

- Never 0.0
- Once a year or less 0.0
- A few times a year 0.0
- About once a month 0.0
- 2 or 3 times a month 4.4
- Every week 85.3
- Several times a week 10.3

2. How important to you are your religious beliefs?

- Not at all important 0.0
- Not too important 0.0
- Fairly important 0.9
- Very important 32.2
- The most important thing in my life 67.0

3. In general, how close would you describe your present relationship with God?

- Very distant 0.0
- Distant 0.0
- Fairly distant 0.9
- Between distant and close 4.1
- Fairly close 20.7
- Close 43.8
- Very close 30.5

4. Do you believe that God has a specific plan for your life?

- No 2.4
- Yes 90.9
- Not sure 6.5

5. In what year were you born?

Average age: 52.5

6. Was there ever a time in your life when you accepted Christ as Savior and Lord?

- No, I don't think of myself as having "accepted Christ." 1.8
- Yes, it was a specific moment. 69.3
- Yes, but it happened gradually. 28.9

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7. Would you describe yourself as a born-again Christian?

- No 1.5
- Yes 95.2
- Not sure 3.3

Section B: Religious Beliefs

1. Which statement **best** expresses your belief about God? (check one)

- I know that God really exists and I have no doubts about it. 94.6
- While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God. 5.1
- I don't believe in a personal God, but I do believe in a higher power of some kind. 0.0
- I don't know whether there is a God, and I don't believe there is any way to find out. 0.3
- I don't believe in God. 0.0

2. Which statement **best** expresses your view of why Jesus died on the cross? (check one)

- Jesus had to die to complete God's plan of salvation. 92.3
- Jesus died as a sacrifice to satisfy God's anger against sin. 4.5
- Jesus willingly died to show the power of nonviolent love. 3.3
- Jesus died because he condemned social and economic injustice. 0.0

3. Which statement **best** expresses your view of Jesus' divinity? (check one)

- Jesus is fully divine and fully God. 96.7
- Jesus is divine, but he is not exactly God. 3.3
- Jesus is not divine, but he helped to reveal God to us. 0.0
- I don't think of Jesus as being divine 0.0

4. Which statement **best** describes your view of how the Holy Spirit works? (check one)

- The Spirit speaks directly to individuals in a personal way. 50.2
- The Spirit speaks directly to individuals and also through the faith community. 49.2
- The Spirit speaks primarily through the faith community. 0.3
- The Spirit is another name for human insight. 0.3

5. Which statement best expresses your view of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as healing, prophesying, and speaking in tongues? (check one)

- They are only expressions of human emotions. 2.5
- They reflect God's Spirit more than human emotions. 9.9
- They reflect human emotions more than God's Spirit 11.5
- They are genuine gifts of God's Spirit to Christians. 76.2

6. Have you ever personally experienced any of these gifts of the Spirit? (check all that apply)

- Tongues 15.6%
- Cast out demons 5.6%
- None of these 51%
- Prophesied 7.7%
- "baptism of the Holy Spirit" 28.9%
- Healed someone 3.2%

7. Have you ever had a miraculous healing of a disease or injury in your body?

- No 52.6
- Yes 27.9
- Not sure 19.5

8. Which statement best expresses what you believe about the Bible? (check one)

- The Bible is the actual Word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word. 50.0
- The Bible is the inspired Word of God, but not everything in it should be taken literally. 49.1
- The Bible is an ancient book of stories, history, and moral guidelines recorded by human authors. 0.9
- The Bible has no relevance for today. 0.0

9. A central element of BIC beliefs is an emphasis on holiness. Which two of the following statements best reflect your understanding of holiness (check two)

- Holiness involves surrendering one's life fully to God. 91.2
- Holiness is an important goal but one which often eludes us. 22.2
- Holiness refers to choices we make regarding how we live our lives. 51.9
- Holiness means living a life free of sin. 33.4
- Not sure. 1.3

10. Sanctification is an important theological idea. Which statement best captures your view of sanctification? (check one)

- It is the process of becoming holy; it comes after justification. 14.0
- It is part of the process of becoming Christian; it occurs when one is converted. 5.5
- It is the process of becoming more Christ-like; it starts at conversion but continues as one grows in Christ. 71.1
- Not sure 1.3

11. People use different words to describe their beliefs. Which of the following words describe your own religious beliefs? (check all that apply)

- Fundamental-ist 11.2
- Evangelical 74.0
- Charismatic 9.1
- Agnostic 0.3
- Anabaptist 38.9
- Mennonite 10.3
- Spiritual 47.5
- Pietist 5.6
- Radical 3.5
- Mainline Protestant 8.6
- Pentecostal 4.7
- Other (write) 13.9

12. Please write the two words from the list above that best describe your beliefs.

1st – Evangelical (82.4%) 2nd - Spiritual (55.5%) 3rd - Anabaptist (32.3%)

13. How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?

(check one box for each statement)

	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
a. Muslims and Christians worship the same God.	66.0	15.9	12.4	5.7
b. Christians should do all they can to convert Muslims to Christ.	3.1	9.3	31.1	56.5
c. Christians should do all they can to convert all non-believers to Christ.	3.3	2.1	21.4	73.2
d. Spiritual warfare between the forces of Satan and God is real in my life.	2.2	6.2	24.1	67.3

How often do you do each of the following activities? (check one box for each activity)

	Never	Several Times a Year	Once a Month	2-3 Times a Month	Once a Week	Several Times a Week	Daily
a. Pray privately	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.1	3.2	20.9	73.5
b. Say grace (pray) before meals	0.0	3.3	1.2	2.1	3.0	6.8	83.7
c. Read or study the Bible on your own	1.2	5.1	2.7	5.1	11.9	34.0	40.0
d. Participate in a small group for discussion, prayer or Bible study (other than family or Sunday School)	9.2	11.3	6.4	13.8	45.3	9.5	4.6
e. Speak about your faith to persons outside your church and family	3.1	31.7	12.0	19.4	12.9	16.0	4.9
f. Try to convert others to faith in Christ	23.0	48.2	6.8	8.7	4.2	3.6	5.5
g. Invite non-Christians to attend services or activities at your church	12.9	58.3	9.5	9.2	3.7	3.7	2.8

Section C: Congregational Life

1. How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?

(check one box for each statement)

	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
a. I feel personally supported by my congregation.	0.3	4.7	37.2	57.8
b. My congregation touches the lives of many persons who live near it.	1.5	12.5	42.7	43.3
c. My congregation has a strong commitment to serve the local community.	1.5	8.3	36.0	54.2
d. My congregation has a clear sense of mission and purpose.	0.6	7.5	38.4	53.5
e. My relationship with my congregation is very important to me.	0.0	2.7	27.0	70.3
f. I favor ordaining women for pastoral ministry.	8.2	19.2	31.1	41.5

2. Which statement best describes your relationship with your congregation? (check one)

- I am an active member. 89.7
 I am an inactive member. 2.4
 I am an associate member. 0.9
 I attend, but I am not a member. 7.1

3. Which of the following reasons caused you to become part of your congregation?

(check all that apply)

- The church was close to my home. 31.9
 The congregation seemed spiritually alive. 52.8
 I had friends in this congregation. 36.6
 The teaching and theology of the congregation 41.0
 I was impressed with the pastor(s). 50.1
 I had family members who attend here. 15.9
 The racial/ethnic identity of the church 3.5
 Someone came to my home and invited me. 7.7
 I married a member of the congregation. 8.3
 Congregational programs and activities 11.5
 I was impressed by how active the church was in social justice issues. 6.5
 Other 21.8

4. How positive or negative would you feel about having these items as a regular part of your worship service? (check one box for each item)

	Very Negative	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Very Positive
a. Hymns with 4-part harmony	1.8	7.0	27.4	32.2	31.6
b. Contemporary praise songs	0.3	1.5	10.8	40.4	47.0
c. Raising hands in praise	0.3	2.4	29.2	36.6	31.8
d. Personal faith testimonies	0.0	1.8	9.8	40.8	47.6
e. Altar calls with people going forward	2.1	4.2	21.7	36.8	35.3
f. Drama and dance	4.3	9.1	32.5	39.2	14.9

g. Litanies and responsive readings	2.5	11.1	40.3	37.2	8.9
h. Other people praying aloud while the minister prays	18.9	39.0	27.7	10.1	4.3
i. Referring to God as "Mother" or "She"	71.6	18.6	7.3	2.1	0.3
j. Referring to God as "Father" or "He"	1.2	0.9	9.0	26.2	62.7

5. Which type of ministry education do you most prefer for a pastor? (check one)

- Self-educated through personal Bible study and prayer 4.9
- Formal Bible classes and some seminary level training 31.6
- Formal Bible and ministry classes, but not at the seminary level 5.2
- A seminary degree 35.9
- No preference 22.5

6. Would you prefer to have a pastor selected from within your congregation or from outside it?

- Within 6.9
- Outside 26.3
- No preference 66.8

7. In your view, where should the primary authority for a pastor's ministry reside? (check one)

- In the pastor's personal anointing by God's Spirit 55.5
- In the local congregation's call and affirmation 14.5
- In the pastor's personal skills and competence for ministry 11.3
- In the conference or denomination's recognition of ordination 18.7

8. All things considered, would you prefer to have a woman or a man as your lead pastor?

- A woman 0.9
- A man 67.8
- No preference 31.3

9. In your view, how much priority should a pastor give to each of the following tasks? (check one box for each task)

	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority	Top Priority
a. Preaching sermons	0.0	2.1	44.3	53.6
b. Planning and leading worship	19.0	37.8	33.8	9.4
c. Providing pastoral counseling and care	1.5	16.4	56.1	26.0
d. Shaping the congregation's vision	0.6	15.0	55.4	29.0
e. Coordinating administrative tasks	26.4	47.4	21.9	4.2
f. Managing conflict in the congregation	5.1	26.9	54.7	13.3
g. Leading local outreach programs	12.7	49.1	32.4	5.8
h. Emphasizing issues of peace and social justice	18.8	44.1	29.8	7.3

10. How important is each of the following to you in your personal faith commitments? (check one box for each statement)

	Not Important at All	Not Very Important	Fairly Important	Very Important
a. Living a simple lifestyle	0.6	13.3	54.6	31.5
b. Adult baptism	1.2	5.8	31.0	62.0
c. Praising and glorifying God	0.0	0.6	15.1	84.3
d. Following Jesus in daily life	0.0	0.6	5.4	94.0
e. Evangelizing non-believers	0.9	6.9	49.2	42.9
f. Peacemaking and nonviolence	1.2	11.8	54.1	32.9
g. Serving others within the church	0.0	1.5	41.0	57.5
h. Serving others outside the church	0.0	2.1	47.6	50.3
i. Giving and receiving counsel from other members	0.6	14.2	62.4	22.7
j. Nonconformity to the world	1.2	11.1	48.1	39.5
k. Promoting social justice in the world	2.7	18.6	59.5	19.2
l. Building strong bonds of community in the church	0.6	1.2	39.6	58.6
m. Expressing Christian love in all my relationships	0.3	1.8	18.4	79.5
n. Practicing the spiritual disciplines	0.3	2.4	26.7	70.5

Section D: Family Life and Background

1. Are you...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | 60.4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | 39.6 |

2. Which of these descriptions fit you?

(check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African | 0.3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander | 1.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | 0.9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic | 0.3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian | 95.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed racial/ethnic | 0.9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | 0.6 |

3. Where were you born?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada | 84.6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Another country | 15.4 |

4. What was the main national origin of your ancestors? (see surveys)

5. In what countries were your parents born?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> My mother was born in Canada - | 74.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My father was born in Canada - | 75.5 |

6. What was the first language that you learned as a child?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> English | 91.7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French | 1.8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | 6.5 |

7. Where is your permanent residence now?

(check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> On a farm | 5.7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In open country, but not on a farm | 25.0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In a small town (under 10,000) or its suburbs | 22.9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In a small city (10,000 to 50,000) or its suburbs | 24.7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In a medium city (50,000 to 250,000) or its suburbs | 12.8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In a large city (over 250,000) or its suburbs | 8.9 |

8. How long have you lived in your present community? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 year | 3.6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4 years | 13.1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 9 years | 16.3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 19 years | 25.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 to 30 years | 18.4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than 30 years | 23.1 |

9. How many times, if any, have you been married?

One time – 77.3 ; More than once – 15.4; Never married – 7.3

10. How many times, if any, have you been divorced?

One or more times – 17.2

11. Which is your current status? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | 7.4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married | 85.2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed | 3.3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced | 3.0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Separated | 0.9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | 0.3 |

12. How many people live in your household?

Count yourself and everyone who uses your home as their permanent address.

(write the number) Mean = 3.1 (range 1 to 9)

13. How many children have you ever had, including those no longer living?

(write the number)

Biological children: Mean = 2.8 children

Adopted children: _____

Step-children: _____

14. IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, how many live with you for at least 2 months of the year?

Mean number = 2.19

15. IF YOU ARE MARRIED NOW, how happy has your marriage been for you? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Very unhappy | 5.1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat unhappy | 3.1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat happy | 20.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very happy | 71.2 |

16. How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?

(check one box for each statement)

	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
a. If a husband and wife cannot agree on a matter, the husband should have the final word.	18.5	23.1	49.5	8.8
b. In a marriage, the woman's career should be as important as the man's.	2.4	18.5	52.0	27.1
c. It is all right for women with young children to work full-time outside the home.	4.2	36.6	43.5	15.6
d. It is all right for people of the same sex to marry.	94.6	3.3	0.6	1.5

17. What is your present employment status?

- Employed full-time 41.3 Student 3.0 Retired and employed part-time 6.2
- Employed part-time 16.5 Homemaker (not retired) 9.5 Retired and not employed 21.2
- Unemployed 4.2 Other 4.5

18. What is your main occupation? If retired, describe your former job. _____

19. What exactly do you do at your job? _____

20. In a typical week, about how many hours do you work for pay? Mean = 33.7 hours per week

21. In a typical week, about how many hours do you spend doing any type of church-related volunteer work? Mean = 4.7 hours per week

22. Please indicate the level of formal education for each person below.

(Write a number beside each person. For students, indicate current level.)

Self	Spouse	Level
2.7	5.5	1 = Eighth grade or less
12.9	11.4	2 = Some high school but did not graduate
16.8	17.9	3 = High school graduate
9.9	11.7	4 = Trade or technical school beyond high school
23.4	21.4	5 = Some college, but not a four-year degree
19.8	17.6	6 = College graduate, a four-year degree
6.3	3.8	7 = Some graduate school, but not a degree
7.8	10.0	8 = Master's or similar professional degree
0.6	0.7	9 = Doctorate or similar advanced degree

Percent college degree

Self – 34.5%

Spouse – 32.1 %

23. Which one of the following neighborhoods would you prefer to live in? (check one)

- A neighborhood of mostly persons of my race/ethnicity 18.0
- A neighborhood of about half persons of my race/ethnicity and half persons of other races/ethnicities 9.1
- A neighborhood of mostly persons other than my race/ethnicity 0.9
- The racial/ethnic composition of my neighborhood doesn't matter to me. 72.0

24. What services or programs could the Canadian Conference of the Brethren in Christ provide that would be helpful to you and your congregation?

Section E: Faith and Social Issues

1. **Some people think there should be intentional efforts to hire and promote racial/ethnic minorities to overcome patterns of racism in our society. Do you support or oppose such hiring and promotion practices?**
 Strongly support 5.7 Support 53.0 Strongly oppose 8.6
 Oppose 32.7
2. **How important is it to you that church leaders discuss and address issues of race and racism?**
 Very important 19.6 Fairly important 55.8 Not very important 20.6 Not important at all 4.0
3. **On the whole, do you think immigration—people coming from other countries to live in Canada—is a good thing or a bad thing for this country?**
 A very bad thing 0.3 More bad than good 15.3 More good than bad 63.5 A very good thing 20.9
4. **Do you think the Canadian government is spending too much, too little, or about the right amount to protect the environment?**
 Too much 3.2 Too little 66.1 About the right amount 30.7
5. **Do you think a person with an incurable disease has the right to end his or her own life?**
 No 74.7 Yes 5.1 Not sure 20.2
6. **Which description best reflects your general outlook on the abortion issue? (check one)**
 Strong pro-life 78.0 Moderate pro-life 12.0 Neutral 5.4 Moderately pro choice 2.7 Strongly pro-choice 1.8
7. **Should it be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if she does not want a baby?**
 No 77.7 Yes 4.8 Not sure 17.5

8. **People have different views of the behaviors listed below. Please indicate how wrong you consider each behavior to be. (check one box for each behavior)**

	Never Wrong	Rarely Wrong	Sometimes Wrong	Usually Wrong	Always Wrong
a. Divorce	0.3	1.5	40.1	52.7	5.4
b. Drinking alcohol	0.9	6.9	52.6	23.7	15.6
c. Marriage between a Christian and a non-Christian	3.3	5.4	22.2	38.9	30.2
d. Marriage between people of different races	35.5	23.0	33.6	6.1	1.8
e. Watching X-rated (adult) movies	0.3	0.6	2.7	14.4	82.0
f. Premarital sexual intercourse	0.3	0.6	4.2	14.3	80.6
g. Extramarital sexual intercourse	0.0	0.3	0.0	2.4	96.7
h. Homosexual relations between consenting adults	1.2	0.0	2.1	4.2	92.5
i. Working as a police officer	64.3	24.9	9.3	0.6	0.9
j. Buying government lottery tickets	3.6	6.9	24.4	25.6	39.5
k. Gambling	0.6	2.7	18.5	23.3	54.9
l. Buying stylish and fashionable clothing	12.6	27.3	52.9	4.8	2.4
m. Wearing immodest clothing	1.8	1.5	14.4	32.7	49.5
n. Dancing	16.6	29.5	44.0	7.5	2.4
o. Using profanity (cursing)	0.3	0.6	5.1	15.0	79.0
p. Spanking children	3.9	17.1	59.3	14.4	5.4
q. Buying an expensive sports car	6.6	9.6	55.4	22.0	6.3
r. Playing violent computer or video games	0.3	1.8	12.8	25.6	59.5

Section F: Faith and Mission

1. In your opinion, what is the most important thing mission agencies should be doing in Canada and abroad? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelizing non-Christians 8.9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing both evangelism and social ministry 86.1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting the economic & social needs of people 4.7 | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not support mission work. 0.3 |

2. What do you think should be the three highest priorities for mission agencies? (check only THREE)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Support local congregations inside Canada 32.4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Community and economic development 42.8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support local congregations outside Canada 40.4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Peacemaking and reconciliation 29.7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban ministry in Canada 27.2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide opportunities for voluntary service 30.3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global evangelism and church planting 81.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Witness through mass media (TV and radio) 8.3 |

3. How much interest do you have in planting new churches? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I would be willing to move to another community to help plant a new church. 10.7 | <input type="checkbox"/> I favor church planting but I cannot do more than contribute money. 38.2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would be willing to help plant a new church if I would not have to move. 41.1 | <input type="checkbox"/> I am not interested in planting churches. 10.0 |

Section G: Faith and the Larger World

1. Which statement best reflects how you think Christians should relate to popular culture? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid it as much as possible 16.2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Engage it and try to make it better 32.8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in it, but not let it shape them 50.6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate and affirm it 0.3 |

2. Which statement best reflects how you think Christians should relate to government? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid government and politics as much as possible 1.2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Try to influence government to do what is right 63.4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperate as needed but do not get too involved 7.2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Actively participate in government to improve it 28.2 |

3. Which one of the following positions would you take if faced with a military draft? Both women and men should answer. (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular military service 9.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Register, but refuse to enter or serve 1.2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-combatant military service 23.3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Refuse to register 2.7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative service as a conscientious objector 37.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure 23.5 |

4. Have you ever served in the Armed Forces ?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No 95.8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 4.2 |
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5. How many members of your family have ever served in the Armed Forces?

Include yourself, spouse, parents, children, brothers, and sisters.

None – 65.5 One – 19.8 Two – 8.2 Three or more – 6.4

6. Do you generally think of yourself as Conservative, Liberal, NDP, or something else?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative 69.9 | <input type="checkbox"/> NDP 4.3 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these 15.6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liberal 5.8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Some other party 4.3 | |

7. As you think of your political views, where would you stand on a conservative to liberal scale?

- Very conservative 10.2
 Conservative 45.0
 Moderate 41.0
 Liberal 3.4
 Very liberal 0.3

8. Who did you vote for in the last federal election?

- Conservative Party 67.9
 NDP 5.2
 I did not vote. 13.9
 Liberal Party 7.7
 Another party 5.2

9. How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?

(check one box for each statement)

	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
a. It is all right for Christians to be in non-combatant service in the armed forces.	4.7	11.5	47.7	36.1
b. It is wrong for Christians to fight in any war.	17.6	31.1	36.2	15.1
c. Complete nonviolence as a way of living is very important to me.	5.9	11.8	48.3	34.1

10. How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?

(check one box for each statement)

	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
a. Christians should actively participate in politics to help improve society.	1.2	11.6	59.0	28.1
b. Church leaders should try to influence government leaders on issues like war, peace, racism, and poverty.	0.9	8.5	55.6	35.0
c. The death penalty should be used to punish convicted murderers.	32.6	35.1	26.4	5.9
d. It is all right for a Christian to file a lawsuit.	8.0	40.4	42.0	9.6
e. It is all right for a Christian to swear an oath in court.	15.3	17.4	43.3	24.0
f. There is a clear difference between the "kingdom of God" and the "kingdom of this world."	1.5	0.9	10.7	86.9

11. How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?

(check one box for each statement)

	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
a. Canada is a Christian nation.	15.6	46.8	34.9	2.8
b. It is all right to pledge allegiance to the flag.	7.0	20.1	52.9	20.1
c. It is all right to display the Canadian flag inside a church.	8.3	17.6	48.8	25.3
d. Canada has a special role in God's plan for the world.	2.8	6.9	49.7	40.6
e. The U.S. did the right thing by going to war against Iraq.	34.5	38.7	23.2	3.5
f. The "War on Terror" is a religious battle between the forces of good and evil.	20.1	24.3	37.8	17.8
g. Canada is viewed globally as a leader in peace keeping initiatives.	0.6	8.2	64.6	26.6
h. Quebec should be recognized as a nation within the nation of Canada.	53.3	29.0	15.0	2.8

Section H: Stewardship and Lifestyle

1. About what portion of your household income do you give to church and charitable causes?

- Less than 1 percent 1.2
 1 to 5 percent 6.7
 6 to 9 percent 18.2
 10 percent 28.5
 11 to 20 percent 40.0
 More than 20 percent 5.5

2. During the past two years has your household giving to your local congregation increased or decreased?

- Increased 54.5 Stayed about the same 38.9
 Decreased 6.6 Not sure 0.0

3. In which group did the total income for all members of your HOUSEHOLD fall in 2005?

Give your best estimate of all sources of income before taxes or other deductions.

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|---|------|---|------|---|-----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$5,000 | 0.9 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 13.8 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 1.9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 to \$14,999 | 3.1 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 24.2 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 to \$250,000 | 1.6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 to \$24,999 | 8.2 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 15.1 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$250,000 | 2.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 17.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 11.6 | | |

4. Do you rent or own your home?

- Rent 14.8 Own 85.2

5. How good is your physical health on a scale from 1 to 10? Mean = 7.96

(circle a number between "very poor" and "very good.")

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| Very poor | | | | | | | | | | | Very good |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | X8 | 9 | 10 | | |

6. Taking all things together, how happy would you say you are in general?

- Not too happy 1.8 Fairly happy 42.4 Very happy 55.8

7. In a typical day, about how many hours do you watch television?

Mean = 2.28 hours of TV per day

8. In a typical day, about how many hours do you use the Internet at home?

Include all activities such as e-mail, instant messaging, chat rooms, shopping, and browsing.

Mean = 1.4 hours internet use per day

9. How much stress do you typically feel from the pace and complexity of daily life?

- None 2.7 A little bit 37.3 A fair amount 43.1 Pretty much 14.2 Very much 2.7

10. Whether you are a player or a fan, how important are sports in your life?

- Not important at all 26.6 Not very important 47.0 Fairly important 23.1 Very important 3.3

11. As you think about important issues in our society and around the world, which three of these issues concern you the most? (check only THREE)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abortion | 16.4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunger | 22.7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child abuse | 36.1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pornography | 16.4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic abuse | 8.4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty | 25.4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental destruction | 13.1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Racism | 1.2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion of family values | 57.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Secular humanism | 10.1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global warming | 7.8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual immorality | 16.1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gun control | 1.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Terrorism | 11.9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness | 7.8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Violence in Canada | 5.7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homosexual marriage | 19.4 | <input type="checkbox"/> War | 9.9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human rights violations | 7.2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | 4.2 |

Section I: The Brethren in Christ Church

1. About how many years altogether have you been a member of a BIC congregation? (write)
 about _____ years Mean = 16.73 years member of BIC congregation

2. Were your parents members of a BIC congregation when you were growing up? (check one)
- Neither was a member 74.6
 - Only my father was a member 0.4
 - Both were members 18.9
 - Other 2.7 (e.g., grandparents, etc.)
 - Only my mother was a member 3.0

3. How important is it to you that your local congregation is part of the Brethren in Christ Church?

- Very important 44.9
- Fairly important 36.7
- Not very important 13.3
- Not important at all 5.1

4. The BIC General Conference includes churches in both the United States and Canada. What is your opinion of this arrangement? (check one)

- I strongly support keeping U.S. and Canadian churches together. 46.9
- I am neutral on this arrangement. 34.6
- I prefer having U.S. and Canadian churches in separate organizations. 6.3
- Not sure 12.2

5. Impact 2010, the BIC Vision Statement, has eight priorities. Please check the three priorities which are most important to you. (check THREE)

- Fervent prayer 63.1
- Healthy congregations 73.1
- Bold communication 12.9
- Ambitious church planting 18.9
- Active compassion 46.0
- Global mobilization 13.9
- Leadership development 4.9
- Enriched community 23.0

6. "Ambitious church planting" is a priority of the BIC church. How much do you support this priority? (check one)

- I strongly support this priority 36.7
- I have reservations about this priority 10.5
- I moderately support this priority 52.1
- I do not support this priority 0.6

7. As you think broadly about the church, how strong is your personal commitment to each of the following bodies? (check one box for each statement)

	Very weak	Somewhat weak	Somewhat strong	Very strong
a. Your local congregation	0.9	1.5	17.6	80.1
b. Your regional conference (Canadian Conference)	7.7	23.5	44.1	24.7
c. Your denomination (General Conference)	9.6	32.2	43.3	14.9
d. The broader Christian Church	4.0	13.6	48.8	33.6

8. How much do you agree or disagree with these statements? (check one box for each statement)

	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
a. Church denominations do not matter to me; one is as good as another.	25.0	41.9	29.5	3.6
b. Too much emphasis on BIC beliefs gets in the way of the true message of the Gospel.	18.2	49.2	28.6	4.0
c. BIC teachings more accurately reflect the Word of God than the teachings of any other denomination.	8.7	28.6	50.3	12.4

9. Which statement best reflects your future relationship with your denomination? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I will always want to be a member of my denomination | 38.4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer my own denomination, but I could be happy in another denomination | 45.0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I could be just as happy in some other denomination | 15.3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am considering leaving my denomination | 1.2 |

10. How important is it to you that the leaders and staff of church-related agencies reflect the racial/ethnic diversity across Brethren in Christ congregations?

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|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very important | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly important | <input type="checkbox"/> Not very important | <input type="checkbox"/> Not important at all |
| 17.2 | 43.6 | 33.4 | 5.8 |

11. Do you think that racial/ethnic members have more or fewer opportunities in the Brethren in Christ Church than other members?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Racial/ethnic members have more opportunities. | <input type="checkbox"/> All members have the same opportunities. |
| 1.2 | 61.3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racial/ethnic members have fewer opportunities. | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
| 5.1 | 32.3 |

12. Some people have felt unfairly treated by other people in the church for various reasons. Did you ever feel unfairly treated by other Brethren in Christ for any of the following reasons? (check all the apply)

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|---|-----|---|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Because of my ethnic status | 0.6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Because of my non-BIC background | 6.2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Because I am a person of color | 0.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | 8.3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Because of my military service | 0.3 | <input type="checkbox"/> NO ANSWER | 81.7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Because of my sex or gender | 2.9 | | |

13. How much do you support the mission of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to "demonstrate God's love by working among people suffering from poverty, conflict, oppression, and natural disaster?"

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose | 0.3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Support | 34.8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure | 3.9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | 0.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support | 61.0 | | |

14. How much, if any, conflict do you experience between your BIC beliefs and practices and the beliefs and practices of the larger society?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Much conflict | 12.9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Some conflict | 42.9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Little conflict | 32.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> No conflict | 12.2 |
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15. Have you ever participated in any of the following activities? [Not tabulated]

(check all that apply)

- Served in voluntary service for three months or more
- Served in an overseas assignment for three months or more
- Served with Mennonite Central Committee for a year or more
- Helped with a Mennonite Disaster Service project for a week or more
- Attended a BIC General Conference
- Served as a delegate BIC General Conference
- Served on a Canadian Conference Team or committee
- Served on a denominational board, council, committee, or agency
- Worked as an employee of a BIC agency (school, mission agency, publisher, etc.)

16. Is there anything else that you would like to say about Brethren in Christ churches?

Thank you for kindly sharing your time to complete the questionnaire! Please return your survey to your church office or your pastor in a sealed envelope by the completion date.