

Brethren in Christ Member Profile 2006

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SECTION A: MY FAITH STORY

1 How often do you typically attend worship services?

.9	Never	9.3	2 or 3 times a month
.9	Once a year or less	70.4	Every week
3.2	A few times a year	12.7	Several times a week
2.6	About once a month		

2 How often do you typically attend Sunday School?

26.6	Never	4.5	About once a month
3.4	Once a year or less	10.6	2 or 3 times a month
9.5	A few times a year	45.4	Every week

3 How important to you are your religious beliefs?

0.0	Not at all important	41.7	Very important
.2	Not too important	54.9	The most important thing in my life
3.3	Fairly important		

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

0.0	Very distant	22.7	Fairly close
.3	Distant	37.9	Close
1.7	Fairly distant	31.0	Very close
6.4	Between distant and close		

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

.3	No	93.0	Yes	6.7	Not sure
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6 In what year were you born? (AGE)

Median= 53

≤25 years old:	5.8%
26-35 years old:	8.8%
36-45 years old:	18.1%
46-55 years old:	23.1%
56-65 years old:	19.7%
≥66 years old:	24.4%

7 About how old were you when you were first baptized?

Median =12 years

0-1 year:	11.4%
2-12 years:	40.1%
13-16 years:	16.1%
17-21 years:	8.6%
+21 years:	18.3%

8 In what church were you baptized?

43.9	A (BIC) church
56.1	Other church

9 How often did you attend church services when you were about 12 years old?

5.9	Never	9.6	2 or 3 times a month
1.8	Once a year or less	47.4	Every week
6.2	A few times a year	26.3	Several times a week
2.9	About once a month		

10 How happy was your family life for most of your childhood?

2.4	Very unhappy	54.0	Mostly happy
12.8	Mostly unhappy	30.8	Very happy

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

1.4 No, I don't think of myself as having "accepted Christ."

66.7 Yes, it was a specific moment.

31.9 Yes, but it happened gradually.

12 Would you describe yourself as a born-again Christian?

4.4 No **89.3** Yes **6.3** Not sure

13 If someone were to ask, "Are you saved?" which statement best reflects how you would respond?

.9 Being saved is not part of my faith.

6.9 I can't say for sure; only God knows if I am saved

1.4 The people who know me best can answer that better than I

90.8 Yes, I know I am saved.

SECTION B: RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

1 Which statement best expresses your belief about God?

94.2 I know that God really exists and I have no doubts about it.

5.6 While I have doubts, I feel that I do believe in God.

.2 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.

0.0 I don't believe in God.

2 Which statement best expresses how you think God relates to the world today?

67.2 God controls most of the events in my daily life.

29.8 God guides me, but does not control the events of my daily life.

.2 God intervenes in the big events of the world, but not in my daily life.

2.8 God sees things in the world but does not intervene in them.

3 Which statement best describes your view of how human life began?

86.4 God created human beings in their present form at creation.

11.2 God created human life and guided its emergence over millions of years.

.1 Humans naturally evolved from other forms of life over millions of years.

2.2 Not sure

4 Some people believe that God blesses America in a special way. Which statement best expresses your view?

5.8 God does not bless nations.

42.6 God blesses all nations.

49.5 God has especially blessed America.

2.0 God blesses other nations more than America.

5 Which statement best expresses your view of the uniqueness of Jesus?

88.2 Jesus is the only way to God and those without faith in Jesus will not be saved.

9.8 Jesus is the clearest revelation of God, but God may save people who don't know Jesus.

2.0 Jesus is one of many ways to God.

0.0 Jesus was a great teacher and prophet, but not more than that.

6 Which statement best expresses your view of why Jesus died on the cross?

91.7 Jesus had to die to complete God's plan of salvation.

6.1 Jesus died as a sacrifice to satisfy God's anger against sin.

2.0 Jesus willingly died to show the power of nonviolent love.

.2 Jesus died because he condemned social and economic injustice.

7 Which statement best expresses your view of Jesus' divinity?

93.1 Jesus is fully divine and fully God.

.6 Jesus is not divine, but he helped to reveal God to us.

6.3 Jesus is divine, but he is not exactly God.

0.0 I don't think of Jesus as being divine.

8 Which statements reflect your views of Jesus? (check all that apply)

71.5 I seek to be a disciple of Jesus in my daily living.

54.8 I eagerly anticipate Jesus' return to earth.

91.5 I think of Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior.

22.6 I think of Jesus as a nonviolent peacemaker.

5.8 I think of Jesus as a radical social activist.

1.7 I think of Jesus in a fairly general way.

9 Would you say that you have a close personal relationship with Christ?

- .7 No, that is not part of my faith story. **77.4** Yes, that is the centerpiece of my faith story.
- 21.9** Yes, that is one part of my faith story.

10 In your view, does salvation depend more on what a person believes or on how a person lives?

- 34.3** Salvation depends more on what a person believes.
- 2.9** Salvation depends more on how a person lives.
- 62.7** Salvation depends equally on one's beliefs and how one lives.

11 Please indicate if you believe or do not believe each statement below.

	Do Believe	Do Not Believe	Not Sure
a. Jesus was born of a virgin.	98.6	.1	1.3
b. Jesus physically arose from the dead.	98.9	.2	.9
c. Jesus will physically return to earth some day.	94.4	1.0	4.6
d. Jesus will ultimately triumph over evil.	98.1	.2	1.8
e. The miracles in the Bible are historical facts.	91.2	4.2	4.5
f. God performs the same kind of miracles today as in the Bible.	76.1	4.7	19.1
g. The Antichrist is active in the world today.	61.4	5.3	33.3
h. The devil, as a personal being, is active in the world today.	90.0	1.9	7.1
i. Angels are active in the world today.	92.9	.6	6.4
j. The Holy Spirit is active in the world today.	98.6	0.0	1.4
k. There is life after death.	95.8	1.3	3.0
l. There is a real hell where some people are eternally punished.	94.7	1.3	4.0
m. There is a real heaven where some people are eternally rewarded.	98.1	.3	1.6
n. At the rapture, saved persons will join Jesus, while others will be left behind.	91.5	2.0	6.5
o. God's love will one day restore all souls, even non-believers, to God.	12.3	67.4	20.3
p. Humans are reincarnated and live again on earth.	3.8	87.6	8.6
q. Human nature is basically sinful.	87.8	6.8	5.4
r. God blesses faithful Christians with financial rewards.	28.8	46.4	24.8

12 Which statement best describes your view of how the Holy Spirit works?

- 45.3** The Spirit speaks directly to individuals in a personal way.
- 51.6** The Spirit speaks to individuals directly, and also through the faith community.
- 1.2** The Spirit speaks primarily through the faith community.
- 1.9** The Spirit is another name for human insight.

13 Which statement best expresses your view of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as healing, prophesying, and speaking in tongues?

- 2.6** They are only expressions of human emotions.
- 8.6** They reflect human emotions more than God's Spirit.
- 10.2** They reflect God's Spirit more than human emotions.
- 78.6** They are genuine gifts of God's Spirit to some Christians.

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

- 3.1** Cast out demons **36.4** Received the "baptism of the Holy Spirit"
- 8.1** Spoke in tongues **6.7** Healed someone
- 4.1** Prophesied **52.0** None of these

IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE ABOVE, **when was the last time?**

- 26.8** Within the last year
- 16.9** Within the last 2 to 5 years
- 56.3** More than 5 years ago

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

- 52.2** No **29.4** Yes **18.4** Not sure

16 Which statement best expresses what you believe about the Bible?

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

17 In your view, which Testament in the Bible has the highest authority?

- .7** The Old Testament **33.6** The New Testament **65.7** Both have equal authority

18 Which part of the New Testament has influenced you the most?

- 25.8** The Gospels **4.0** The book of Acts **48.4** All parts equally
- 16.3** The letters of the Apostle Paul **5.4** The book of Revelation

19 In your view, what is the one most important reason for peacemaking?

- .5** The Old Testament emphasis on shalom **23.6** The theme of reconciliation in biblical teaching
- 69.3** Jesus' life and teaching as a peacemaker **6.6** The practical reality that violence is not effective

20 Which of the following words describe your religious faith? (check all that apply)

- 15.7** Fundamentalist **71.9** Brethren in Christ **1.2** Radical **8.4** Mainline Protestant
- 29.5** Anabaptist **6.6** Charismatic **.2** Agnostic **4.6** Pentecostal
- 44.3** Evangelical **47.3** Spiritual **4.6** Pietist **10.5** Other

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

- 7.9** Fundamentalist **35.6** Brethren in Christ **1.0** Radical **3.7** Mainline Protestant
- 14.9** Anabaptist **3.6** Charismatic **0.0** Agnostic **2.6** Pentecostal
- 35.7** Evangelical **37.1** Spiritual **1.3** Pietist **7.4** Other

22 How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?

	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
a. Muslims and Christians worship the same God	67.6	18.9	7.3	6.2
b. Christians should do all they can to convert Muslims to Christ	2.2	5.6	30.7	61.5
c. Christians should do all they can to convert non-believers to Christ.	2.1	2.0	17.6	78.3
d. Spiritual warfare between the forces of Satan and God is real in my life	3.1	6.5	25.0	65.4
e. Distinctive Brethren in Christ (BIC) beliefs are very important to me	2.8	7.3	57.6	32.3
f. Living a simple lifestyle is an important part of my Christian witness	3.1	10.7	49.4	36.8
g. The church has no business being involved in my personal lifestyle decisions	41.4	41.0	14.7	2.9
h. Faith is a private matter between God and me.	22.2	22.9	33.7	21.2

23 How often do you do each of the following activities?

	Never	Several Times a Year	Once a Month	2-3 Times a Month	Once a Week	Several Times a Week	Daily
a. Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance	1.4	4.9	2.3	6.0	3.6	26.0	55.9
b. Attend services at non-BIC congregations	25.2	59.8	3.7	3.1	5.9	1.8	.5
c. Pray privately	0.0	1.0	.8	1.7	1.8	18.5	76.2
d. Say grace (prayer) before meals	1.2	5.7	1.9	2.5	3.2	14.9	70.5
e. Read or study the Bible on your own	3.6	7.2	4.1	8.2	13.1	27.6	36.2
f. Participate in a small group for discussion, prayer, or Bible study (other than family or Sunday School)	26.5	17.8	8.7	17.3	23.1	5.1	1.5
g. Speak about your faith to persons outside your church and family	5.0	31.8	13.5	18.6	8.7	17.6	4.8
h. Try to convert others to faith in Christ	24.3	46.1	6.3	8.4	3.3	5.5	6.1
i. Invite non-Christians to attend services or activities at your church	20.8	56.1	7.7	8.6	1.8	2.9	2.1

SECTION C: CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

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

	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
a. Worship services in my congregation inspire and strengthen me.	1.2	4.5	47.1	47.2
b. Worship in my congregation helps me feel connected to a community of believers.	1.4	4.5	36.7	57.4
c. I feel personally supported by my congregation.	2.9	5.6	43.7	47.7
d. My congregation touches the lives of many persons who live near it.	1.7	13.3	49.5	35.5
e. My congregation has a strong commitment to serve the local community.	2.1	11.2	41.9	44.8
f. My congregation has a clear sense of mission and purpose.	1.7	10.6	40.6	47.1
g. My relationship with my congregation is very important to me.	1.2	4.3	35.8	58.8
h. It is important that my pastor have some seminary training.	3.7	8.8	43.2	44.4
i. It is important that my pastor emphasize BIC beliefs.	2.7	13.9	49.9	33.5
h. I favor ordaining women for pastoral ministry.	16.7	30.8	31.6	21.0

2 What statement best describes your relationship with your BIC congregation?

- 78.0** I am an active member.
- 8.2** I am an inactive member.
- 1.9** I am an associate member.
- 9.5** I attend, but I am not a member.
- 2.4** I am not affiliated with a BIC congregation.

3 In a typical week, about how many hours do you spend in activities related to your congregation beyond worship services? about Median=2 hours

4 About how many years altogether have you been a member of a BIC congregation?

- about Mean=15 years
- Less than 2 years= **5.7%**
- 2-5 years= **15.9%**
- 6-10 years= **16.1%**
- Over 10 years= **62.3%**

5 Were you ever a member of a non-BIC congregation?

- 44.6** No
- 55.4** Yes

IF YES, in which denomination or independent church were you most recently a member?

6 Were your parents members of a BIC congregation when you were growing up?

- 66.5 Neither was a member. .1 Only my father was a member.
- 25.1 Both were members. 4.5 Other
- 3.8 Only my mother was a member.

7 Were any of your grandparents members of a BIC congregation?

- 74.6 None were members. 12.9 Two were members.
- 2.2 Only one was a member. 10.3 Three or four were members

8 How positive or negative do you feel about having these items as a regular part of your worship service?

	Very Negative	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Very Positive
a. Singing without instruments	7.9	14.8	43.4	23.5	10.3
b. Hymns with 4-part harmony	2.8	5.0	39.1	32.9	20.2
c. Organ music	1.9	8.7	28.6	36.8	24.0
d. Electric guitars and drums	2.8	5.4	30.8	38.4	22.6
e. Contemporary praise songs	1.8	5.6	19.7	38.8	34.1
f. Kneeling for prayer	2.1	10.8	43.6	30.5	12.9
g. Raising hands in praise	.5	4.4	33.8	38.5	22.7
h. Personal faith testimonies	.6	.9	16.1	46.7	35.7
i. Altar calls with people going forward	1.0	2.5	20.5	41.6	34.5
j. Drama and dance	7.2	15.2	39.6	26.9	11.0
k. Applauding singers or musicians	2.8	11.3	30.3	37.3	18.3
l. Litanies and responsive readings	1.6	10.3	41.6	35.4	11.0
m. Other people praying aloud while the minister prays	10.9	37.4	35.5	12.0	4.1
n. Referring to God as "Mother" or "She"	65.3	24.1	8.9	1.4	.3
o. Referring to God as "Father" or "He"	2.5	2.5	10.2	29.5	55.3

9 Should rebaptism be required for someone baptized as a baby who wants to join a BIC congregation as an adult?

- 62.3 Yes, rebaptism should be required for someone baptized as a baby
- 21.7 No, rebaptism should not be required for membership
- 16.0 Not sure

10 Which statements express your personal view of footwashing? (check all that apply)

- 19.6 It is awkward and uncomfortable. 25.8 It is a symbol of spiritual cleansing and purity.
- 5.0 It is an outdated service that should fade away. 72.9 It is a symbol of humility and service to others.
- 43.2 It is spiritually moving and very meaningful. 7.7 Other
- 29.3 It builds a deep sense of church community.

11 In your opinion, who should be allowed to participate in a communion service in your congregation other than your own members? (check all that apply)

- 17.4 Anyone who wishes to participate 23.3 Members of any Christian church
- 1.9 Believers of any faith, such as Jews, Muslims, and Hindus 23.5 Members of any BIC congregation
- 88.2 Anyone who accepts Jesus as Savior and Lord .2 No one, but members of my congregation

12 Which type of ministry education do you most prefer for a pastor?

- 3.3 Self-educated through personal Bible study and prayer
- 3.9 Formal Bible and ministry classes, but not at the seminary level
- 30.7 Formal Bible classes and some seminary level training
- 34.5 A seminary degree
- 27.6 No preference

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

- 13.0 Selected from within 26.8 Selected from outside 60.2 No preference

14 In your view, where should the primary authority for a pastor's ministry reside?

- 62.9 In the pastor's personal anointing by God's Spirit
- 12.0 In the pastor's personal skills and competence for ministry
- 12.5 In the local congregation's call and affirmation
- 12.6 In the conference or denomination's recognition of ordination

15 Which statement best reflects your view of women in pastoral roles?

- 14.1 Women should never fill any pastoral roles.
- 43.6 Women may fill some pastoral roles, but not be lead pastor.
- 42.3 Women may fill any pastoral roles, including lead pastor.

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

- .3 A woman 73.4 A man 26.3 No preference

17 Which, if any, of these positions have you ever held in any BIC congregation? (check all that apply)

- 12.2 Worship/music leader 2.4 Licensed or ordained minister
- 55.2 Sunday school teacher 30.8 Church board or leadership team member
- 20.2 Youth adviser 19.7 Director of a program (e.g., worship, education, missions, youth)
- 15.0 Deacon or elder .1 Bishop

18 In which of these roles in your congregation, if any, could you accept a practicing homosexual? (check all that apply)

- 17.7 As a member 1.7 As an ordained minister, if otherwise qualified
- 2.7 As a lay leader 78.8 In none of these roles

19 In your view, how much priority should a pastor give to each of the following tasks?

	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority	Top Priority
a. Preaching sermons	.5	2.2	42.0	55.4
b. Planning and leading worship	12.9	28.6	43.1	15.4
c. Providing pastoral counseling and care	1.1	13.3	60.5	25.1
d. Visiting the sick	4.4	38.5	42.3	14.8
e. Teaching	6.7	33.1	46.4	13.8
f. Equipping members for ministry	4.0	27.6	47.2	21.1
g. Shaping the congregation's vision	1.8	15.4	53.4	29.4
h. Coordinating administrative tasks	18.1	45.4	29.2	7.3
i. Managing conflict in the congregation	6.9	29.0	46.3	17.9
j. Leading local outreach programs	13.6	49.3	31.3	5.7
k. Being active in the larger BIC church	14.8	51.5	27.1	6.7
l. Supporting the world mission of the BIC church	5.0	37.7	43.0	14.3
m. Emphasizing issues of peace and social justice	15.7	44.5	30.5	9.3

SECTION D: FAMILY LIFE AND BACKGROUND

1 Sex... 58.3 Female 41.7 Male

2 Which of these descriptions fit you? (check all that apply)

- 1.3 African American/Black 93.9 White/Caucasian
- .3 Asian or Pacific Islander 1.8 Mixed racial/ethnic
- 1.7 American Indian/Native American 1.3 Other
- 1.4 Latino/Hispanic

3 Where were you born?

- 98.1 United States
- 1.9 Another country

4 What was the main national origin of your ancestors? (check all that apply)

- .9 An African country
- .4 An Asian country
- .2 A Caribbean country
- .6 An Central or South American country
- 1.1 Canadian
- 5.7 Dutch/Russian
- 1.0 Mexican
- 10.3 Native American
- .6 Puerto Rican
- 64.6 Swiss/German
- 28.1 Other

5 Where were your parents born?

My mother was born in:

- 97.7 United States
- 2.3 Another country

My father was born in:

- 96.2 United States
- 3.8 Another country

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

- .9 Spanish
- 97.3 English
- 1.8 Other

7 Where did you live when you were 12 years old?

- 28.6 On a farm
- 21.9 In open country, but not on a farm
- 26.3 In a small town (under 10,000) or its suburbs
- 10.2 In a small city (10,000 to 50,000) or its suburbs
- 9.1 In a medium city (50,000, o to 250,000) or its suburbs
- 3.8 In a large city (over 250,000) or its suburbs

8 Where is your permanent residence now?

- 8.2 On a farm
- 29.0 In open country, but not on a farm
- 27.8 In a small town (under 10,000) or its suburbs
- 17.0 In a small city (10,000 to 50,000) or its suburbs
- 12.9 In a medium city (50,000 to 250,000) or its suburbs
- 5.1 In a large city (over 250,000) or its suburbs

9 How long have you lived in your present community?

- 3.2 Less than 1 year
- 23.1 10 to 19 years
- 10.5 1 to 4 years
- 19.8 20 to 30 years
- 12.8 5 to 9 years
- 30.5 More than 30 years

10 Do you currently live in a retirement community?

- 94.9 No
- 5.1 Yes

11 Have you ever lived outside of the United States for more than a two-month period?

- 85.9 No
- 14.1 Yes

12 Have you ever lived with someone in a romantic, but unmarried, relationship for a month or more?

- 78.5 No
- 21.5 Yes

13 Did your parents divorce when you were growing up?

- 84.7 No
- 13.9 Yes

14 Have you ever experienced any type of sexual abuse or violation in your life? (check all that apply)

- 78.6 No, never
- 6.8 Yes, as a teenager
- 14.0 Yes, as a child
- 2.8 Yes, as an adult

15 How many times, if any, have you been married?

0 7.3 2 12.0
1 77.9 3 2.2

16 How many times, if any, have you been divorced?

0 82.3 3 .3
1 13.8 4 .4
2 3.1

17 What is your current marital status?

8.6 Single 3.8 Divorced
81.1 Married .3 Separated
5.6 Widowed .5 Other

18 IF YOU WERE EVER MARRIED, did your most recent spouse grow up in a BIC congregation?

74.7 No 25.3 Yes

19 How many people live in your household? Count yourself and everyone who uses your home as their permanent address.

1 8.6 5 9.2
2 43.1 6 2.8
3 15.4 7 1.8
4 18.3 8 .4

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

Biological children: Median: 2.00
Adopted children: Median: 0.00
Step-children: Median: 0.00

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

Median: 1

22 IF YOU EVER HAD CHILDREN, what was your employment status when your children were under six years of age? Both men and women should answer.

23.8 Not employed for pay
11.3 Employed part-time for pay
57.7 Employed full-time for pay
7.2 Other

23 IF YOU EVER HAD CHILDREN, how much of the care did you typically provide for your children when they were under six years of age? Both men and women should answer.

.9 None of it 27.6 Most of it
15.4 Less than half 39.9 All of it
16.2 About half

24 How much of the household work like cleaning, washing, and cooking do you typically do in your home?

None Half All
2.8 0 4.3 1 7.2 2 12.5 3 7.5 4 13.1 5 2.5 6 5.1 7 9.5 8 12.1 9 23.5 10
Median: 6.22

25 How much of the property maintenance work (inside and outside) do you typically do in your home?

None Half All
6.7 0 3.5 1 9.9 2 9.3 3 7.6 4 15.7 5 4.6 6 8.9 7 12.8 8 10.2 9 10.8 10
Median: 5.53

26 IF YOU ARE MARRIED NOW, how happy has your marriage been for you?

6.0 Very unhappy 21.4 Somewhat happy
3.7 Somewhat unhappy 68.9 Very happy

27 How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?

	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.	20.3	24.6	43.1	12.0
b. In a marriage, the woman's career should be as important as the man's.	5.4	25.8	46.7	22.1
c. Child rearing and homemaking duties should not prevent a woman from pursuing a career or other employment.	7.4	31.4	46.2	15.1
d. It is all right for women with young children to work full-time outside the home	10.1	39.8	36.9	13.2
e. It is all right for people of the same sex to marry.	92.3	4.4	1.9	1.4

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

- 1.6** Because of my ethnic status **5.5** Because of my non-(BIC) background
- .4** Because I am a person of color **1.8** Because I am single
- 3.9** Because of my level of education **0.0** Because I am homosexual
- .9** Because of my military service **2.4** Because I was divorced
- 2.1** Because of my sex or gender **8.0** Other

29 What is your present employment status?

- 47.7** Employed full-time **9.2** Homemaker (not retired)
- 10.0** Employed part-time **7.6** Retired and employed part-time
- 1.0** Unemployed **20.2** Retired and not employed
- 1.7** Student **2.4** Other

30 What is your main occupation? If retired, describe your former job

- Managerial and Professional Specialty **36.3**
- Technical, Sales, and Admin Support **27.3**
- Service **11.4**
- Farming, Forest, and Fishing **3.5**
- Precision Production, Craft, and Repair **10.8**
- Operators, Fabricators, and Laborers **10.6**

33 In a typical week, about how many hours do you work for pay? Median: 40

34 In a typical week, about how many hours do you spend doing any type of church-related volunteer work?

Median: 2

35 In a typical week, about how many hours do you do volunteer work that is not church-related? Median: 0

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

	Self	Spouse	Father	Mother
1=Eighth grade or less	4.0	2.9	30.8	25.2
2=Some high school but did not graduate	6.6	6.4	14.9	15.3
3=High school graduate	28.3	34.8	28.5	35.7
4=Trade or technical school beyond high school	10.6	10.0	5.3	5.0
5=some college, but not a four-year degree	22.5	18.6	6.8	8.8
6=College graduate, a four-year degree	14.8	15.1	7.6	6.3
7=Some graduate school, but not a degree	4.5	3.8	1.2	.4
8=Master's or similar professional degree	7.4	6.5	3.6	3.2
9=Doctorate or similar advanced degree	1.3	1.8	1.1	.2

37 Thinking about your own schooling in grades 1 through 12, how many years did you spend in each type of school below?

Median: **12.00** Public school
Median: **.00** (BIC)-affiliated elementary school
Median: **.00** (BIC)-affiliated high school
Median: **.00** Home schooling
Median: **.00** Private school, but not religious
Median: **.00** Private religious school, but not BIC

38 Did you ever attend a BIC-related college?

88.4 No **11.6** Yes

IF YES, did you graduate from any of the following? (*check all that apply*)

11.2 BIC-affiliated Bible college
55.1 BIC-affiliated four year college or university

39 Think for a moment about your five closest friends outside your family.

a. How many of the five attend your local congregation? **20.4** 0 **15.6** 1 **22.7** 2 **17.5** 3 **9.6** 4 **14.2** 5
b. How many of the five attend another BIC congregation? **64.4** 0 **14.9** 1 **10.2** 2 **4.2** 3 **2.3** 4 **4.0** 5
c. How many of the five do not participate in any faith community? **56.7** 0 **18.6** 1 **12.4** 2 **8.4** 3 **2.4** 4 **1.5** 5

SECTION E: THE LARGER CHURCH

1 Have you ever participated in any of the following BIC-related activities? (*check all that apply*)

13.2 Served in voluntary service for three months or more
2.9 Served in an overseas assignment for three months or more
2.0 Served with Mennonite Central Committee for a year or more
4.9 Helped with a Mennonite Disaster Service project for a week or more
31.9 Attended a BIC General Conference
18.3 Served as a delegate to a BIC General Conference
11.4 Served on a regional conference board or committee
9.8 Served on a denominational board, council, committee, or agency
3.5 Worked as an employee of a BIC agency (school, mission agency, publisher, etc.)
19.6 Attended a Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale
1.8 Attended a Mennonite World Conference

2 Is there any important way in which BICs seem different to you from other Christians?

60.1 No **29.5** Yes

IF YES, please explain how BICs seem different from other Christians.

Responses with the 4 highest percentages

Close community, fellowship, family like: 17.6%
Peace emphasis, anti-war, nonviolent: 10.3%
Simple living, not materialistic: 7.3 %
Evangelistic, missional: 6.9%

3 How important is each of the following to you in your personal faith commitments?

	Not Important at All	Not Very Important	Fairly Important	Very Important
a. Living a simple lifestyle	1.6	13.0	53.9	31.6
b. Adult baptism	1.7	11.1	34.2	53.1
c. Praising and glorifying God	0.0	.8	15.8	83.4
d. Following Jesus in daily life	0.0	.2	9.2	90.6
e. Evangelizing non-believers	.3	7.2	44.8	47.7
f. Peacemaking and nonviolence	.9	8.7	49.6	40.7
g. Serving others within the church	.5	4.3	40.8	54.4
h. Serving others outside the church	.3	2.6	47.6	49.5
i. Giving and receiving counsel from other members	1.5	14.2	55.2	29.2
j. Nonconformity to the world	1.4	11.2	46.8	40.6
k. Promoting social justice in the world	1.8	22.5	55.8	19.9
l. Building strong bonds of community in the church	.2	4.8	45.5	49.4
m. Expressing Christian love in all my relationships	.2	1.1	21.0	77.8
n. Practicing the spiritual disciplines	0.0	2.7	29.4	68.0

4 Which statement best expresses your view of mutual aid programs to help church members?

- .7 Mutual aid is no longer needed
- 2.9 Mutual aid is needed but it's not practical for the church to provide it.
- 13.6 Mutual aid is best provided by local congregations.
- 5.1 Mutual aid is best provided by church-wide agencies.
- 77.7 Mutual aid is best provided by both local and church-wide agencies.

5 A central element of BIC beliefs is an emphasis on holiness. Which two of the following elements best reflect your understanding of holiness? (check TWO)

- 77.9 Holiness involves surrendering one's life fully to God.
- 27.1 Holiness means living a life free of sin.
- 17.0 Holiness is an important goal, but one which often eludes us.
- 5.4 Not sure
- 48.1 Holiness refers to choices we make regarding how we live our lives.

6 Sanctification is an important theological idea. Which statement best captures your view of sanctification?

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

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

- 68.5 Fervent prayer
- 14.8 Ambitious church planting
- 39.2 Leadership development
- 66.8 Healthy congregations
- 46.0 Active compassion
- 29.0 Enriched community
- 8.4 Bold communication
- 8.5 Global mobilization

8 How important is it to you that your local congregation is part of the larger BIC church?

- 33.1 Very important
- 16.7 Not very important
- 47.0 Fairly important
- 3.2 Not important at all

9 Which statement best reflects your future relationship with your denomination?

- 36.9 I will always want to be a member of my denomination.
- 42.1 I prefer my own denomination, but I could be happy in another denomination.
- 16.8 I could be just as happy in some other denomination.
- 4.2 I am considering leaving my denomination.

10 As you think broadly about the church, how strong is your personal commitment to each of the following bodies?

	Very Weak	Somewhat Weak	Somewhat Strong	Very Strong
a. Your local congregation	3.5	7.2	31.2	58.1
b. Your regional conference	17.4	36.6	37.2	8.8
c. Your denomination	8.0	22.2	50.0	19.7
d. The broader Christian Church	6.5	15.8	46.8	31.0

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

	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
a. BICs should participate in ecumenical organizations of the broader Christian Church.	3.6	22.0	68.0	6.4
b. Church denominations do not matter to me; one is as good as another.	21.9	47.7	27.9	2.5
c. Too much emphasis on BIC beliefs gets in the way of the true message of the Gospel.	8.6	45.8	38.4	7.2
d. The organized church does not really matter; personal faith is what counts	14.2	39.2	33.6	12.9
e. BIC teachings more accurately reflect the Word of God than the teachings of any other denomination.	7.1	43.2	42.0	7.7
f. BIC congregations should have clear guidelines for membership.	3.0	8.3	62.8	26.0
g. The church should clearly stand apart from popular culture.	3.6	12.8	47.4	36.2
h. Old Order groups such as the Amish provide an important Christian witness in modern society.	15.3	42.1	35.9	6.8

SECTION F: FAITH AND SOCIAL ISSUES

1 How important is it to you that the leaders and staff of church-related agencies reflect the racial/ethnic diversity across BIC congregations?

- 25.2 Very important
- 43.2 Fairly important
- 25.2 Not very important
- 6.4 Not important at all

2 Do you think that racial/ethnic members have more or fewer opportunities in the BIC Church than other members?

- 1.1 Racial/ethnic members have more opportunities.
- 10.6 Racial/ethnic members have fewer opportunities.
- 52.4 All members have the same opportunities.
- 35.9 Not sure

3 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?

- 4.0 Strongly support
- 32.1 Support
- 51.1 Oppose
- 12.8 Strongly oppose

4 How important is it to you that church leaders discuss and address issues of race and racism?

- 24.5 Very important
- 49.6 Fairly important
- 21.1 Not very important
- 4.8 Not important at all

5 On the whole, do you think immigration — people coming from other countries to live here in the United States — is a good thing or a bad thing for this country?

- 2.6 A very bad thing
- 36.2 More bad than good
- 53.5 More good than bad
- 7.8 A very good thing

6 Do you think the U.S. government is spending too much, too little, or about the right amount to protect the environment?

- 17.0 Too much
- 42.7 Too little
- 40.3 About the right amount

7 Do you think a person with an incurable disease has the right to end his or her own life?

- 72.7 No
- 7.5 Yes
- 19.7 Not sure

8 Which statement best reflects your general outlook on the abortion issue?

77.1 Strongly pro-life
12.6 Moderately pro-life

6.3 Neutral
3.3 Moderately pro-choice
.6 Strongly pro-choice

9 Should it be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if she does not want a baby?

82.2 No **5.5** Yes **12.3** Not sure

10 In your opinion, is it all right if two unmarried people live together in a romantic relationship?

86.4 No **6.0** Yes **7.6** Not sure

11 People have different views of the behaviors listed below. Please indicate how wrong you consider each behavior to be.

	Never Wrong	Rarely Wrong	Sometimes Wrong	Usually Wrong	Always Wrong
a. Divorce	1.2	.8	32.9	56.7	8.5
b. Remarriage while the former spouse is living	8.7	16.1	37.6	24.2	13.3
c. Drinking alcohol	1.3	5.4	39.6	24.6	29.0
d. Marriage between a Christian and a non-Christian	3.8	6.1	23.5	36.8	29.8
e. Marriage between people of different races	26.3	19.8	28.5	16.6	8.7
f. Smoking marijuana	.2	1.0	2.4	17.5	78.8
g. Smoking tobacco	.8	1.9	7.1	23.0	67.2
h. Watching X-rated (adult) movies	.1	.2	2.7	11.1	85.8
i. Premarital sexual intercourse	0.0	.8	3.5	10.6	85.0
j. Extramarital sexual intercourse	0.0	.2	.6	2.5	96.7
k. Homosexual relations between consenting adults	.5	.8	2.3	2.9	93.5
l. Owning stock in companies that make war goods	11.4	15.9	32.2	22.4	18.1
m. Entering the armed forces	36.1	29.0	24.7	7.6	2.5
n. Working as a police officer	58.2	28.0	9.4	2.6	1.9
o. Buying government lottery tickets	5.4	7.4	23.2	22.0	41.9
p. Gambling	1.1	3.5	17.3	24.5	53.5
q. Buying stylish and fashionable clothing	13.7	22.4	49.6	9.3	4.9
r. Wearing immodest clothing	2.2	3.8	11.9	24.7	57.5
s. Dancing	16.0	27.7	41.8	8.0	6.5
t. Copying a music CD for a friend	8.7	11.4	24.8	23.7	31.4
u. Using profanity (cursing)	.5	1.0	4.3	17.7	76.6
v. Spanking children	11.1	26.0	52.3	7.3	3.3
w. Viewing pornographic materials	0.0	.6	2.1	7.9	89.3
x. Buying an expensive sports car	8.1	16.2	47.0	20.0	8.7
y. Playing violent computer or video games	1.8	3.5	15.9	26.3	52.5
z. Abortion	.2	.5	7.4	21.0	71.1

SECTION G: FAITH AND MISSION

- 1 **“Ambitious church planting” is a priority of the BIC church. How much do you support this priority?**
32.3 I strongly support this priority **17.1** I have reservations about this priority
49.7 I moderately support this priority **.9** I do not support this priority
- 2 **The BIC General Conference includes churches in both the United States and Canada. What is your opinion of this arrangement?**
43.8 I strongly support keeping U.S. and Canadian churches together.
38.7 I am neutral on this arrangement.
2.7 I prefer having U.S. and Canadian churches in separate organizations.
14.9 Not sure
- 3 **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?”**
.7 Strongly oppose **58.2** Strongly support
.7 Oppose **6.6** Not sure
34.1 Support
- 4 **How satisfied or dissatisfied are you, in general, with the program and emphases of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)?**
22.9 Very satisfied **5.5** Partly satisfied **.8** Very dissatisfied
45.3 Satisfied **.9** Dissatisfied **24.6** Not sure
- 5 **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) maintains offices in Washington, D.C., and New York City to witness to the U.S. government and the United Nations on war, peace, poverty, and social justice. How much do you support this form of Christian witness?**
1.4 Strongly oppose **50.7** Support **21.7** Not sure
1.9 Oppose **24.2** Strongly support
- 6 **How satisfied or dissatisfied are you, in general, with the program of Mennonite Disaster Service?**
26.2 Very satisfied **3.7** Partly satisfied **.9** Very dissatisfied
43.9 Satisfied **.3** Dissatisfied **25.0** Not sure

SECTION H: FAITH AND THE LARGER WORLD

- 1 **Which statement best reflects how you think Christians should relate to popular culture?**
19.1 Avoid it as much as possible.
51.3 Participate in it, but not let it shape them.
29.0 Engage it and try to make it better.
.5 Celebrate and affirm it.
- 2 **How much, if any, conflict do you experience between your BIC beliefs and practices and the beliefs and practices of the larger society?**
20.4 Much conflict **18.5** Little conflict
55.4 Some conflict **5.7** No conflict
- 3 **Which statement best reflects how you think Christians should relate to government?**
1.7 Avoid government and politics as much as possible
9.9 Cooperate as needed but do not get too involved
55.5 Try to influence government to do what is right
32.8 Actively participate in government to improve it
- 4 **Which one of the following positions would you take if faced with a military draft? Both women and men should answer.**
31.2 Regular military service
26.8 Non-combatant military service
24.9 Alternative service as a conscientious objector
.8 Register, but refuse to enter or serve
1.5 Refuse to register
14.8 Not sure
- 5 **Have you ever served in the armed forces or the National Guard?**
87.6 No **12.4** Yes

IF YES, how long did you serve?

14.9 Less than 2 years

64.7 2 to 4 years

20.5 More than 4 years

6 How many members of your family have ever served in the Armed Forces? Include your parents, brothers and sisters, spouse, children, and yourself.

40.5 0 **28.7** 1 **17.3** 2 **5.2** 3 **3.2** 4 **5.1** 5 or more

7 Do you generally think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or something else?

74.0 Republican

12.6 Democrat

8.1 Independent

.5 Some other party

4.8 None of these

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

19.5 Very conservative

54.9 Conservative

22.1 Moderate

2.5 Liberal

1.0 Very liberal

9 Who did you vote for in the 2004 presidential election?

77.8 George W. Bush

9.7 John Kerry

.5 Someone else

12.0 I did not vote for president

10 How important is it for you to vote for political candidates who reflect your faith concerns?

2.6 Not important at all

3.9 Not very important

25.1 Fairly important

68.4 Very important

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

	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.	4.3	8.0	46.2	41.5
b. It is wrong for Christians to fight in any war.	35.0	40.2	18.7	6.2
c. Complete nonviolence as a way of living is very important to me.	8.6	19.5	50.7	21.2
d. Peacemaking is a central theme of the Gospel.	2.3	9.5	48.5	39.7
e. All war is sin.	32.3	32.3	27.1	8.3

12 How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?

	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
a. Christians should actively participate in politics to help improve society.	1.3	9.7	56.7	32.4
b. Church leaders should try to influence government leaders on issues like war, peace, racism, and poverty.	1.5	11.7	58.5	28.3
c. BICs should not run for any elected public office.	42.6	45.7	10.7	1.0
d. BICs should not vote in national elections.	79.1	18.2	1.3	1.4
e. The death penalty should be used to punish convicted murderers.	15.2	23.9	39.4	21.5
f. It is all right for a Christian to file a lawsuit.	6.8	39.6	41.5	12.1
g. It is all right for a Christian to swear an oath in court.	7.4	11.3	49.2	32.1
h. There is a clear difference between the "kingdom of God" and the "kingdom of this world."	1.4	1.4	19.5	77.7

i. Christians should avoid involvements in the “kingdom of this world” as much as possible.	6.9	28.8	38.8	25.4
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13 How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?

	Completely Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Mostly Agree	Completely Agree
a. America is a Christian nation.	7.0	30.8	53.4	8.9
b. It is all right for BICs to pledge allegiance to the flag.	2.0	3.3	34.1	60.6
c. It is all right to display the American flag inside a BIC church.	7.7	13.8	31.8	46.8
d. The United States has a special role in God’s plan for the world.	5.6	14.1	47.6	32.7
e. The U.S. did the right thing by going to war against Iraq.	13.0	26.0	46.9	14.1
f. The “War on Terror” is a religious battle between the forces of good and evil.	12.0	19.4	41.7	26.9

SECTION I: STEWARDSHIP AND LIFESTYLE

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

3.2 Less than 1 percent **35.2** 10 percent
12.9 1 to 5 percent **30.9** 11 to 20 percent
14.3 6 to 9 percent **3.5** More than 20 percent

2 About how many dollars a month do you give in congregational offerings?

Median: \$ 228

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

47.1 Increased **37.9** Stayed about the same
11.7 Decreased **3.2** Not sure

4 During the past two years has your household giving to BIC-related agencies increased or decreased?

22.0 Increased **53.7** Stayed about the same
10.9 Decreased **13.4** Not sure

5 Based on what you know about the work of BIC-related agencies, how satisfied are you with how they use the money contributed to them?

19.6 Very satisfied **1.3** Dissatisfied
59.2 Satisfied **.1** Very dissatisfied
19.7 I have mixed feelings.

6 How many of the following items are presently in your household?

Televisions:

0 **.5**
1 **22.2**
1+ **11.7**
2 **30.1**
3 **20.3**
4 **9.5**
5 **2.7**
6 **2.4**

Large screen TVs

0 **85.6**
1 **10.7**
1+ **2.3**
2 **1.1**

Cell phones

0 **18.1**
1 **26.9**
1+ **8.3**
2 **29.9**
3 **10.9**
4 **3.7**
5 **1.9**

Personal computers

0 **21.8**
1 **43.4**
1+ **7.7**
2 **19.6**
3 **6.0**
4 **1.2**

Hand guns

0 **73.0**
 1 **12.9**
 1+ **4.1**
 2 **5.8**
 3 **2.0**
 4 **1.0**

Video game systems

0 **65.5**
 1 **21.7**
 1+ **3.3**
 2 **5.8**
 3 **2.7**
 4 **.6**

Hunting rifles

0 **52.1**
 1 **11.0**
 1+ **6.6**
 2 **9.1**
 3 **5.3**
 4 **5.4**
 5 **3.2**
 6 **3.6**
 7 **.5**
 8 **.9**
 9 **2.3**

Cars, SUVs, vans, trucks

0 **3.7**
 1 **11.7**
 1+ **10.9**
 2 **46.3**
 3 **18.8**
 4 **5.9**
 5 **2.0**

7 What type of Internet access do you have in your home?

27.1 None **37.8** Dial-up connection **35.1** High speed connection

8 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.

1.3 Under \$5,000
5.3 \$5,000 to \$14,999
7.5 \$15,000 to \$24,999
19.5 \$25,000 to \$39,999
14.0 \$40,000 to \$49,999
29.6 \$50,000 to \$74,999
11.6 \$75,000 to \$99,999
8.0 \$100,000 to \$149,999
1.4 \$150,000 to \$199,999
1.1 \$200,000 to \$250,000
.7 More than \$250,000

9 Do you rent or own your home? 12.2 Rent 87.8 Own

IF YOU OWN, what is your home's approximate market value?

7.6 Under \$75,000 **24.3** \$150,000 to \$199,000 **3.6** \$400,000 to \$499,000
11.0 \$75,000 to \$99,000 **17.1** \$200,000 to \$299,000 **4.7** \$500,000 or more
24.2 \$100,000 to \$149,000 **7.4** \$300,000 to \$399,000

10 Several insurance and investment services are listed below. Please indicate if you receive the service from MMA or another company. (check all that apply)

	From MMA	From Another Company	Do Not Have Any	Not Sure
a. Health insurance	6.5	80.5	7.9	1.0
b. Prescription drug coverage	4.1	74.9	13.7	.7
c. Life insurance	3.6	71.5	16.7	1.1
d. Auto insurance	1.1	87.1	5.7	.7

e. Long term care insurance	1.5	25.5	54.8	3.1
f. Annuity/retirement plan	4.5	61.7	21.2	2.3
g. Mutual Fund (investment)	5.6	50.8	29.5	3.0

11 When you make decisions about financial planning, which three of these things are most important to you? (check only THREE)

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| 6.4 A company operated by the church | 13.9 Investment costs |
| 6.2 A company office close to me | 14.6 Investment options |
| 29.7 The quality of customer service | 16.6 Non-pressured sales approach |
| 26.7 Ethical investment guidelines | 1.0 Size of the company |
| 42.5 Financial return | 62.9 Trustworthiness of the company |
| 30.3 Financial strength of the company | 2.4 Other |

12 How good is your physical health on a scale from 1 to 10? (circle a number between "very poor" and "very good")

Mean=7.88

Very Poor

Very Good

- .1 1 .3 2 2.3 3 2.0 4 6.9 5 6.2 6 13.2 7 28.1 8 25.2 9 15.7 10

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

- 2.5 Not too happy 41.9 Fairly happy 55.6 Very happy

14 About how often do you do the activities below?

	Never	Rarely	Several Times a Month	Several Times a Week	Daily
a. Listen to Christian radio stations	4.9	16.7	13.6	24.7	40.1
b. Listen to <i>Focus on the Family</i>	25.5	36.6	17.7	14.7	5.5
c. Listen to <i>National Public Radio</i>	29.6	35.4	13.1	14.3	7.6
d. Watch religious programs on TV	12.8	34.9	29.2	16.1	7.0
e. Watch sports events on TV	14.6	34.7	28.7	17.4	4.6
f. Watch news on TV	4.1	12.2	10.7	25.8	47.3
g. Watch <i>MTV</i> or <i>Comedy Central</i> on TV	63.7	27.3	3.8	4.1	1.0
h. Read newspapers or magazines	1.6	13.2	21.9	22.4	40.9
i. Read books	2.6	22.3	26.5	23.6	25.0
j. Watch Christian videos	11.8	56.6	25.9	3.8	1.9
k. Watch movies (at home or in a theater)	6.2	39.1	42.9	10.6	1.3

15 Which of the following magazines do you read regularly? (check all that apply)

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| 24.2 <i>Seek</i> | 5.9 <i>Brethren in Christ History and Life</i> |
| 6.1 <i>Common Place (MCC)</i> | 13.0 News magazines like <i>Time</i> and <i>Newsweek</i> |

16 In a typical day, about how many hours do you watch television? Median: 2 hours

17 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.

Median: 0.5 hours

0 hours= 40.3

1-30 minutes=22.9

31-60 minutes=20.0

+60 minutes=17.0

18 Which of the following activities do you do on the Internet? (check all that apply)

- 32.2 Buy things
- 4.6 Contribute to charities
- 23.9 Banking
- 62.5 Use e-mail
- 29.3 Read news
- 10.8 Send instant messages (IM)
- 17.5 Receive information about the church
- 16.0 Search for religious information
- .6 Do online journaling (blog)

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

- 2.6 None
- 35.2 A little bit
- 41.0 A fair amount
- 15.9 Pretty much
- 5.3 Very much

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

- 26.9 Not important at all
- 41.2 Not very important
- 28.4 Fairly important
- 3.5 Very important

21 The issues below present temptations for some Christians who are trying to live simply. Please check the three items that present the greatest temptation for you.? (check *THREE*)

- 10.4 Buying the latest styles and fashions in clothing
- 31.8 Concerns about how I look (especially my body image)
- 18.2 Getting the nicest home and furnishings I can afford
- 21.5 Enjoying popular movies, TV shows, and music
- 23.0 Earning as much money as possible
- 36.2 Looking out for my own needs and interests
- 27.4 None of the above
- 13.0 Other

22 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*)

- 35.6 Abortion
- 35.2 Child abuse
- 8.2 Domestic abuse
- 6.2 Environmental destruction
- 52.7 Erosion of family values
- 1.5 Global warming
- 1.6 Gun control
- 5.0 Homelessness
- 19.8 Homosexual marriage
- 6.3 Human rights violations
- 16.5 Hunger
- 15.7 Pornography
- 16.5 Poverty
- 2.8 Racism
- 8.8 Secular humanism
- 24.4 Sexual immorality
- 20.3 Terrorism
- 20.2 Violence in America
- 7.6 War
- 3.7 Other

23 In the past year, about how often did you do each of the following things, if at all?

	Never	Rarely	Several Times a Month	Several Times a Week	Daily
a. Engaged in active physical exercise	2.2	19.8	28.8	37.1	12.1
b. Saw an X-rated (adult) movie	91.4	7.9	.7	0.0	0.0
c. Bought tickets in a state lottery	71.2	22.3	5.4	1.0	.2
d. Assisted neighbors in need	1.5	37.6	50.3	8.2	2.4
e. Drank alcohol	58.3	30.2	9.3	1.7	.4
f. Displayed a U.S. flag outside your home	45.4	23.4	9.9	3.2	18.0
g. Visited a therapist for counseling	87.5	7.7	4.5	0.0	.3
h. Recycled products to protect the environment	12.0	13.0	27.3	13.7	34.0
i. Visited pornographic websites	92.9	6.2	.7	.3	0.0
j. Followed a healthy diet	2.2	15.4	19.2	31.2	32.0

24 As you think about important issues facing BIC churches today, what two issues concern you the most?

1. _____
2. _____

24 Is there anything else that you would like to say about BIC churches?
