

St. James United Needs Assessment



1. How I feel when I am at St. James United Church (St. James)

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
A strong sense of Community	60.0% (24)	30.0% (12)	7.5% (3)	0.0% (0)	2.5% (1)	1.46	40
Welcomed warmly	63.4% (26)	31.7% (13)	4.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.41	41
An inviting place to come if I was new to church	25.0% (10)	50.0% (20)	15.0% (6)	0.0% (0)	10.0% (4)	1.89	40
answered question							42
skipped question							0

2. Vision: How We Explore Our Faith

	strongly agree	somewhat agree	somewhat disagree	strongly disagree	I don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
We are willing to explore complex faith questions	15.0% (6)	57.5% (23)	10.0% (4)	2.5% (1)	15.0% (6)	2.45	40
Faith questions are welcome ††	41.5% (17)	43.9% (18)	7.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	7.3% (3)	1.88	41
We are inquisitive to new ideas ††	15.0% (6)	47.5% (19)	30.0% (12)	2.5% (1)	5.0% (2)	2.35	40
We are open to different points of view	14.6% (6)	36.6% (15)	41.5% (17)	4.9% (2)	2.4% (1)	2.44	41
St. James is a safe place to explore my faith	40.5% (17)	50.0% (21)	9.5% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.69	42
answered question							42
skipped question							0

3. Sunday Morning Worship

	strongly agree	somewhat agree	somewhat disagree	strongly disagree	I don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
Our services are inviting	39.0% (16)	56.1% (23)	4.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.66	41
The music program supports our worship experience	61.0% (25)	31.7% (13)	2.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	4.9% (2)	1.56	41
We are a caring and outward-looking congregation	30.0% (12)	60.0% (24)	7.5% (3)	2.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.83	40
We are open to accepting change	2.5% (1)	50.0% (20)	32.5% (13)	10.0% (4)	5.0% (2)	2.65	40
We are open to exploring different theological approaches	7.3% (3)	46.3% (19)	26.8% (11)	4.9% (2)	14.6% (6)	2.73	41
More technology would enhance our worship experience	24.4% (10)	34.1% (14)	26.8% (11)	4.9% (2)	9.8% (4)	2.41	41
Young people/families make worship more meaningful, vibrant	73.2% (30)	19.5% (8)	7.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.34	41
We need a Children's Choir	55.0% (22)	27.5% (11)	7.5% (3)	5.0% (2)	5.0% (2)	1.78	40
answered question							41
skipped question							1

4. Education

	strongly agree	somewhat agree	somewhat disagree	strongly disagree	I don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
We have strong lay leaders	29.3% (12)	58.5% (24)	4.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	7.3% (3)	1.98	41
We need a Youth Group (ages 14-20)	56.1% (23)	29.3% (12)	4.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	9.8% (4)	1.78	41
We need more Adult Theological Study	19.5% (8)	36.6% (15)	22.0% (9)	0.0% (0)	22.0% (9)	2.68	41
We need more Children's Programs	36.6% (15)	31.7% (13)	9.8% (4)	0.0% (0)	22.0% (9)	2.39	41
We have the ability to reinvent programs and ourselves	31.7% (13)	43.9% (18)	14.6% (6)	2.4% (1)	7.3% (3)	2.10	41
answered question							41
skipped question							1

5. Activities, Events & Groups

	strongly agree	somewhat agree	somewhat disagree	strongly disagree	I don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
We have a strong core of volunteers	51.2% (21)	41.5% (17)	4.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	2.4% (1)	1.61	41
We are a committed group of individuals with a 'Can do attitude'	30.0% (12)	55.0% (22)	10.0% (4)	0.0% (0)	5.0% (2)	1.95	40
We are an enthusiastic group of people	31.7% (13)	51.2% (21)	14.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	2.4% (1)	1.90	41
We have a strong music program	43.9% (18)	43.9% (18)	7.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	4.9% (2)	1.78	41
We have a strong pastoral care program	43.9% (18)	39.0% (16)	0.0% (0)	2.4% (1)	14.6% (6)	2.05	41
St. James helps people in need	61.0% (25)	36.6% (15)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.4% (1)	1.46	41
We need additional Church social activities	36.6% (15)	41.5% (17)	7.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	14.6% (6)	2.15	41
We benefit from holding a vacation bible school	53.7% (22)	31.7% (13)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	14.6% (6)	1.90	41
St. James could provide afterschool programs for the community	22.0% (9)	53.7% (22)	4.9% (2)	2.4% (1)	17.1% (7)	2.39	41
Increased emphasis should be placed on Outreach	34.1% (14)	46.3% (19)	7.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	12.2% (5)	2.10	41
We have activities to maintain the interest of newcomers	5.1% (2)	48.7% (19)	33.3% (13)	2.6% (1)	10.3% (4)	2.64	39
Participating in church activities is a good way to meet people	65.9% (27)	29.3% (12)	4.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.39	41
There is a need for our food bank and Margaret's House	82.9% (34)	14.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.4% (1)	1.24	41
We need more programmes and events that families can participate in	58.5% (24)	26.8% (11)	2.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	12.2% (5)	1.80	41
answered question							41

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6. St. James Membership Growth

	strongly agree	somewhat agree	somewhat disagree	strongly disagree	I don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
We need to increase membership at St. James	90.2% (37)	2.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	2.4% (1)	4.9% (2)	1.29	41
It is important to promote/publicize St. James within our community	85.4% (35)	14.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.15	41
It is important to promote/publicize St. James beyond our Community	62.5% (25)	22.5% (9)	7.5% (3)	0.0% (0)	7.5% (3)	1.68	40
Welcoming newcomers can be improved	65.9% (27)	22.0% (9)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	12.2% (5)	1.71	41
We should follow-up with our visitors	73.2% (30)	24.4% (10)	2.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.29	41
answered question							41
skipped question							1


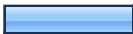

7. Challenges We Face

	strongly agree	somewhat agree	somewhat disagree	strongly disagree	I don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
St. James should remain as a Community Church	73.2% (30)	17.1% (7)	2.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	7.3% (3)	1.51	41
Fewer young families are moving into downtown Dartmouth	17.1% (7)	26.8% (11)	22.0% (9)	4.9% (2)	29.3% (12)	3.02	41
Our sustainability and vitality is at risk without more members	75.6% (31)	14.6% (6)	2.4% (1)	4.9% (2)	2.4% (1)	1.44	41
As our congregation ages our volunteer base shrinks	65.9% (27)	29.3% (12)	2.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	2.4% (1)	1.44	41
We have a need for more age diversity in our congregation (more young people/families)	75.6% (31)	22.0% (9)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.4% (1)	1.32	41
We have a willingness to embrace challenges	14.6% (6)	56.1% (23)	17.1% (7)	0.0% (0)	12.2% (5)	2.39	41
More parking is needed at St James	53.7% (22)	19.5% (8)	17.1% (7)	0.0% (0)	9.8% (4)	1.93	41
St. James has adequate access for the mobility-impaired	29.3% (12)	51.2% (21)	4.9% (2)	7.3% (3)	7.3% (3)	2.12	41
answered question							41
skipped question							1

8. St. James Financial Situation

	strongly agree	somewhat agree	somewhat disagree	strongly disagree	I don't know	Rating Average	Response Count
We have a solid Asset Base, building is paid for, consistent revenue, some savings	17.9% (7)	51.3% (20)	12.8% (5)	0.0% (0)	17.9% (7)	2.49	39
We need to grow our revenue	61.5% (24)	30.8% (12)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	7.7% (3)	1.62	39
We are in the position to extend ourselves financially	5.3% (2)	18.4% (7)	39.5% (15)	10.5% (4)	26.3% (10)	3.34	38
Our facilities are underutilized (during the week)	30.8% (12)	41.0% (16)	10.3% (4)	0.0% (0)	17.9% (7)	2.33	39
A smaller congregation will pose financial challenges for us	89.5% (34)	2.6% (1)	2.6% (1)	0.0% (0)	5.3% (2)	1.29	38
answered question							39
skipped question							3

9. Do you feel more staff hours are needed for the minister, a staff associate, secretary, and student minister?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		54.1%	20
No		18.9%	7
I do not know		27.0%	10
answered question			37
skipped question			5

10. If YES, please list where more emphasis is needed, in order of priority (1=highest, 6=lowest)

	1. Highest Priority	2.	3.	4.	5.	6. Lowest Priority	Response Count
Attracting new members	68.0% (17)	20.0% (5)	4.0% (1)	4.0% (1)	4.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	25
More building maintenance hours	3.7% (1)	18.5% (5)	33.3% (9)	11.1% (3)	33.3% (9)	0.0% (0)	27
More administrative hours (Church office open longer)	7.7% (2)	15.4% (4)	23.1% (6)	23.1% (6)	19.2% (5)	11.5% (3)	26
Developing and supervising programs for children and youth	56.0% (14)	16.0% (4)	16.0% (4)	4.0% (1)	8.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	25
Pastoral care	19.2% (5)	38.5% (10)	34.6% (9)	3.8% (1)	3.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	26
answered question							27
skipped question							15

11. What in your view attracts new members to St. James?

	Response Count
	36
answered question	36
skipped question	6

12. What in your view discourages new members from attending St. James?

	Response Count
	36
answered question	36
skipped question	6

13. What activities do we not currently have at St. James that you would like to see?

**Response
Count**

31

answered question

31

skipped question

11

14. What is the boundary of the area that St. James should serve?

**Response
Count**

35

answered question

35

skipped question

7

15. In five (5) years what would you like St. James to look like?

**Response
Count**

36

answered question

36

skipped question

6

16. Age †

	Please check one	Response Count
over 70	100.0% (8)	8
60-69	100.0% (11)	11
50-59	100.0% (4)	4
40-49	100.0% (10)	10
30-39	100.0% (3)	3
20-29	0.0% (0)	0
12-19	0.0% (0)	0
under 12	0.0% (0)	0
answered question		36
skipped question		6




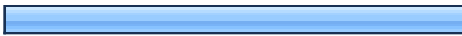
17. I attend worship

	Please check one	Response Count
2-4 times per month	100.0% (31)	31
1 time per month	100.0% (2)	2
8-10 times a year	100.0% (3)	3
Attend specific services in the year	100.0% (1)	1
answered question		37
skipped question		5

18. I have attended St. James for:

	Please check one	Response Count
More than 20 years	100.0% (26)	26
More than 10 years	100.0% (3)	3
5-10 years	100.0% (4)	4
Less than 5 years	100.0% (2)	2
answered question		35
skipped question		7

19. Your Contact Information

		Response Percent	Response Count
Name		100.0%	29
Phone #		96.6%	28
Address		65.5%	19
Email		69.0%	20
answered question			29
skipped question			13

1. What in your view attracts new members to St. James?

	Response Text	
1	Community Outreach, events within the Church, Advertising.	Oct 6, 2010 7:12 PM

1. What in your view attracts new members to St. James?

	Response Text	
2	Feeling welcome by the congregation. A service that delivers a strong message of faith, hope, and charity. A strong music program and children's programs.	Oct 6, 2010 7:26 PM
3	Location, sense of community, realatively active core congregation.	Oct 7, 2010 3:18 AM
4	don't know	Oct 7, 2010 4:17 AM
5	Friendliness, tradition, music.	Oct 7, 2010 5:34 AM
6	Our scouting program is second to none; and this brings youth into our church, and perhaps their families?	Oct 7, 2010 6:43 AM
7	Outreach programs, warm welcomes, children's programs	Oct 7, 2010 12:37 PM
8	It is a friendly place that welcomes newcomers.	Oct 7, 2010 6:13 PM
9	A desire to attend church. A desire to be a part of a church community. The geographic location and prominence of the building. The beauty of the building.	Oct 8, 2010 5:47 AM
10	warm and friendly greeting at door	Oct 8, 2010 7:53 AM
11	Nice worshop space, Sunday School, music, welcoming minister	Oct 11, 2010 5:05 AM
12	Greeted on entering; information on activities given without pressure to immediately volunteer or participate; one member introducing newcomer to another member	Oct 12, 2010 6:05 PM
13	Being friendly and helpful	Oct 14, 2010 10:00 AM
14	Friends and family, location	Oct 14, 2010 11:02 AM
15	welcoming attitude, friend of a friend, close proximity to where they live	Oct 15, 2010 4:57 PM
16	Programs we offer, having programs for the kids could attract the entire family	Oct 16, 2010 4:58 AM
17	A more lively sermon. Less written prayers. A youth choir. Livelier music.	Oct 16, 2010 7:34 AM
18	location, friends who go there, history of the church, helping those in need with food bank, Margaret's House	Oct 16, 2010 3:41 PM
19	unknown	Oct 20, 2010 8:31 AM
20	Friends, neighbors and a welcoming congregation. Events in the church which draw the community in our door and allow them to see what we are all about.	Oct 27, 2010 6:11 PM
21	consistent and meaningful services, sunday school and child care for toodlers/babies, friendly ushers and members sitting in the pews	Oct 30, 2010 1:00 AM
22	A welcoming congregation is vital to attracting new members. More than one service Sunday morning, or evening, might attract members. Two shorter services, half hour or 45 min. might attract new members. Different things could be tried. I think non-church goers often feel ill-at-ease in going to a new church.	Oct 30, 2010 9:03 AM

1. What in your view attracts new members to St. James?

Response Text		
23	For me it was location.	Oct 31, 2010 6:28 PM
24	a welcoming atmosphere; a minister who is outgoing and willing to visit members of the congregation. I believe lunches at the end of the service are very attractive to people, as well as good sources of revenue.	Nov 8, 2010 9:27 PM
25	-welcoming by minister and congrigation especaly by contact at coffee hour -involvement with sunday school and other activities -	Nov 10, 2010 10:09 AM
26	Our minister Glenn MacLean is a true Christian. In spite of having experiencemany crisis in his own life, he continues to be able to reach out to those in need in a very caring way. Among his many strengths are his non-judgemental attitude and his warm acceptable of all. Through the many stresses of his own life, he has been able to retain a "merry heart..." May he remain at St James for many many year	Nov 10, 2010 10:25 AM
27	friendliness activities of thier interest to be with friend sho already attend St James music, choir	Nov 10, 2010 10:37 AM
28	- programs for youth - SS, Scout, Beavers - friendlyness of ongrigation and especially mimister (weddings, baptisims, funerals)	Nov 10, 2010 10:49 AM
29	Welcoming congregation	Nov 10, 2010 4:59 PM
30	word of mouth, services, flea market word of mouth and lobster supper and other events spread the news of the church. How about a spot on the community news paper	Jan 7, 2011 1:43 PM
31	a welcoming congrigation, and activities that include different age levels, as well as families as a whole	Jan 7, 2011 1:52 PM
32	friendly congrigation	Jan 7, 2011 1:56 PM
33	friendly atmosphere, spiritual fufillment, comfortable place to be	Jan 7, 2011 2:09 PM
34	new vibrant events and activities	Jan 7, 2011 2:15 PM
35	I am not sure if we are attracting new members. Being able to marry and baptize people is open and welcoming at St James. We need to be there and welcoming when new poeple have the desire and need for church attendance. Glenn MacLean is welcoming	Jan 7, 2011 2:26 PM
36	Warm welcome Initially they come looking for a place to worship where they feel comfortable, stimulated, spiritually fed. If they find it they stay	Jan 7, 2011 2:39 PM

2. What in your view discourages new members from attending St. James?

Response Text		
1	Lack of knowledge about our Church and it's members	Oct 6, 2010 7:12 PM

2. What in your view discourages new members from attending St. James?

Response Text		
2	Lengthy services. Too few services. Lack of parking.	Oct 6, 2010 7:26 PM
3	Accessibility, lack of variety in the service, more contemporary music.	Oct 7, 2010 3:18 AM
4	don't know	Oct 7, 2010 4:17 AM
5	Lack of people in the church is discouraging, especially enthusiastic youth. A sign of the times? Competing with modern technology	Oct 7, 2010 5:34 AM
6	I have teenagers. They find the services are ALL formal; and long. Perhaps some variation? Does every service need to be so formal? My children no longer want to attend Sunday School (although I know they still have lots to learn), so what can they do to contribute?	Oct 7, 2010 6:43 AM
7	no contact after church on Sunday,	Oct 7, 2010 12:37 PM
8	Services could offer a mix of modern and traditional approaches and music. We also need to trumpet the good work our church does in the community and make it possible for people to directly see the results of their donations of time and money.	Oct 7, 2010 6:13 PM
9	We are a very traditional church. I think young families are looking for something more vibrant than we offer. We "do things the way we do things" and aren't always open to new ideas. I think we are tired as a congregation.	Oct 8, 2010 5:47 AM
10	parking and hardship in crossing street if you are older	Oct 8, 2010 7:53 AM
11	Possible perception that church is needy for money and volunteers	Oct 11, 2010 5:05 AM
12	cliques, whether real or perceived; perception that we are a congregation of all well-off people; lack of information to find way through the buildings	Oct 12, 2010 6:05 PM
13	Ignoring new members	Oct 14, 2010 10:00 AM
14	Liturgy, prayers, and music that is unfamiliar to the unchurched	Oct 14, 2010 11:02 AM
15	not sure what they expect or hope for in their first visit. i find the hall so unappealing, seems dirty and old, i am sometimes embarassed with visitors. i hope visitors get a welcome if they come to coffee time but i knwo i don't always go out of my way to do it personally if in a hurry or needing to talk to people while i can find them	Oct 15, 2010 4:57 PM
16	We are an old church and though we say we are open to new members they are not always greeted as openly as they should. Also United Church is open to the gay/lesbian but we do not support same sex marriage	Oct 16, 2010 4:58 AM
17	There does not seem to be a warm feeling amongst the parishers or I should say some parishers. People need to be greeted by more congregation members.	Oct 16, 2010 7:34 AM
18	lack of parking	Oct 16, 2010 3:41 PM
19	unknown	Oct 20, 2010 8:31 AM

2. What in your view discourages new members from attending St. James?

Response Text		
20	Perhaps they do not know about our church or are discouraged because of lack of close parking especially for seniors	Oct 27, 2010 6:11 PM
21	long services, long sermons, people want to be in and out as they have very busy lives...that is why we moved our time back to 10am, to allow people to be home before noon to go and do other things.	Oct 30, 2010 1:00 AM
22	Various activities probably play a role in keeping new members from attending. Non-church goers perhaps have unhappy memories of churches they previously attended.	Oct 30, 2010 9:03 AM
23	I don't know; perhaps this is a question for those that do not attend our church but live in close proximity to the church.	Oct 31, 2010 6:28 PM
24	its geographic location, away from areas of growth and new families. More work by volunteers in conjunction with minister needed to make children's programmes more comprehensive and attractive	Nov 8, 2010 9:27 PM
25	location?	Nov 10, 2010 10:25 AM
26	some people want to attend church services and not be approached to be active members right away	Nov 10, 2010 10:30 AM
27	parking, stairs, 10 am service	Nov 10, 2010 10:37 AM
28	like all churches, open stores on Sundays children are involved in recreational activities (hockey, swimming, soccer, etc) on Sunday am families are busy, church is not a priority	Nov 10, 2010 10:49 AM
29	Hesitancy in exploring different views of faith	Nov 10, 2010 4:59 PM
30	maybe we put on an air that is stuffy (ex sort of a dress code) not feeling comfortable in church	Jan 7, 2011 1:43 PM
31	we have for the most part an older congregation, young families usually look for a church with a similar age majority	Jan 7, 2011 1:52 PM
32	older, conservative feel to the church; not a lot of racial diversity	Jan 7, 2011 1:56 PM
33	not enough innovative programs for youth, parking situation, lack of information going out to the public	Jan 7, 2011 2:09 PM
34	same old same old. People unable to adapt to the changing lifestyles and technology in the world	Jan 7, 2011 2:15 PM
35	Location. We should be a prime location for downtown condos and apartments. I am not sure why we are not overflowing. Perhaps people do not feel the need for any church or are going elsewhere.	Jan 7, 2011 2:26 PM
36	If they are not welcomed with genuine interact and follow-up	Jan 7, 2011 2:39 PM

3. What activities do we not currently have at St. James that you would like to see?

	Response Text	
1	A Bible study that working people could attend and more community outreach projects	Oct 6, 2010 7:12 PM
2	Increased family activitites, activities at times when working people can attend. A lot happens during the day excluding those who work.	Oct 7, 2010 3:18 AM
3	youth group with physical activities as well as discussion groups/guest speakers	Oct 7, 2010 4:17 AM
4	The most positive influence in my own life was CGIT. But I do not know if it would be possible to bring it to life in today's world.	Oct 7, 2010 5:34 AM
5	More things for youth. I know that when my children were younger, I was constantly looking for safe things for them to do on the school in-service days, can we offer things? Can our teens assist here?	Oct 7, 2010 6:43 AM
6	music for children, maybe a light lunch program during the week for downtown workers	Oct 7, 2010 12:37 PM
7	Alternative worship times and styles. Community garden. Sunday school activities / worship that young teens can relate to.	Oct 7, 2010 6:13 PM
8	More youth programs. More opportunity to explore complex faith issues as a caring church community.	Oct 8, 2010 5:47 AM
9	Would like to see activities aimed at youth (Junior High to University), likely with other Dartmouth congregations to get sufficient participants	Oct 11, 2010 5:05 AM
10	cooking, nutrition and homemaking classes associated with food bank and I mean by a qualified person not someone who thinks she can cook	Oct 12, 2010 6:05 PM
11	none	Oct 14, 2010 11:02 AM
12	more events to bring the kids together and supplement their becoming friends at sunday school.	Oct 15, 2010 4:57 PM
13	Youth programs, we had junior bells when I was a kid and loved it, I was never a singer but could express music with bells. Also youth programs, maybe on March break, X-mas, full day VBS, after school or weekend fun kids	Oct 16, 2010 4:58 AM
14	More involvement for the youth.	Oct 16, 2010 7:34 AM
15	programs for youth	Oct 16, 2010 3:41 PM
16	potluck suppers for families	Oct 20, 2010 8:31 AM
17	More variety of musical instruments in the regular service and some modern, uplifting music along with old and traditional hymns Programs for preschoolers and their Moms during the week .	Oct 27, 2010 6:11 PM
18	youth programs, childrens programs - to allow the children/youth to get to know each other more often than on a Sunday morning in a classroom setting...they cannot make worthwhile friendships during 25-35 minutes a few times a month...having consistent programming would allow the nurturing and growth for these individuals which would lead to a greater attendance on a regular basis	Oct 30, 2010 1:00 AM

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Response Text		
19	More family events.	Oct 31, 2010 6:28 PM
20	More frequent, and regularly scheduled, lunches after services might be something to consider.	Nov 8, 2010 9:27 PM
21	more study groups, book studies involvement with discussion on issues of a current nature	Nov 10, 2010 10:09 AM
22	?	Nov 10, 2010 10:25 AM
23	can't think of any	Nov 10, 2010 10:37 AM
24	I am not sre but we need something that will attract familiesto St James. Maybe a strong youth program. If youth are involved, hopefully parents will follow.	Nov 10, 2010 10:49 AM
25	Youth group Family focused activites (eg Christmas service for kids)	Nov 10, 2010 4:59 PM
26	I am not up todate on the activities now on	Jan 7, 2011 1:43 PM
27	I fell that we have a number of babies baptized at St James who rarely are seen at church again. Has any follow-up been done, for example, on babies baptized during the past 5 years, to try to encourage these young families to return to St James? Would there be any response to a moms and tgot party around teh time Sunday School is opening?	Jan 7, 2011 1:52 PM
28	programs for pre-teens and teenage	Jan 7, 2011 2:09 PM
29	drama, sports clubs, sl	Jan 7, 2011 2:15 PM
30	I am not looking for more activities. I enjoy handbells, bible study, book club....swerardship committee	Jan 7, 2011 2:26 PM
31	I wish I knew. Usually activities are created because of a need or because someone has a skill or knowledge they wish to share and people become interested	Jan 7, 2011 2:39 PM

4. What is the boundary of the area that St. James should serve?

Response Text		
1	Where ever there is a need	Oct 6, 2010 7:12 PM
2	Although we have members ranging from a wide area, the boundary area should include south of Albro Lake, North Woodside to Woodlawn	Oct 6, 2010 7:26 PM
3	Wherever people come from who choose St. James. We could focus on the new developments in the downtown area.	Oct 7, 2010 3:18 AM

4. What is the boundary of the area that St. James should serve?

Response Text		
4	don't know	Oct 7, 2010 4:17 AM
5	Does there have to be a boundary? Should anybody not be welcomed?	Oct 7, 2010 5:34 AM
6	Why do we need a boundary. I believe that I should be able to attend a congregation where I feel welcome, comfortable without being told it is not in "my area/boundary".	Oct 7, 2010 6:43 AM
7	Dartmouth	Oct 7, 2010 12:37 PM
8	While it should recognize the role it has in world issues and continue to support these, it should draw its congregation from downtown Dartmouth and immediate environs.	Oct 7, 2010 6:13 PM
9	Central Dartmouth, in terms of outreach.	Oct 8, 2010 5:47 AM
10	have an open boundry	Oct 8, 2010 7:53 AM
11	Suggest focus on central Dartmouth (inside Circumferential)	Oct 11, 2010 5:05 AM
12	We should not be constrained by geographical boundaries, but obviously should promote ourselves to the downtown areas and neighbourhoods where members currently reside	Oct 12, 2010 6:05 PM
13	Most of Dartmouth	Oct 14, 2010 10:00 AM
14	no boundary necessary - all should be welcome from wherever they choose to come	Oct 14, 2010 11:02 AM
15	HRM. i think this naturally falls out of peoples' willingness to travel, probably 75% are within old dartmouth up to Portland estates and a few like the McAulays/Murphys and Wayne C are willing to come from Halifax.	Oct 15, 2010 4:57 PM
16	should have no boundry	Oct 16, 2010 4:58 AM
17	keep it wide	Oct 16, 2010 3:41 PM
18	unknown	Oct 20, 2010 8:31 AM
19	There should not be a boundary..all people who wish to attend should be welcome	Oct 27, 2010 6:11 PM
20	I do not agree on any boundary...we have a diverse congregation from outside Halifax, to Windsor and beyond, to the Eastern Shore as well as all over Dartmouth...why should any church put boundaries? That only limits who can attend and be a part of our church, which defeats the purpose of what being a "united church" means...	Oct 30, 2010 1:00 AM
21	I don't think there should be a foundary.	Oct 30, 2010 9:03 AM
22	In my view, the answer to this is dependent upon a much larger study.	Oct 31, 2010 6:28 PM

4. What is the boundary of the area that St. James should serve?

Response Text		
23	no geographic limits	Nov 8, 2010 9:27 PM
24	- no geographal limits, but more encouragement of people to get their friends and neighbors to attend - however a focus on the neighborhood where the church is located	Nov 10, 2010 10:09 AM
25	are boundaries necessary?	Nov 10, 2010 10:25 AM
26	good question but I have no answer	Nov 10, 2010 10:37 AM
27	?	Nov 10, 2010 10:49 AM
28	None	Nov 10, 2010 4:59 PM
29	the church should have no boundaries	Jan 7, 2011 1:43 PM
30	primarily down town Dartmouth	Jan 7, 2011 1:52 PM
31	downtown Dartmouth	Jan 7, 2011 1:56 PM
32	no particular boundry but definatly try to increase service af the downtown Dart area	Jan 7, 2011 2:09 PM
33	global	Jan 7, 2011 2:15 PM
34	open boundary. We need to reach into the suburbs where families are.	Jan 7, 2011 2:26 PM
35	basically downtown Dartmouth, surrounding the church, after that no limit	Jan 7, 2011 2:39 PM

5. In five (5) years what would you like St. James to look like?

Response Text		
1	Economically stable with a larger population of younger members	Oct 6, 2010 7:12 PM
2	More young families, a second service offered through the week or on Sunday evening.	Oct 6, 2010 7:26 PM
3	A larger congregation with a wider variety of fellowship opportunitites for all ages. A variety of service types not just the old traditional one that really has not changed much in decades. Perhaps once a month a largely music service with some contemporary religious music -lots of it out there. A more attractive property (a volunteer gardening/ landscaping group) -look at Christ Chrch and the Lutheran Chrch on Portland -very inviting.	Oct 7, 2010 3:18 AM
4	don't know	Oct 7, 2010 4:17 AM

5. In five (5) years what would you like St. James to look like?

	Response Text	
5	Like it looked while I was young - full of people of all ages, but this is not realistic, I know.	Oct 7, 2010 5:34 AM
6	Full of youth, some of our "older" generations listening to the ideas of the youth. willingness to accept new things, ideas, etc. While I enjoy our current organist (Dean) I was dismayed at the barriers placed by our congregation, choir, etc on the changes that the first replacement (Glen?) wanted to implement. We need change or we will loose our younger congregation members. They thrive on change. No change bores them. Tradition, routine, have a place, but not 100% of the time!	Oct 7, 2010 6:43 AM
7	more young families attending, outreach to the community in Dartmouth,	Oct 7, 2010 12:37 PM
8	It will be a congregation that is active in the downtown community. The number of people attending worship will have doubled by attracting people who are under 50.	Oct 7, 2010 6:13 PM
9	More young families. A busy church hall every day of the week. More events that bring us together as a church community.	Oct 8, 2010 5:47 AM
10	grow more members,continue our programs that are in place and try to improve on them. add new ones if possible. try to have more younger familys assume a more active role on the church committees. this helps bring new ideas.	Oct 8, 2010 7:53 AM
11	Would like full church, full Sunday School, minister plus staff associate, rejuvenated buildings	Oct 11, 2010 5:05 AM
12	I would like to see more economic and ethnic diversity. Also, more younger families.	Oct 12, 2010 6:05 PM
13	The same only with more members	Oct 14, 2010 10:00 AM
14	Financially stable (without using savings); welcoming of new members of whatever age; more contemporary music, drama, visuals in worship; increased training and development for lay people to be involved in worship and learning about different theological perspectives and worship practices.	Oct 14, 2010 11:02 AM
15	better physically (hall and kitcehn refreshed), more families.	Oct 15, 2010 4:57 PM
16	more diverse, more open to change, more programs for youth	Oct 16, 2010 4:58 AM
17	Having a larger congregation and more youthful programs. Reaching out to the young is very important.	Oct 16, 2010 7:34 AM
18	I would like to see a youth group which is active and engaged in the church and community.	Oct 16, 2010 3:41 PM
19	Church filled and in the black financially!!!	Oct 20, 2010 8:31 AM
20	I would love to see more families attending so we can have a variety of ages working together to enjoy the activities of our church as we share our faith and learn how the Bible applies to our daily life.	Oct 27, 2010 6:11 PM

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Response Text		
21	I would like to see more programs in place for all age groups, even seniors if that is what people would like. People need to make the time to be a part of a church life, people tend to over extend themselves with sporting events for their children...it seems some parents are more concerned with "my child is better than your child syndrome" instead of giving them a strong faith based upbringing. In today's society, it is critical for children to have something to believe in and something more than video games to play with...you cannot blame children for the lack of leadership from their parents, teachers, peers, etc.	Oct 30, 2010 1:00 AM
22	I hope St. James is still the home church of a larger congregation.	Oct 30, 2010 9:03 AM
23	A vibrant player in the immediate community, providing families with a place to enjoy the sense of community and feel welcome.	Oct 31, 2010 6:28 PM
24	a younger congregation, with more children, and appropriate programmes for them. I think we should continue to develop usic programmes	Nov 8, 2010 9:27 PM
25	I would like to see a clamatic association of congregants focused on developing strong membership of people mutually supporting caring for each other and wider outreach to community	Nov 10, 2010 10:09 AM
26	strong sencse of community, more age diversity; financially sound; Glenn MacLean as minister; perhaps a discussion group for youth based on lyrics of contemporary music	Nov 10, 2010 10:25 AM
27	making sure our buildings are well kept the pews are filled good leadership the door wide open to all	Nov 10, 2010 10:37 AM
28	full congrigation on Sundays. Vibrant programs that attract new comers	Nov 10, 2010 10:49 AM
29	Affirming church Good mix of young and old Financially stable Lots of programs	Nov 10, 2010 4:59 PM
30	the same but with more members	Jan 7, 2011 1:43 PM
31	What I wold like is a thriving multi generational congrigation. Failing that a merger with Grace may be in our future	Jan 7, 2011 1:52 PM
32	Either a stronger age diversity or if not possible possibly amalgemated with Grace	Jan 7, 2011 1:56 PM
33	a virrant thriving congrigation, Fun church on Sunday, many more youth programs and an affirming church	Jan 7, 2011 2:09 PM
34	a place where affluent to poor families can meet and feel the same. the place to go for people to improve their lives.	Jan 7, 2011 2:15 PM
35	robust, energetis,positive, over flowing with church attendance. A vibrant thriving membership with activities/programs to interest everyone. Diverse; intellectual theological education; family events; fun stuff; comfort and support	Jan 7, 2011 2:26 PM

5. In five (5) years what would you like St. James to look like?

Response Text

36	Full of people of all ages, worshiping and working together pleasantly for the good of all. Giving generously of time, effort, and money with a good will. Everyone taking a share of work looking after building ect. rotaing lists used for many jobs.	Jan 7, 2011 2:39 PM
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