

CHURCH LIFE *Profile*

Eden St George Uniting Church

- This dynamic report contains your survey results. It celebrates your strengths,
- helps you build vision and direction, and move forward together into the future.

LISTEN TO EVERY *voice*

You will hear the responses from all your attenders summarised clearly in one report

SEE EMERGING *trends*

You will see how your church has progressed grown or changed in trends over time

UNDERSTAND THE BIG *picture*

You will know how your church ranks next to others in clear comparisons and benchmarkers

Your Profile results are based on:

Attender Surveys (aged 15+): **28 forms**
Church Code: **UA127301**

Dear local church,


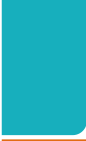


This Church Life Profile contains your church's unique results from your participation in the 2022 National Church Life Survey.


We provide this profile to you, along with supporting resources, to help you strengthen the vitality of your church, grow an owned vision and plan for the future. This profile is part of a Church Life Pack of resources, including the Church Life Survey Workbook, to help you and your church make best use of your results.

Our hope and prayer is that these resources will help, encourage and equip your church in it's mission and ministry.

- The NCLS Research Team

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 **Weighing up Your Survey Results**

It is always important to consider who participated in the survey and in what context. Compare the number of people surveyed (shown at the bottom of each results page) with the total number in the church. Consider what else was happening in the life of the church at the time of the survey and whether/how it might have influenced their responses.

Eden St George Uniting Church in:

2022 - **28 forms** 2016 - **15 forms** 2011 - **16 forms** 2006 - **19 forms** 2001 - **21 forms**

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Dashboard

Eden St George Uniting Church

28 adult attender forms



The People of this Church

Average age (years)	66
Female	63%
University degree	42%
Non-English speaking background	11%
New arrivals in last 5 years	39%
Young people aged 15 to 19	0%



What We Value and Prioritise

Value: Wider community care or social justice emphasis	64%
Value: Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching	44%
Prioritise: Worship services that are nurturing	48%
Prioritise: Supporting social action and aid	40%



How We Relate to God

Experienced much growth in faith in past 12 months	48%
Private devotions at least weekly	79%
Agree faith in God is an important part of who I am	96%
Worship services always/usually challenge me to take action	56%



How We Relate to Each Other

Strong sense of belonging	93%
Found it easy to make friends	88%
Involved in group activities at church	77%
Satisfied with activities for children under 12 years	70%



How We Relate to Community

Helped others in 3 or more informal ways in last year	88%
Involved in local church service, justice or welfare activities	67%
Part of community groups not connected to local church	63%
Feel at ease sharing faith with others	77%



Our Vision and Leadership

Aware of and strongly committed to church's vision	43%
Agree this church is ready to try something new	82%
Attenders who perform at least one leadership or ministry role here	58%
Leaders encourage use of gifts & skills to a great extent	35%

People of This Church

This Summary Profile contains a snapshot of your church's unique results from the 2021 National Church Life Survey. This profile is based on 28 responses from attenders aged 15+.

Supporting resources available at ncls.org.au may also help you to make best use of your results, to strengthen the vitality of your church, grow an owned vision and plan for the future.



Demographic Profile



Gender

63% are female

37% are male

N.B. The percent for those who chose 'other' will be included in denominational and national reports. Figures have been rounded to 100%.

Marital status

72% are currently married

Ethnicity

85% are born in Australia

15% are born overseas

15% are migrants to Australia

4% speak a language other than English at home

Employment

13% are employed full-time (30 hours plus)

71% are retired

Education

42% have a university degree

42% have a trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma



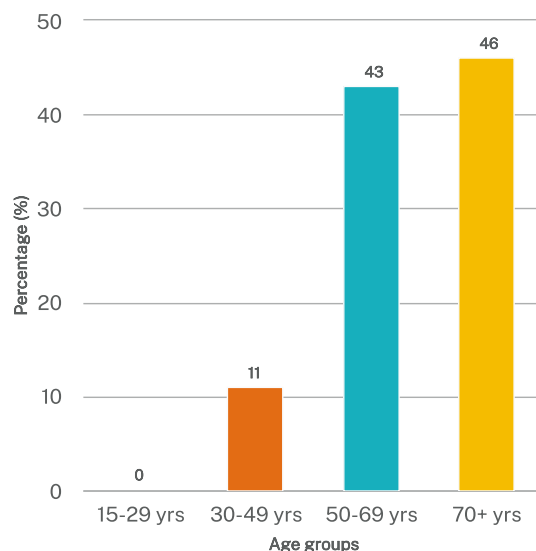
Age and Intergenerational Ministry

66 is the average age of all attenders

70% are satisfied with what is offered for children aged under 12 years

26% are satisfied with what is offered for youth aged 12 to 18

100% agree that people of all ages are encouraged to get involved at this local church



Church Attendance and Background



Attendance Patterns

Estimated attendance

Number of people

No data was provided for this chart.
Please consider estimates of attendance for your church over time.



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

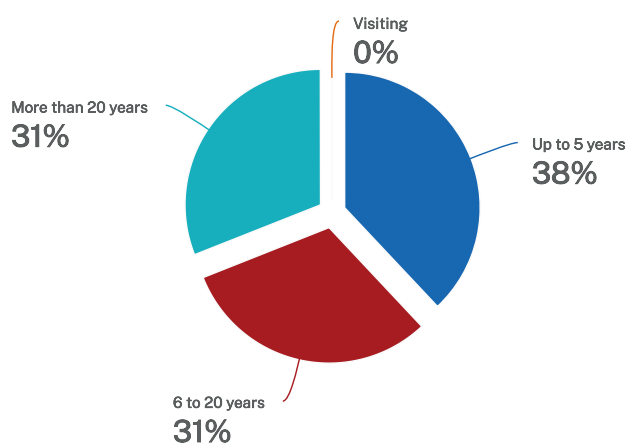
Attendance at this local church (including online)

- 93%** are frequent attenders (monthly or more)
- 81%** attend weekly or more
- 62%** have attended this church for more than five years

Attendance elsewhere (in person and online)⁺

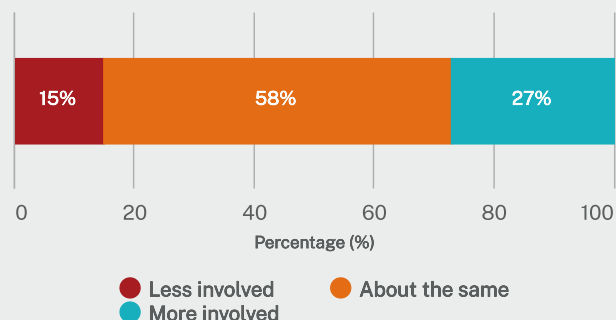
- 67%** do not attend any other church
- 30%** attend elsewhere, in person
- 7%** attend elsewhere, via online services

⁺Note attenders could choose more than one option



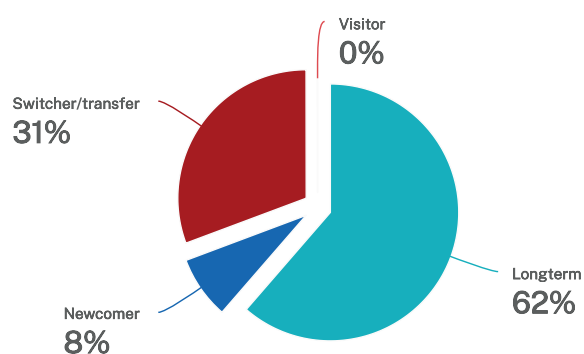
Impact of COVID-19

Current involvement compared with 2019 (before COVID-19)



Church Background

- 39%** of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years

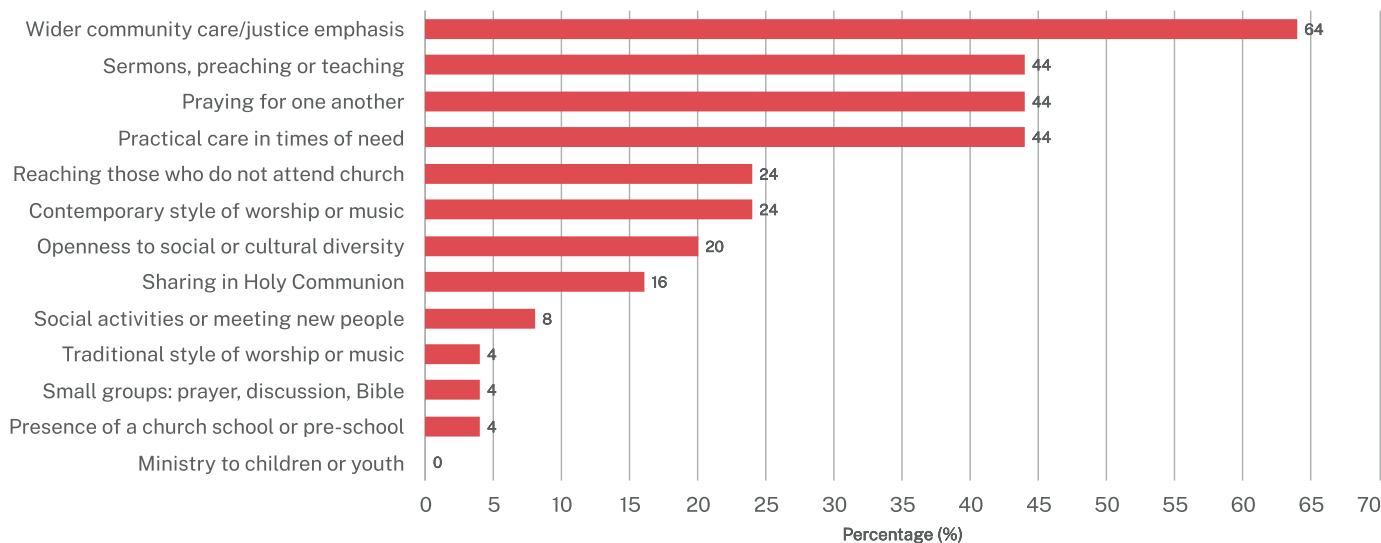


What People Value and Prioritise



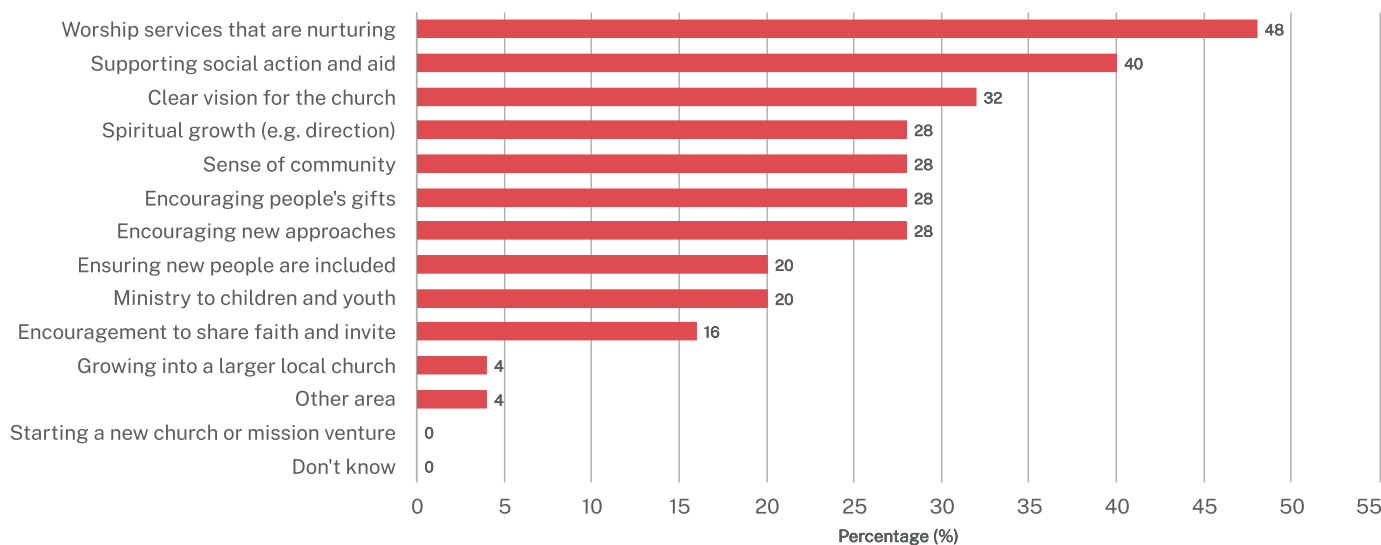
What People Value about this Church

Attendees of this local church most value 'Wider community care or social justice emphasis' and 'Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching'.



Future Priorities

Over the next 12 months most attendees would like priority given to 'Worship services that are nurturing' and 'Supporting social action and aid'.



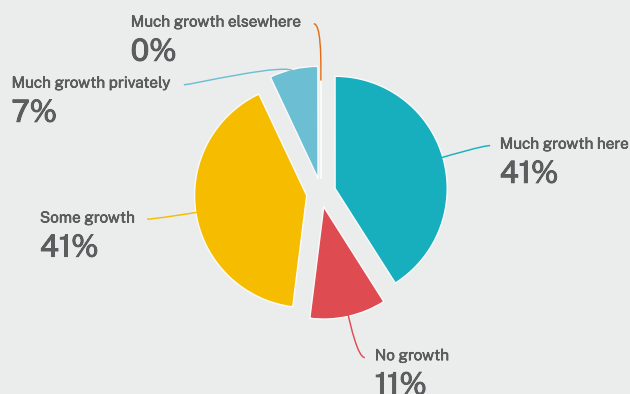


How People Relate to God

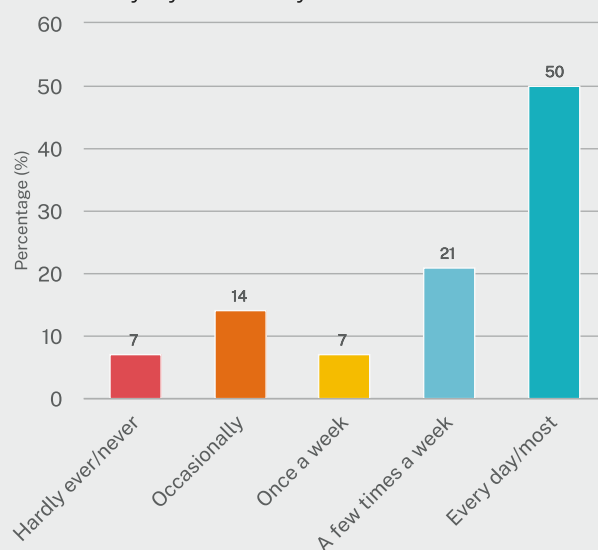


Personal Faith

48% of attenders said that they had experienced much growth in faith in the previous 12 months



50% spend time in prayer, Bible reading, meditation everyday or most days



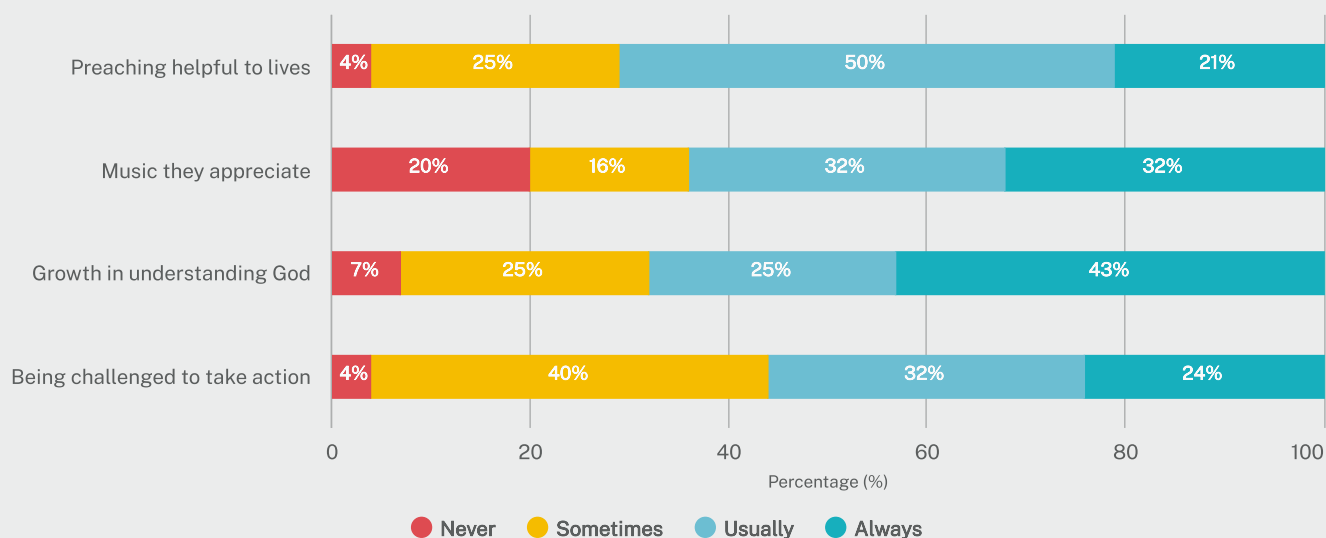
96% agree their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life

96% agree that 'my faith in God is an important part of who I am'



Church Worship Services

During worship services here, attenders experience:



How People Relate to Each Other



Belonging and Inclusion

71% always or mostly personally seek to make new arrivals welcome

78% are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church involvement

Belonging

Have a strong sense of belonging



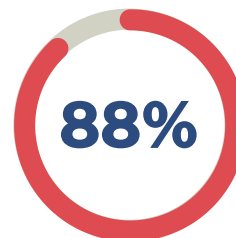
Inclusive

Agree this church is inclusive of different kinds of people



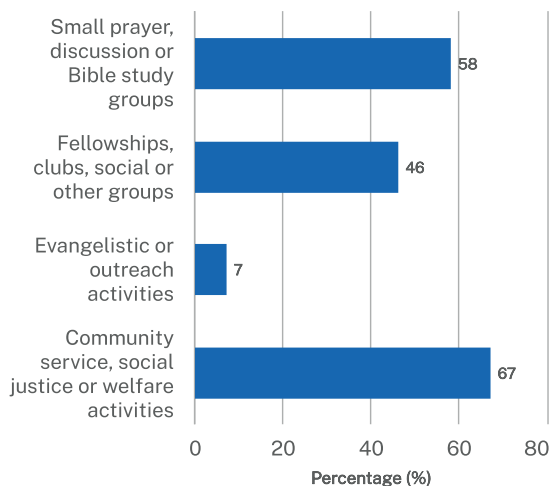
Friendly

Found it easy to make friends in this local church

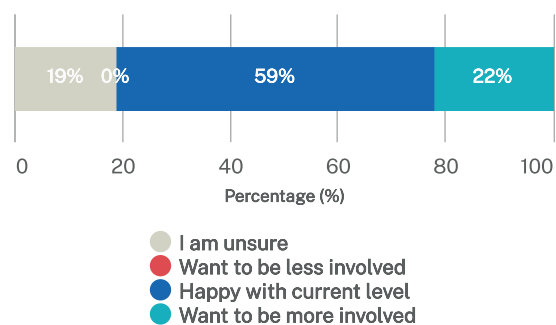


Involvement

Group Involvement

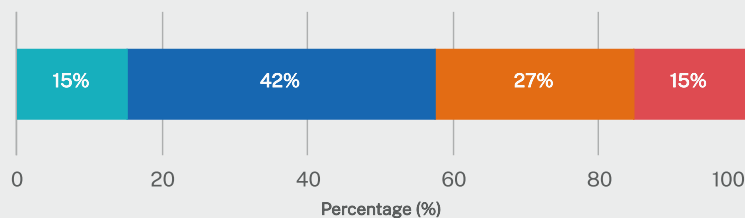


22% want to be more involved at this local church



Financial Giving

- Give about 10% of their net income to this local church
- Give less than 10% of net income
- Give a small amount when present
- Give no amount to this church



How People Relate to Wider Community



Involvement in groups

63% of people participate in wider community groups
9% are very actively involved in online groups (e.g. social media, community groups)

Church-based activities

70% reach out to the wider community through activities of this local church
67% are part of community service activities
7% are part of evangelistic outreach activities



Words and Actions

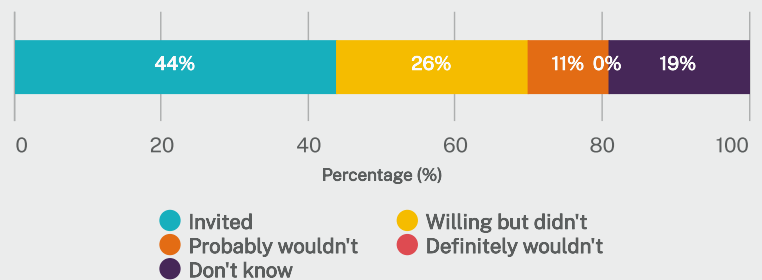
46% talk about matters of faith with other members of their household (13% live alone)
19% feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities to do so

Attendees have offered to help others in the past 12 months

Donated money to a charitable organisation	84%
Visited someone in hospital	72%
Lent or gave money to someone outside your family	68%
Helped someone through a personal crisis (not sickness)	60%
Cared for someone who was very sick	56%
Given some of your possessions to someone in need	56%
Supported a campaign (online or other)	56%
Contacted a parliamentarian/councillor on a public issue	52%
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	36%
Attended a public meeting/march	32%

Inviting others to church

44% invited friends and relatives to a church service in this last year



Acting for the Environment

96% agree that Christians have a responsibility to actively care for the environment

29% are a little active

42% are very active

25% are currently not active



Vision, Innovation & Leadership Culture

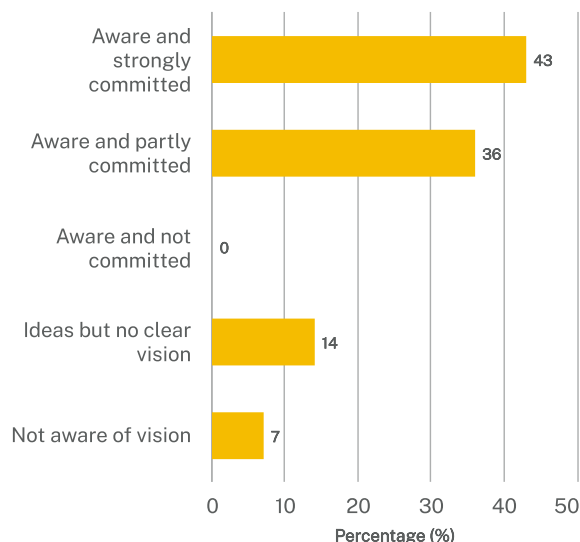


Vision and Innovation

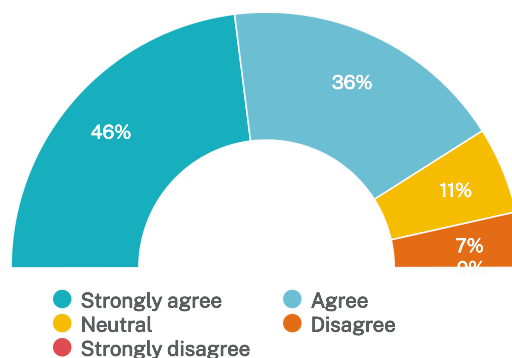
43% of people are both aware and strongly committed to the vision, goals or directions for this local church

57% are fully confident that this local church can achieve the vision, goals or directions set

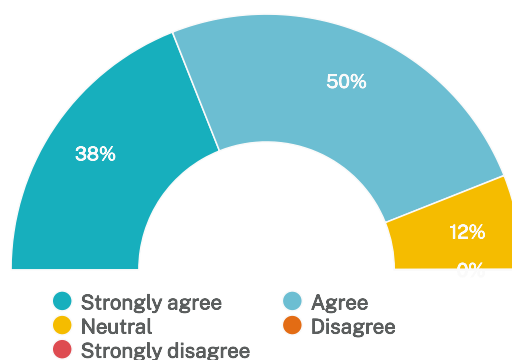
Vision



82% agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



88% agree that they would support the development of new initiatives in the ministry and mission of this local church



Leadership Culture

93% agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this church (e.g. join a roster, take on a role)

58% of attenders perform a leadership or ministry role

69% agree 'leaders encourage me to find and use my gifts and skills to great or some extent'

92% agree that this church has good clear systems for how it operates

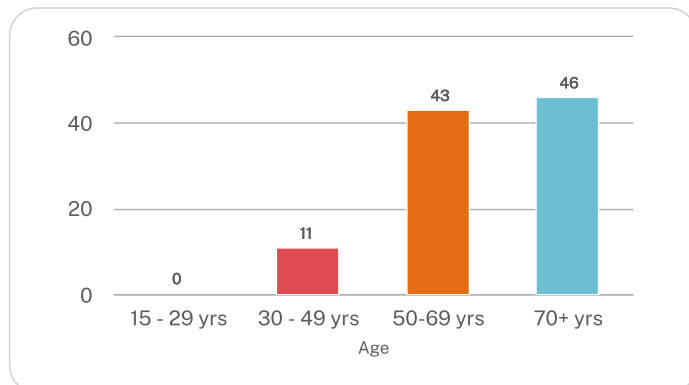
92% agree 'leaders here inspire me to action'

A Demographic Profile



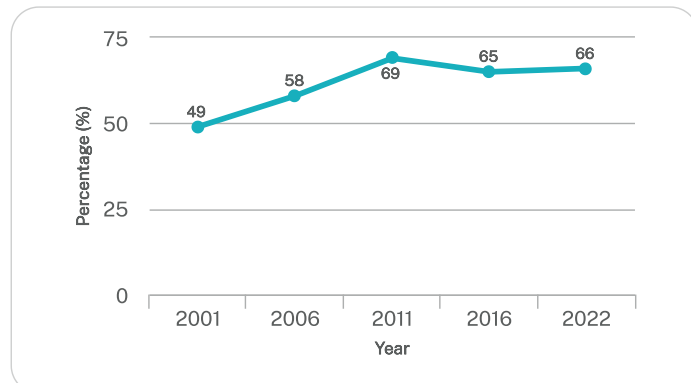
Age Profile

66 years is the average of attenders at this local church (aged 15+)



Source: 2022 NCLS, Eden St George Uniting Church

Change over time: Average age of church attenders aged 15+ years.



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

Gender

63% are female

** Other not available for local churches to honour commitment to confidentiality. See 2021ncls.org.au/faqs for more.*

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Female	63	54	63
Male	37	46	37
Other	N/A	N/A	0

Marital Status

72% are currently married

Never married	0	0	12
Married	72	64	64
In a defacto relationship	4	0	2
Separated or divorced	8	18	6
Widowed	16	18	16

Education

42% have a University degree

Primary/secondary school	15	31	31
Trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma	42	23	29
University degree	42	46	41

Employment

33% are employed

Employed	33	36	33
Full-time home duties/family responsibilities	0	9	5
Retired	71	45	59

Ethnicity

85% are born in Australia

11% are born in non-English speaking countries

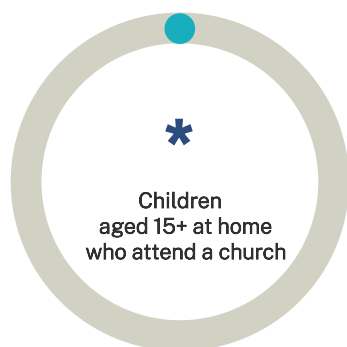
4% speak a language other than English at home

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	0	8	1
Born in Australia (including above)*	85	77	72
Born in another country where English is the main language*	4	8	9
Born in Non English-speaking country*	11	15	19
At least one parent born in a Non English - speaking country*	15	15	25

* 'Don't Know' was included in 2021 as a response option for country of birth

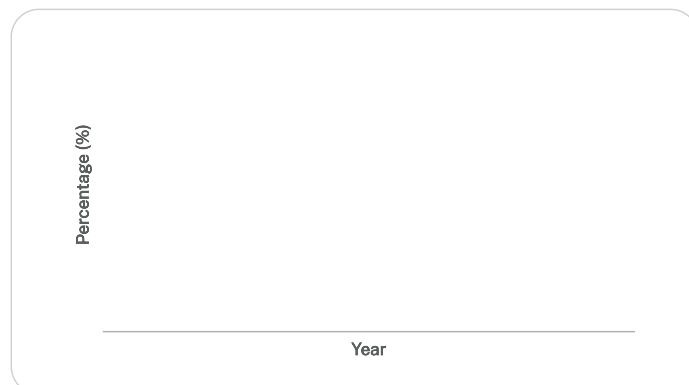
Children and Youth

- * is the proportion of attenders' children (aged 15 + and living at home) who attend a church



Source: 2022 NCLS Eden St George Uniting Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders' children (aged 15+ and living at home) who attend a church



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS

Note: Figures are suppressed and replaced with * when there are fewer than 6 cases.

Children and youth of church attenders

- * of attenders' children aged 0 to 14 years living at home attend church here
- * of attenders' children aged 15 and over still living at home attend church here

You in 2022 (%)

You in 2016 (%)

Region in 2021 (%)

Attenders' children aged 0-14 still living at home:

Still attend this church	*	*	80
Attend elsewhere	*	*	8
Do not attend any church	*	*	13

Attenders' children aged 15 and over still living at home:

Still attend this church	*	*	40
Attend elsewhere	*	*	13
Do not attend any church	*	*	46

Young people at this local church

0% of attenders who completed the survey were aged 15 to 19 years

Young people who:

Completed the survey	0	0	2
Have been attending more than 5 years	0	0	1
Have been attending 5 years or less	0	0	1

Satisfaction with what local church offers

For children aged under 12 years

70% are very satisfied or satisfied

For youth aged 12 to 18 years

26% are very satisfied or satisfied

Note: Figures are suppressed and replaced with * when there are fewer than 6 cases.

Satisfaction with what is offered here 'for children aged under 12 years':

All attenders very satisfied or satisfied	70	11	43
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Satisfaction with what is offered here 'for youth aged 12-18 years':

All attenders very satisfied or satisfied	26	11	34
15-18 year olds very satisfied or satisfied	N/A	*	69

Church Background



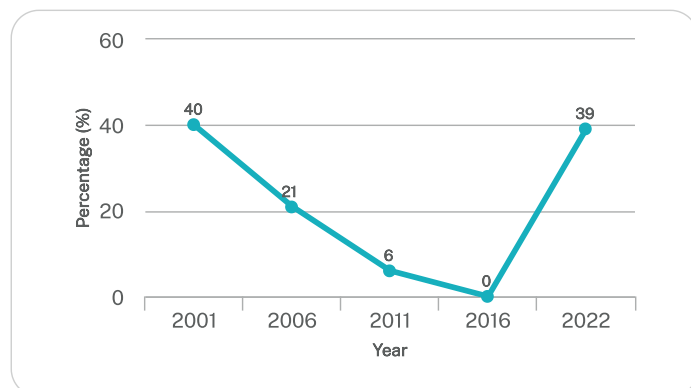
Background of Church Attenders

39% of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years



Source: 2022 NCLS, Eden St George Uniting Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who were new arrivals in the 5 years prior to the survey



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

Church Attendance History⁺

39% are new arrivals in the last five years, comprising

- 31%** moved from a different church
- 8%** are newcomers (new to any church in the last 5 years)

62% are long-term having attended here for more than 5 years

- 0%** were visitors

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
New Arrivals (total) ¹	39	0	19
Newcomers ²	8	0	4
Returnees: after absence of several years	8	0	3
Never regularly attended	0	0	1
Switchers ³⁺⁺	23	0	7
Transfers ⁴	8	0	8
Long-term attenders ⁵	62	100	80
Visitors from other churches	0	0	0
Visitors who do not regularly go to church	0	0	0

Length of Attendance at This Church

4% have been here less than 1 year

35% have been here for 1-5 years

31% have been here for more than 20 years

Total new arrivals (new to your local church) in the last 5 years			
Less than 1 year	4	0	3
1-2 years	15	0	6
3-5 years / unsure	19	0	11
6-10 years	19	8	12
11-20 years	12	23	18
More than 20 years	31	69	49

+Note: Church attendance history is calculated from three survey questions. The figures may not match those for length of attendance due to non-responses.

++Note: The wording of the response options to the survey about the denomination of the previous church changed in 2016.

- 1. New Arrivals:** attended a different church in the last 5 years
- 2. Newcomers:** new to any church in the last 5 years
- 3. Switchers:** from another denomination in the last 5 years
- 4. Transfers:** from same denomination in the last 5 years
- 5. Long-term attenders:** attended here for more than 5 years

Attendance Estimates



Estimated Church Attendance

Number of People

No data was provided for this chart.
Please consider estimates of attendance for your church over time.

2016

2017

2018

Year

2019

2020

2021

This chart shows the pattern of attendance change for your church over recent years. It is based on estimates supplied by your local church leader or representative.

Attendance at this Local Church (including online)

93% are frequent attenders (monthly or more)

You in 2022 (%)

You in 2016 (%)

Region in 2021 (%)

Attend here (inc. online)

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
First time/hardly ever/special occasions only	4	0	2
Less than once a month	4	0	2
Once, twice or three times a month	11	27	15
Usually every week	78	64	75
More than once a week	4	9	6

Attendance Elsewhere

30% attend elsewhere, in person

7% attend elsewhere, via online services

Attend elsewhere

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
No	67	N/A	71
Yes, attend in person elsewhere	30	N/A	17
Yes, via online services	7	N/A	16

Impact of COVID on Involvement

27% are more involved than in 2019

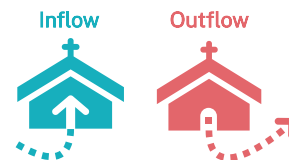
58% are involved about the same as in 2019

15% are less involved than in 2019

Compared to 2019, more or less involved here

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
More involved	27	N/A	19
About the same	58	N/A	58
Less involved	15	N/A	23

Inflow and Outflow



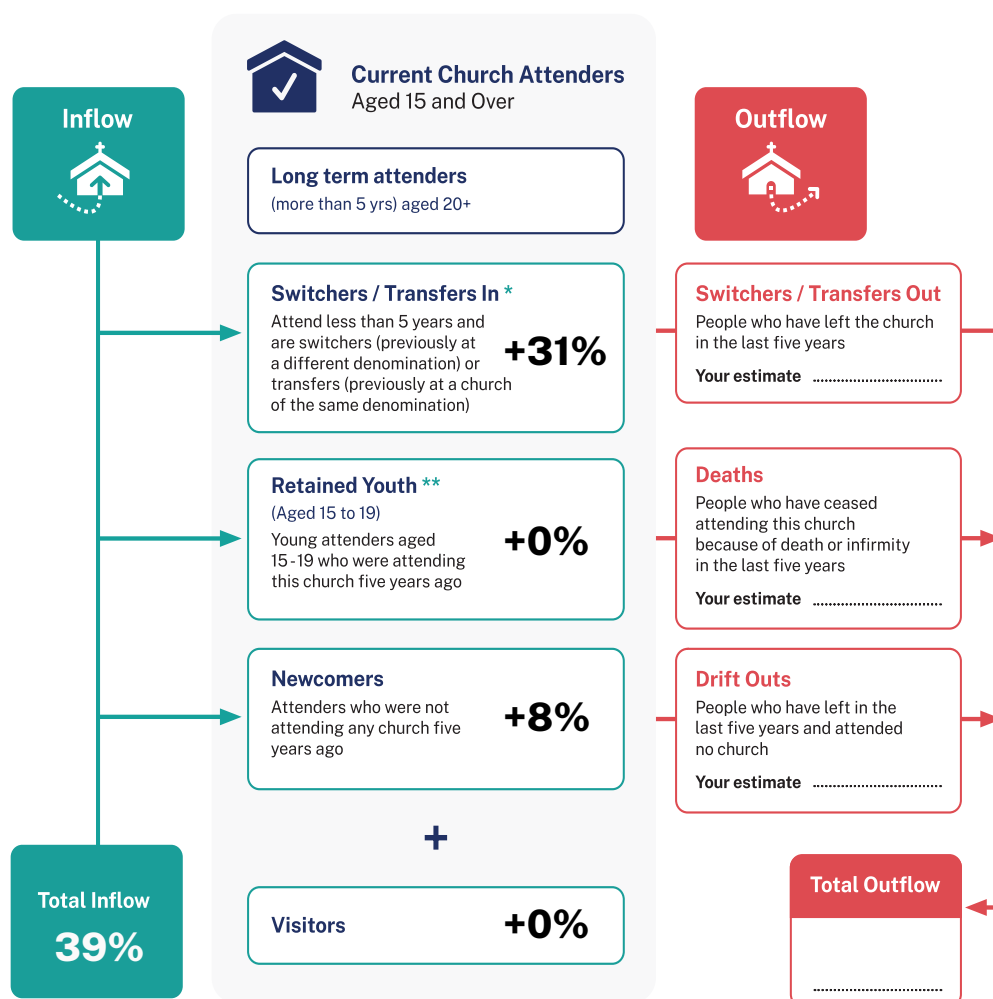
How do churches grow? In numerical terms churches grow when the inflow of church attenders exceeds the outflow.

About the NCLS Inflow Outflow model

Long term attenders have attended a local church for 5 or more years. There are three types of inflow. For each inflow path, there is a matching outflow:

1. People arrive from other churches and leave to go to other churches.
2. Children are born to church attenders** and people die.
3. Newcomers with no church background start attending and others drift out from church life.

Information from your church attenders (aged 15 and over) is used to calculate three types of inflows. Based on your current attendance, you will need to estimate your outflows.



Notes:

Current church attenders = Long-term attenders + inflow in past 5 years + visitors = 100%

* **About Switchers and Transfers:** Switchers change denominations. Transfers change churches within the same denomination.

** **About Retained Youth:** Instead of births, the calculation includes youth who are still attending and who were attending this church five years ago.

QUALITIES OF CHURCH HEALTH

About the 9 Core Qualities of Church Life

Over 30 years NCLS Research has identified 9 Core Qualities shown to be central to the life of a vital and healthy church. The blend of these qualities points to the unique character of each church, its areas of strength and its potential for growth. These Core Qualities are measured and grouped into three areas of church life:

The Internal Core Qualities



Faith



Worship



Belonging

Internal Core Qualities

focus on the inner life of the community of faith, and a measure is made of the extent to which the community:

- has an alive and growing faith
- experiences vital and nurturing worship
- feels a strong and growing belonging

The Outward Core Qualities



Service



Faith Sharing



Inclusion

Outward Core Qualities

focus on the outward looking life of the church, and a measure is made of the extent to which the church undertakes:

- practical and diverse service
- willing and effective faith-sharing
- intentional and welcoming inclusion

The Inspirational Core Qualities



Vision



Innovation



Leadership Culture

Inspirational Core Qualities

focus on the vigour of a church and the catalysts that inspire a church culture to move forward. They give a measure of the extent to which the church has:

- a clear and owned vision
- openness to imaginative and flexible innovation
- an inspiring and empowering leadership culture

NCLS Research also explores three attendance measures for every church:



Young adult retention - the extent to which the children of the faith community remain regular attenders when they grow into young adulthood.

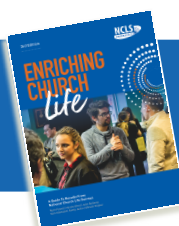


Newcomers - the extent to which newcomers who have arrived on previous five years make up the congregation.



Attendance change - the extent to which attendance numbers have changed over the last five years through the inflow and outflow of people.

For more detail on the NCLS Research Vitality Framework refer to the book:
Enriching Church Life 3rd Edition



or go to:

ncls.org.au/church-vitality

Circle of Strengths

Core Qualities Overview

Over 30 years of research in Australian churches, the NCLS has highlighted key indicators for each of the nine Core Qualities of church health and vitality. This Circle of Strengths is a simple 'broad brush' view of your church's survey results in each Core Quality of church life.

A single indicator of responses has been chosen for each Core Quality area. The order of the Core Qualities in the Circle of Strengths is based on ranking the indicator scores from highest to lowest.



Headline Indicators

In Rank Order	Quality	Indicator	Score out of 10
1	Worship	Always experience inspiration in church worship services	10.0
2	Innovation	Strongly agree this church is always ready to try something new	10.0
3	Service	Number of different ways attenders have helped others in the last 12 months	10.0
4	Faith	Much growth in faith in the past year, through this church	7.7
5	Vision	Aware of and strongly committed to the vision of this church	6.5
6	Leadership Culture	Agree that leaders encourage attenders to find their gifts and skills to a great extent	6.2
7	Faith Sharing	Have invited someone in the last 12 months	5.4
8	Belonging	Sense of belonging is strong and growing	3.9
9	Inclusion	Attenders certain they would follow up someone drifting from church	3.8

How do these scores work?

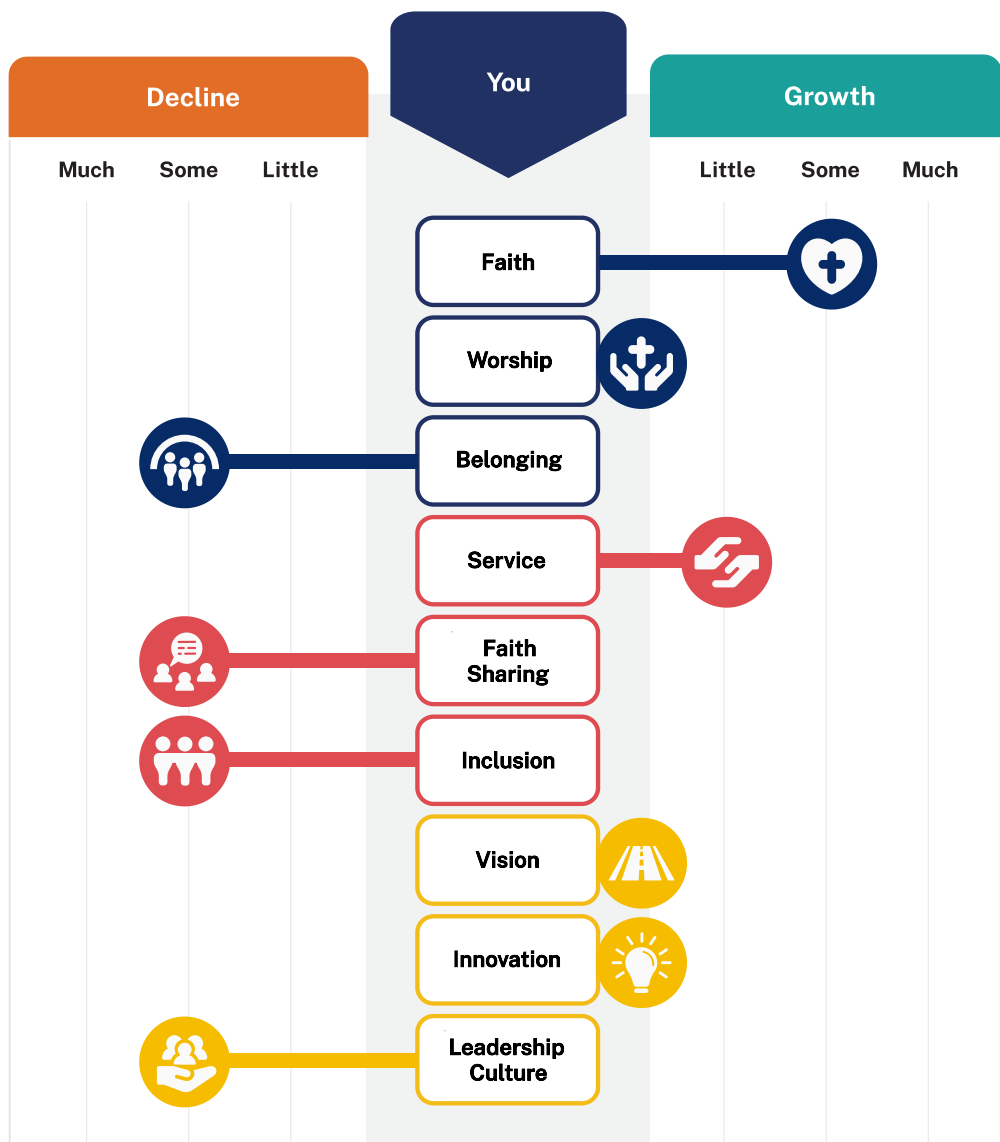
For each indicator question the percentage of the people in the church who selected a given response is converted into a score between 1 and 10. A score of 5 is the average across all churches who participated in the NCLS. See more at ncls.org.au/church-vitality

QUALITIES OF CHURCH HEALTH

Change Over Time

When a church takes part in a Church Life Survey more than once, it's possible to see changes over time.

This chart shows how selected indicators of the qualities of church health have changed since the last Church Life Survey. (See ncls.org.au/church-vitality for more information)



No results for Change Over Time?

Now

For each Core Quality ask if this is an area of church life that has improved, declined or stayed the same over the past five years?

Later

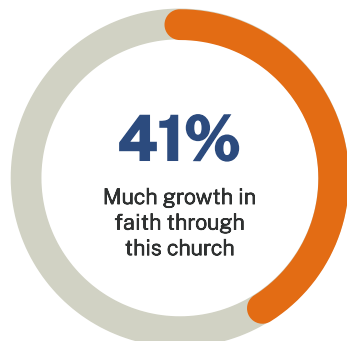
Any church can conduct a Church Life Survey at any time that suits them into the future. New results will be compared with previous results. Contact NCLS Research for details.

Faith: Alive and Growing



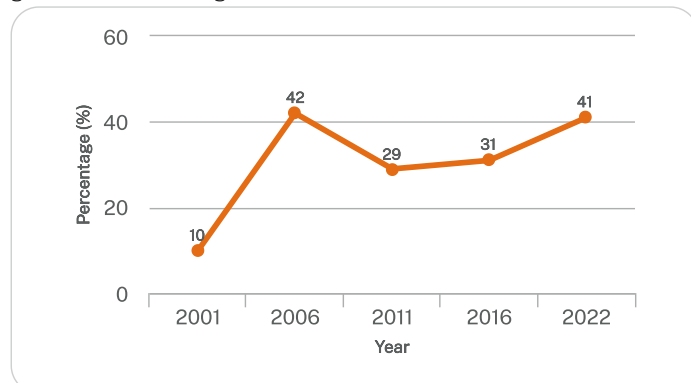
Growth in Faith through this Local Church

41% said they had experienced much growth in faith through this local church in the last 12 months



Source: 2022 NCLS, Eden St George Uniting Church

Change over time: Percentage of attenders who experienced much growth in faith through this local church in the last 12 months



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

Growth in Faith in the Past Year

89% have grown their faith, either through this church, other groups or churches or through private activity

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Much: this local church	41	31	21
Much: other groups	0	15	4
Much: private activity	7	8	7
Some growth	41	38	46

Private Devotional Activity

79% spend time in prayer, Bible reading or meditation at least weekly

Everyday/most days	50	62	45
A few times a week	21	15	22
Once a week	7	0	5
Occasionally	14	15	19
Hardly ever/never	7	8	8

Identification with Matters of Faith

Attenders chose up to 2 out of 6 options (e.g. Catholic or Anglo-Catholic; Pentecostal or Charismatic; Evangelistic or Reformed; Liberal or Progressive; Other and 'Do not identify')

41% chose I do not identify with such descriptions

19% chose Evangelical or Reformed

I do not identify with such descriptions	41	N/A	36
Evangelical or Reformed	19	N/A	22
Liberal or Progressive	19	N/A	24
Catholic or Anglo-Catholic	15	N/A	14

Faith and Life

96% agree or strongly agree that their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life

96% agree or strongly agree their faith in God is an important part of who they are

My faith influences decisions and actions in my daily life			
Agree or strongly agree	96	N/A	92
Neutral or unsure	4	N/A	7
Disagree or strongly disagree	0	N/A	1
Faith in God is an important part of who I am			
Agree or strongly agree	96	N/A	93
Neutral or unsure	4	N/A	5
Disagree or strongly disagree	0	N/A	1

Worship: Vital and Nurturing



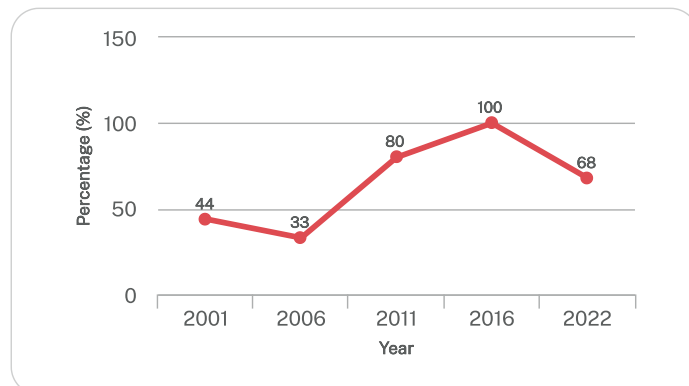
Experience Inspiration during Church Services

68% of attenders said they always/usually experience inspiration during services



Source: 2022 NCLS Eden St George Uniting Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who always/usually experience inspiration during services



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

Helpful Preaching

71% always/usually experience preaching very helpful to their lives during church services

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Always	21	9	31
Usually	50	82	48

Appreciate Music

64% always/usually experience music they appreciate during church services

Always	32	60	51
Usually	32	40	36

Presence and Growth in Understanding of God

79% always/usually experience a sense of God's presence during church services

68% always/usually experience growth in understanding of God during church services

Always	46	73	39
Usually	33	27	37

Always	43	54	29
Usually	25	38	43

Being Challenged to Take Action

56% always/usually experience being challenged to take action

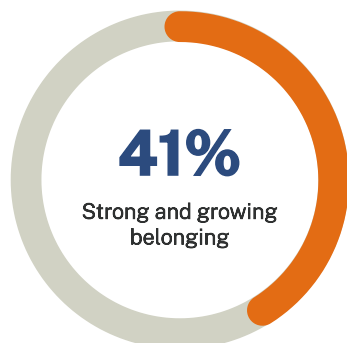
Always	24	30	22
Usually	32	20	33

Belonging: Strong and Growing



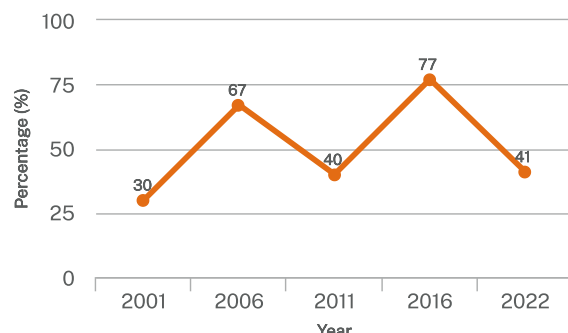
A Strong and Growing Sense of Belonging

41% of attenders said they have a strong sense of belonging to this church which is growing



Source: 2022 NCLS, Eden St George Uniting Church

Change over time: Percentage of attenders who have a strong and growing sense of belonging to this church



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

Sense of Belonging to the Local Church

93% have a strong sense of belonging to this local church
7% do not feel they belong

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Sense of belonging			
Strong and growing	41	77	40
Strong and stable	41	15	39
Strong but weakening	11	8	14
No, but new here	4	0	2
No, and wish they did	0	0	2
No, but happy	4	0	3
Don't know / NA	0	0	1

Regular Participation in this Local Church's Activities

77% take part in group activities at this local church
70% take part in activities of the local church that reach out to the wider community

Small prayer, discussion	58	45	37
Fellowship, clubs or other social groups	46	64	47
Evangelical or outreach	7	42	11
Community service, social justice or welfare	67	75	42

Financial Giving

15% regularly give 10% of net income

Regularly give 10%	15	0	18
Regularly give up to 9% of net income	42	73	58
Give a small amount whenever I am here	27	27	19

Service: Practical and Diverse



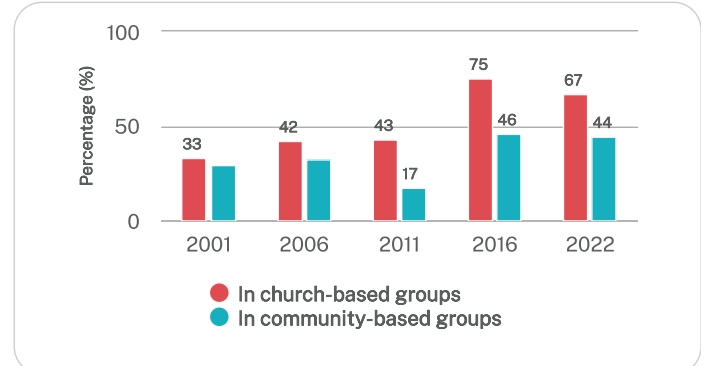
Acts of Service

88% of attenders said they had informally helped others in three or more of a list of ways in the last year



Source: 2022 NCLS, Eden St George Uniting Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who have been involved in community service, care or welfare groups or activities



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

Informal Ways of Helping Others (in the last year)

100% said they had informally helped others in at least one of the ways listed in the last year

+ Note: Was changed from 'lent money' in 2011 to 'lent or gave money' in 2016 and 2021

++ Note: Added in 2021

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Lent or gave money outside family ⁺	68	50	45
Attended a public meeting/march ⁺⁺	32	N/A	13
Supported a campaign (online or other) ⁺⁺	56	N/A	27
Cared for someone who was very sick	56	42	29
Helped someone through a personal crisis	60	75	37
Visited someone in hospital	72	50	34
Gave possessions to a person in need	56	42	33
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	36	42	8
Donated money to a charitable organisation	84	83	72
Contact parliamentarian/councillor about issue	52	25	19

Community Activities

67% are regularly involved in community service, social justice or welfare activities based in the local church

63% are regularly involved in community groups not connected to this local church

In community service or justice activities based in local church	67	75	42
Involvement in community groups not connected to this local church			
Community service, care or welfare groups	44	46	30
Social action, justice or lobby groups	15	23	12
Sport, recreation or hobby groups	19	31	20
School or youth groups (e.g. P&C Scouts)	4	8	6
Another kind of group	11	38	16
Online groups or communities	7	N/A	10
Not involved with such groups	37	15	40

Care for the Environment

96% agree Christians should care for the environment

71% are currently active

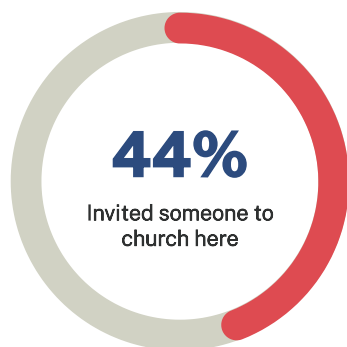
Belief about Christian responsibility to actively care for the environment			
Yes, am very active	42	40	23
Yes, and am a little active	29	50	44
Yes, but currently not active	25	10	26
No	0	0	3
Unsure	4	0	4

Faith Sharing: Willing and Effective



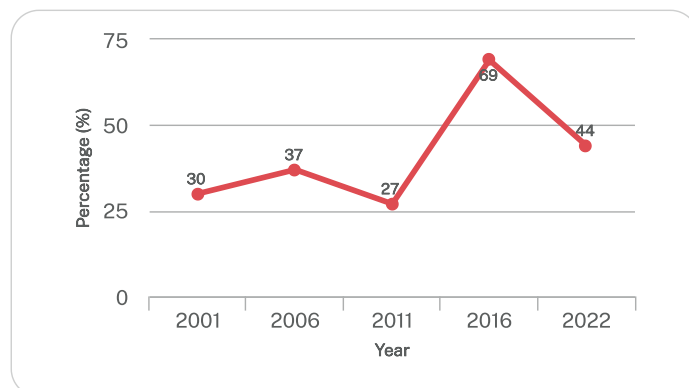
Inviting Others to Church

44% of attenders said they had invited a friend or relative who does not currently attend church to a service here in the last year



Source: 2022 NCLS Eden St George Uniting Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who invited a friend or relative who does not currently attend church to a service here in the last year



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

Inviting Others to Church here

70% are willing to invite someone to a church service

You in 2022 (%)

You in 2016 (%)

Region in 2021 (%)

Willingness to invite to a church service here any friends/relatives who don't currently attend a church

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Invited someone in the last 12 months	44	69	25
Willing, but didn't invite someone in the last 12 months	26	23	46
Probably wouldn't invite someone	11	8	14
Definitely wouldn't invite someone	0	0	1
Don't know	19	0	14

Willing and Effective Faith-sharing

7% are involved regularly in outreach or evangelistic activity

77% feel at ease talking about their faith

Attenders involved regularly in outreach or evangelistic activity

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Feel at ease talking about their faith and look for opportunities	19	8	13
Mostly feel at ease talking about their faith and do so if it comes up	58	62	53
Find it hard to talk about their faith in ordinary language	12	15	18
Do not like to talk about their faith; life and actions are sufficient	8	15	15
Do not have faith	4	0	1

Faith-sharing in Households

46% frequently talk about matters of faith with other members of their household

Attenders talk about faith with other members of their household

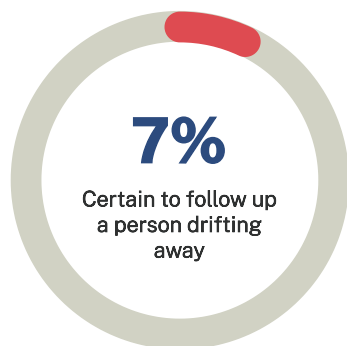
	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
No, live alone	13	N/A	17
No, do not talk about matters of faith	8	N/A	6
Yes, occasionally	33	N/A	37
Yes, frequently in informal ways	38	N/A	28
Yes, frequently in informal ways as well as part of family or household devotions	8	N/A	12

Inclusion: Intentional and Welcoming



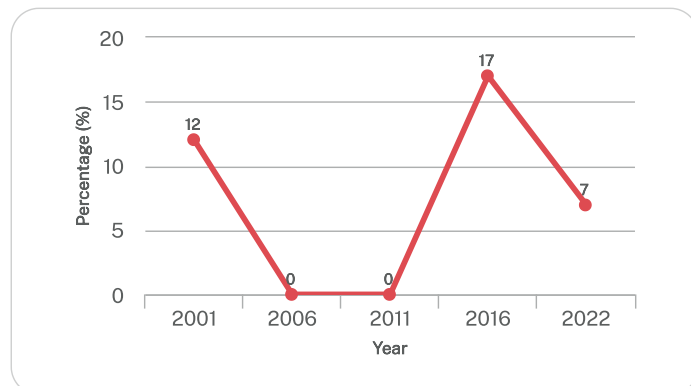
Follow-up of People Drifting Away

7% of attenders said they would certainly follow up someone they knew who was drifting away from church



Source: 2022 NCLS, Eden St George Uniting Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who are certain they would follow up someone they knew who was drifting away from church



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

Views about Inclusiveness of Local Church

96% agree that this local church is inclusive of different kinds of people

You in 2022 (%) You in 2016 (%) Region in 2021 (%)

This local church is inclusive of different kinds of people			
Strongly agree	63	N/A	43
Agree	33	N/A	47
Neutral/Unsure	4	N/A	8
Disagree	0	N/A	2
Strongly disagree	0	N/A	0

Likelihood of Follow-up of Those Drifting Away

78% are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church

Likelihood of attenders to follow up someone drifting away from church			
Certain	7	17	8
Very likely	26	33	17
Likely	44	25	29
Hard to say	22	17	38
Unlikely	0	8	9

Welcoming New Arrivals

71% always or mostly personally seek out and welcome people they know who are new arrivals

Attenders personally seek out and welcome new arrivals			
Always	38	55	28
Mostly	33	18	33
Sometimes	25	18	26
Rarely/Never	4	9	13

Making Friends

88% have found it easy to make friends here

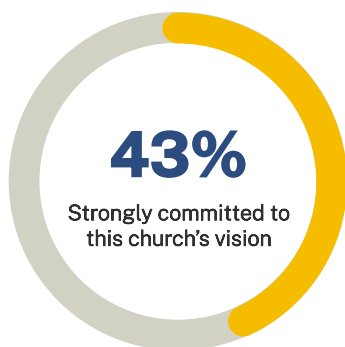
Attenders found it easy to make friends here			
Attenders agree or strongly agree	88	100	88
Attenders disagree or strongly disagree	4	0	2
Among arrivals in last five years:			
Agree or strongly agree	80	N/A	83
Disagree or strongly disagree	10	N/A	4

Vision: Clear and Owned



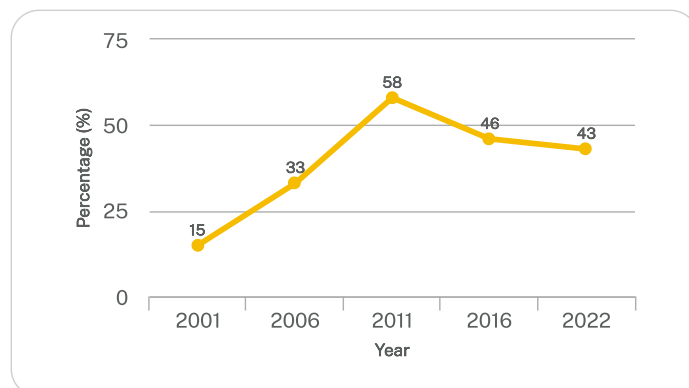
Committed to this Local Church's Vision

43% of attenders said they are aware of and strongly committed to this local church's vision, goals or directions



Source: 2022 NCLS, Eden St George Uniting Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who are aware of and strongly committed to this local church's vision, goals or directions



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

Aware of Vision, Goals and Directions of Local Church

79% are aware and strongly or partly committed to the vision, goals or direction of the local church

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Aware and strongly committed	43	46	35
Aware and partly committed	36	38	27
Aware and not committed	0	15	7
Aware of ideas not of any clear vision	14	0	22
Unaware of any clear vision, goals or direction	7	0	10

Confidence that the Local Church can Achieve its Vision, Goals or Directions

57% are fully confident that the vision can be achieved

Fully confident the vision can be achieved	57	50	31
Partly confident vision can be achieved	36	50	42
Not confident the vision can be achieved	0	0	8

Attenders' Views on Priorities for this Local Church in the Next 12 Months: *

Spiritual growth (e.g. spiritual direction, prayer groups)	28	50	29
Worship services that are nurturing to people's faith	48	50	38
Building a strong sense of community within this local church	28	10	32
Creating a clear vision for this local church's future	32	30	29
Encouraging people here to discover/use their gifts	28	20	22
Encouraging new approaches to ministry and mission	28	20	17
Supporting social justice and aid to people in need	40	20	21
Encouraging people here to share their faith or invite others	16	30	14
Ensuring new people are included well in church life	20	30	23
Ministry to children and youth	20	10	21
Growing into a larger local church	4	10	14
Starting a new church or mission venture	0	0	2

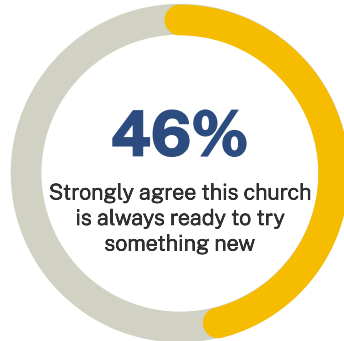
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Innovation: Imaginative and Flexible



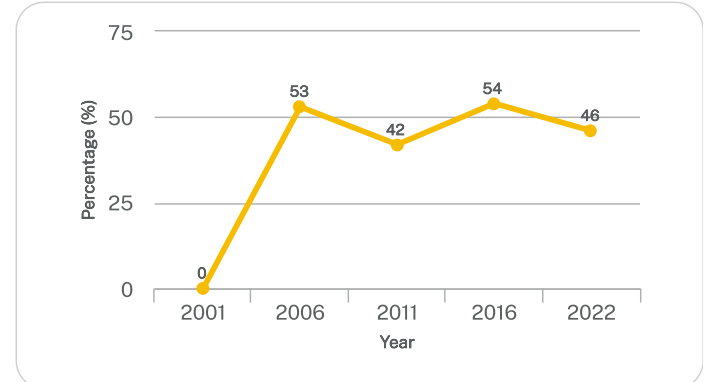
Ready to Try Something New

46% of attenders strongly agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



Source: 2022 NCLS Eden St George Uniting Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who strongly agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

Willingness of the Local Church to Try New Things

82% strongly agree or agree that this local church is always ready to try something new

You in 2022 (%)

You in 2016 (%)

Region in 2021 (%)

This local church is always ready to try something new

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Strongly agree	46	54	20
Agree	36	38	50
Neutral/Unsure	11	8	24
Disagree	7	0	5
Strongly disagree	0	0	1

Leaders Encourage Innovation

88% strongly agree or agree that leaders here encourage innovation and creative thinking

Leaders here encourage innovation

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Strongly agree	48	45	21
Agree	40	55	49
Neutral/Unsure	8	0	26
Disagree	4	0	4
Strongly disagree	0	0	1

Openness to New Initiatives

88% support the development of new initiatives in ministry and mission in this local church

I would support the development of new initiatives in ministry and mission in the local church

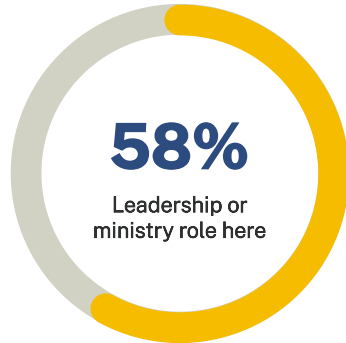
	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Strongly agree	38	42	25
Agree	50	50	56
Neutral/Unsure	12	8	18
Disagree	0	0	1
Strongly disagree	0	0	0

Leadership Culture: Inspiring and Empowering



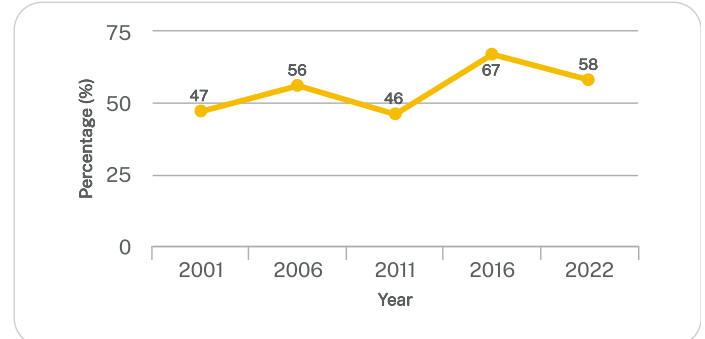
Leadership Roles

58% of attenders perform at least one leadership or ministry role here



Source: 2022 NCLS, Eden St George Uniting Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who perform at least one leadership or ministry role here



Source: Eden St George Uniting Church, NCLS 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

Leadership and Ministry Roles Performed by Attenders

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Worship services (teach/preach, music, lead/assist in service)	50	58	39
Children's ministry/youth ministry role	15	17	8
Small group leadership	8	17	11
Administrator role	12	33	10
Compliance role (e.g. safe church)	12	N/A	6
Council/board/elder/deacon	35	42	21
Committee/task force member	19	33	13
Pastoral care/visitation role	27	50	17
Communications/news	8	N/A	7
Some other role	23	42	18
Perform any of above leadership/ministry roles here	58	67	61

Views about Local Church Leaders

35% agree this local church's leaders encourage them to find and use their gifts and skills to a great extent

92% agree leaders here inspire them to action

Local leaders encourage attenders to find and use gifts and skills			
To a great extent	35	62	26
To some extent	35	31	36
Attenders strongly agree or agree that...			
Leaders here inspire me to action	92	69	67
Leaders encourage innovation & creativity	88	100	69
Local church has good and clear systems	92	100	81

Getting Involved Here

93% agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this church (e.g. join a roster, take on a role)

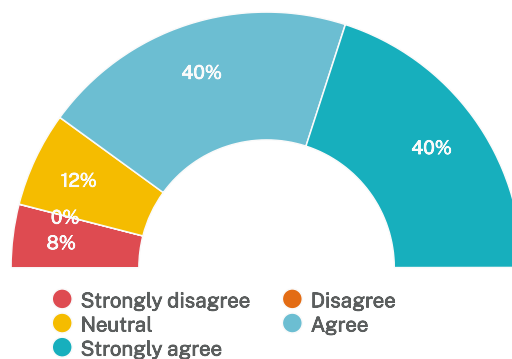
22% would like to be more involved here

Attenders strongly agree or agree that...			
It is easy to get involved in ministry here	93	N/A	85
All (ages) encouraged to get involved	100	N/A	82
Evaluation of involvement here			
Would like to be more involved	22	20	15
Happy with current level of involvement	59	70	76
Would like to be less involved	0	10	3

Satisfaction and Inviting

Satisfaction with Activities for People my Age

80% agreed they are satisfied with what is offered here for people in their age group

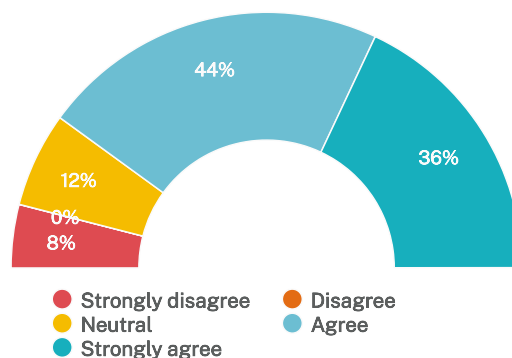


I am satisfied with what is offered here for people in my age group

	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Strongly agree	40	22
Agree	40	55
Neutral/Unsure	12	16
Disagree	0	6
Strongly disagree	8	1

Inviting Friends to Church

36% strongly agreed that this church is a good one to invite a non-Christian or enquiring friend to church



This church is a good one to invite a non-Christian or enquiring friend to church

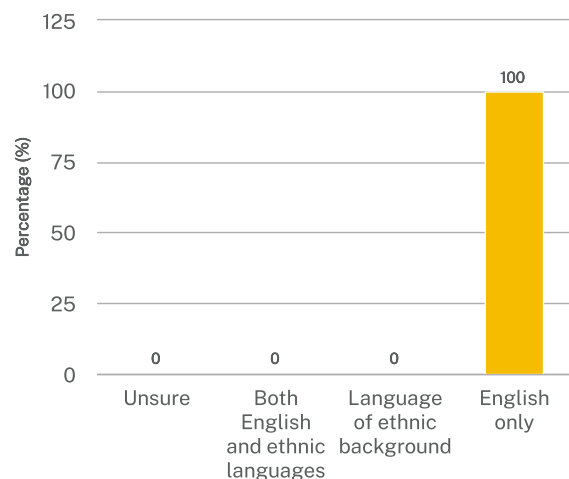
	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Strongly agree	36	22
Agree	44	54
Neutral/Unsure	12	20
Disagree	0	4
Strongly disagree	8	1

Participation in Worship

Preferred Language in Worship

0% prefer to worship in both English and the language of their ethnic background

100% prefer to worship in English only



Source: 2022 NCLS, Eden St George Uniting Church

What is your preferred language in worship?

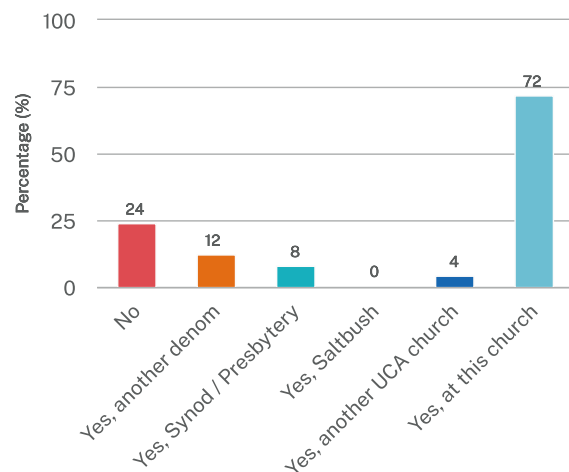
	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
English only	100	83
Language of your ethnic background	0	4
Both English and the language of your ethnic background	0	12
Unsure	0	1

Participation in Online Worship

72% have participated in online worship gatherings at this church

4% have participated in online worship at another Uniting church

12% have participated in online worship at a church from another denomination



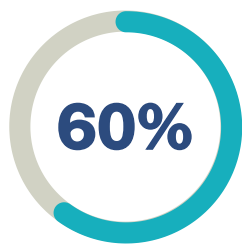
Source: 2022 NCLS, Eden St George Uniting Church

Have you participated in online worship gatherings? (Select ALL that apply)

	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Yes, at this local church	72	68
Yes, at another Uniting Church	4	16
Yes, at a Saltbush gathering	0	3
Yes, at a Synod or Presbytery worship gathering	8	5
Yes, at a church of another denomination	12	12
No	24	23

Support for New Ventures (1)

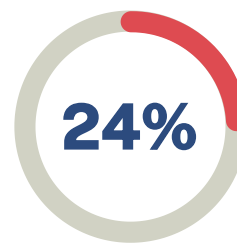
Support for a New Venture



Offer prayer and encouragement



Consider joining the team



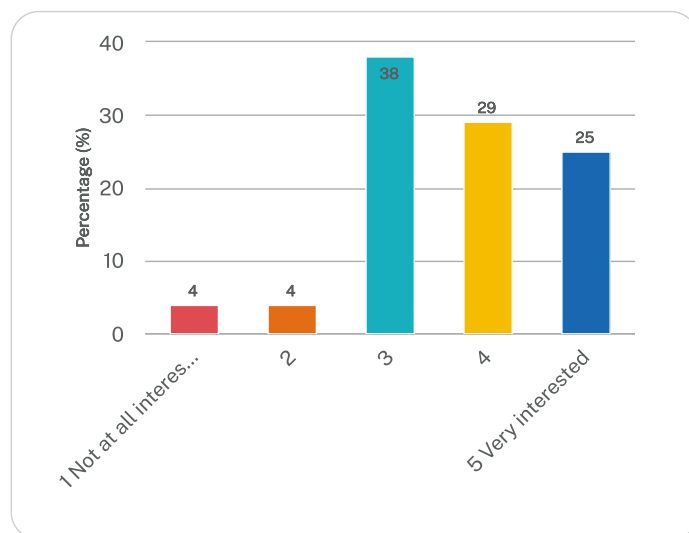
Encourage others in this church to
join the team

If a new Uniting Church venture was proposed, how might you support it? (e.g. church plant or 'fresh expression')? (Select ALL that apply)

If a new exciting children's venture was proposed, how might you support it? (e.g. church plant or 'fresh expression')? (Select ALL that apply)	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Consider joining the team	32	24
Encourage others in this church to join the team	24	22
Offer financial support	24	20
Offer prayer and encouragement	60	47
Offer other types of support	16	17
I would not support a new venture	0	3
Don't know	12	29

Support Network for Aboriginal Ministry

54% are interested or very interested in being part of a network to support Aboriginal ministry in Uniting Church



Source: 2022 NCLS, Eden St George Uniting Church

Would you be interested in being part of a network to support Aboriginal ministry in the Uniting Church?

Would you be interested in being part of a network to support Aboriginal ministry in the Uniting Church?		You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
1 Not at all interested		4	15
2		4	16
3		38	35
4		29	18
5 Very interested		25	15

Support for New Ventures (2)

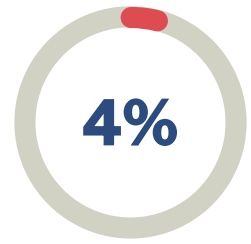
Support for Property Sharing



Yes, with groups from any Christian denomination



Don't know

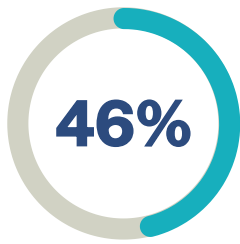


Yes, but primarily with Uniting Church groups

Would you support your church sharing its property with another church or faith community (e.g. a migrant ethnic group, young families)?"

	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Yes, with groups from any Christian denomination	80	70
Yes, but primarily with Uniting Church groups	4	23
No, I am not in favour of my church sharing its property	4	3
Don't know	12	10

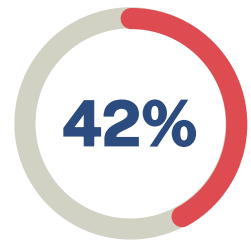
Support for Innovative Action



Train members (e.g. mission, hospitality for newcomers etc)



Share leadership with young people



Renovate church property

As the Uniting Church participates in God's mission, would you support any of these significant actions in this local church?"

	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Plant a new congregation	13	13
Merge with another congregation or group	21	33
Change the style of worship	33	22
Train members (e.g. mission, hospitality for newcomers etc.)	46	34
Reorganise the worship space	33	18
Share leadership with young people	42	35
Prioritise contemporary music	25	14
Renovate church property	42	23
Sell church property	4	8
Upgrade church website	17	19
Display new signs or banners	25	22
None of the above	0	11
Don't know	17	12

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