



## Part B – Flourishing Church Survey 2021

### INTRODUCTION

This survey is primarily designed to be a tool for your Church to assess its ministry. It could be a useful basis for discussion on a leaders' planning retreat. It also serves as a tool to assist the BUV Union Council in discerning the state of our union.

Answering these questions as honestly as possible will assist your church not only to identify areas of strength that can be built upon, but also areas of potential development that may require additional / external resources and assistance. It will also provide the BUV Support Hub with direction as to where to focus resources to support churches in their life and mission.

### FORMAT

For each category we have provided a question for your Church Leadership to reflect upon and consider individually and, ideally, discuss as a group. There is also a scale to indicate the degree to which you regard your church to be flourishing in that aspect of church life; and an invitation to reflect together on an example or story that might reflect your rating. If you like, you may share the examples or stories in the space provided below - this could be just dot points or a link to a video or media article.

There may be some areas that you do not identify with as a church for a specific reason - please reply N/A with a comment.

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## FLOURISHING CHURCH FRAMEWORK



### CHURCH INFORMATION

BUV Member Church Name \*

Name of person **completing** the form \*

Role\*

Email of person **completing** the form \*

Contact Number of person **completing** the form \*

Name of person **signing off** this form \*

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## SPIRITUALITY



### 1. Spirituality

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in its Spirituality? \*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Spirituality Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** How often do people report experiencing a sense of the transcendence or presence of God during your corporate worship? In what ways has your church expressed prayerful dependence upon God this year (2021)?

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## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Congregational Life refers to the Discipleship, Engagement, Hospitality and Diversity of your church congregation



### 2. Discipleship

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in the area of Discipleship?\*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Discipleship Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** What processes or practices does your church promote to assist people to grow in their trust and obedience of Christ?

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### 3. Engagement

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in the area of Engagement?\*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Engagement Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** Apart from worship services, what opportunities does your church provide for people to relate to one another in love? To what extent do people take up these opportunities? In what ways does your church enable people to participate in its decision-making?

### 4. Hospitality

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in the area of Hospitality?\*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Hospitality Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** In what ways is your church intentional in identifying and welcoming newcomers and integrating them into its fellowship and ministries?

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## 5. Diversity

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in the area of Diversity?\*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Diversity Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

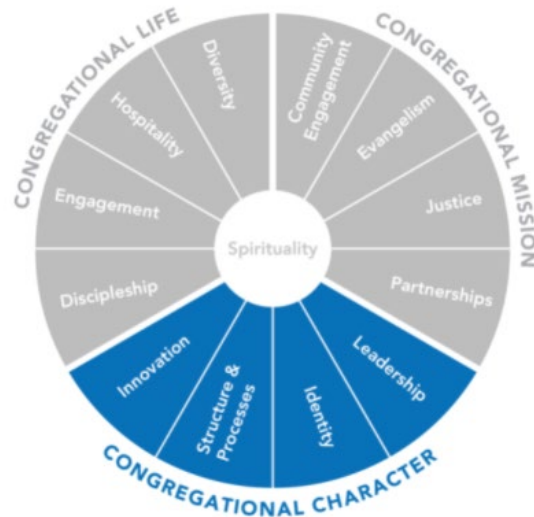
**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** How does the demographic profile of your congregation and leadership compare to its neighbourhood? Does your church represent the cultures / socio-economic profiles within your neighbourhood?

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## CONGREGATIONAL CHARACTER

Congregational Character refers to the internal aspects of Leadership, Identity, Structure and Processes and Innovation within your church.



### 6. Leadership

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in the area of Leadership?\*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Leadership Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** In what ways does your church intentionally recruit, equip and empower women and men to lead others in ministry and mission? In what ways does your church provide training and accountability to develop current leaders?

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## 7. Identity

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in the area of Identity?\*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Identity Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** To what extent are the members of your church committed to a shared understanding and expression of purpose, vision and values?

## 8. Structure/ Process

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in the aspect of Structure/ Processes?\*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Structure/ Processes Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** How well do the organisational structure and administrative processes of your church enable efficient and effective decision-making and action by members and leaders?

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## 9. Innovation

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in the area of Innovation?\*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Innovation Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** Innovation has been defined as "a change that adds value". What are some things your church has done differently or for the first time this year that have added value to the church's life and mission?

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## CONGREGATIONAL MISSION

Congregational Mission refers to the outward aspects of Community Engagement, Evangelism, Justice and Partnerships.



### 10. Community Engagement

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in its Community Engagement?\*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Community Engagement Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** If your church disappeared from its neighbourhood, who outside of the congregation would miss it and why would they miss it?

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## 11. Evangelism

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in its Evangelism?\*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Evangelism Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** Think about how many people have begun to follow Jesus Christ in the past year as a result of personal witness or activities provided by your congregation and how many people have members of your church baptized this year – relative to the size of your congregation?

## 12. Justice

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in the area of advocating for Justice and caring for the marginalised?\*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Justice Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** What actions have members of your congregation taken to advocate for justice over the past year? And what has your church done this year to care for poor people or be hospitable to marginalized people?

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### 13. Partnership

**Question:** To what extent is your church flourishing in the area of Mission Partnership and/or collaborations?\*

- Not Applicable
- Low
- Average
- High
- To the fullest extent

Partnership Comments/ Examples (Please specify) – Optional

**To help you answer the question above, please consider:** In what ways has your church worked with other churches or organizations on mission activities this year?

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