

Holy Cross Faith Memorial Parish Profile

- † Who are we now?**
- † How do we feel now?**
- † What are our future opportunities?**

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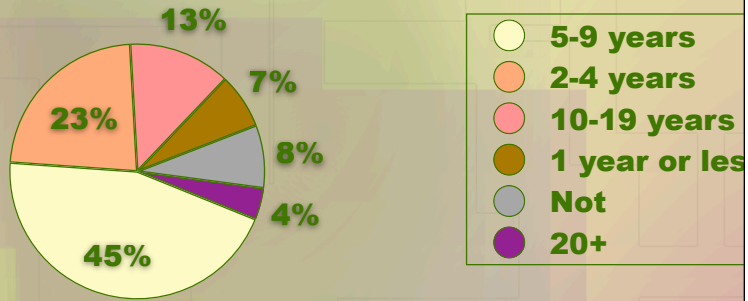
Methodology

This Parish Profile was prepared and analyzed by the Hartford Institute for Religion Research at Hartford Seminary.

- † **250 profiles were distributed to the 200 families at HCFM.**
- † **146 parish members ages 12+ representing 100 families completed the profile.**
- † **Impressive 50% response !!!!!**

Who are we now?

HCFM Membership



Connection: 68% growth in 2-9 years; 69% say they came because of rector; 72% say they stay because of rector (upcoming slide)

Who are we now?

- † **97% travel less than 30 minutes**
 - 75% of these travel less than 15 minutes
- † **89% attended church 2-4 times a month in past year**
- † **41% increased their involvement**
 - 45% stayed the same
 - 14% decreased their involvement

Who are we now?

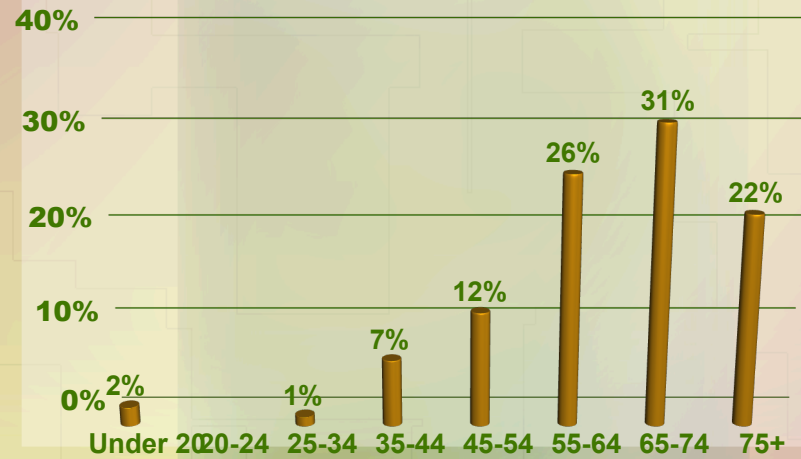
- † **18% are involved in 4+ church committees or groups.**
- † **85% have invited others to visit or join.**
- † **37% of us are male; 63% are female.**
- † **95% of us are white; 4% are African American; 1% is Native American**

Who are we now?

- † **73% are married.**
- † **There are 44 children ages 18-birth.**
- † **58% are couples without children.**
- † **81% have college and post grad degrees.**
- † **57% are retired.**
- † **56% report their occupation is “professional.”**
- † **38% grew up in Episcopal Church.**

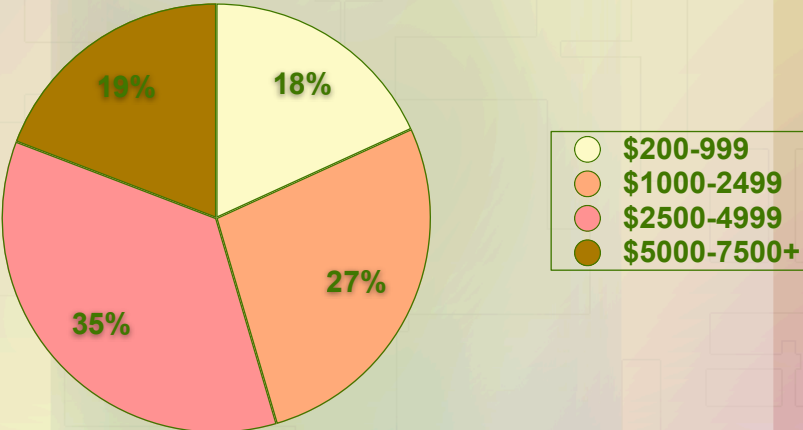
Who are we now?

Age Groupings



Who are we now?

Stewardship



How do we feel now?

Missions of HCFM

- † 91% were very to generally satisfied that HCFM “offers worship that provides a meaningful experience of God and the Christian tradition.”
- † 91% were very to generally satisfied that HCFM “engaged in acts of charity and service for persons in need.”

How do we feel now?

HCFM's Identity and Vision

- † **96% strongly agreed and agreed that “Our church’s identity, as it is, is one with which I feel comfortable.”**
- † **96% strongly agreed and agreed that “I have a clear understanding of what our church stands for.”**

How do we feel now?

Making Decisions, Sharing Information, and Developing Resources

- † 95% agree that “members help each other out in times of trouble.”
- † 94% agree that “members are well informed about what the various committees and groups in the congregation are doing.”

How do we feel now?

Facilities

The following percentages represent responses of “excellent.”

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| † | Worship Space | 82% |
| † | Educational Space | 29% |
| † | Fellowship Space | 42% |
| † | Office Space | 11% |
| † | Parking Space | 30% |
| † | Exterior and Grounds | 58% |

How do we feel now?

Adult Forum

† 72% said the best time for adult programs is Sunday morning.

So where is this 72% at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays when Adult Forum is being held?

How do we feel now?

Worship

- † 65% report being satisfied with the music during Sunday worship.
- † 94% report being satisfied with Sunday worship other than music.
- † 91% report being satisfied with the way their spiritual needs are being met in the worship service.
- † 47% prefer the 10:30 a.m. time.

How do we feel now?

Religious Beliefs

- † 49% believe that “The Bible is the record of many different people’s response to God and because of this, people and churches today must interpret for themselves the Bible’s basic moral and religious teachings.”
- † 39% believe that “The Bible is the inspired Word of God and its basic moral and religious teachings are clear and true, even if it reflects some human error.”

How do we feel now?

Religious Beliefs

- † 78% agree that “Human beings have developed over millions of years from less advanced forms of life.”
- † 63% agree that “Jesus’ resurrection from the dead was an actual event.”

How do we feel now?

Why are we here and why do we stay?

- † 69% are here because of our rector.
- † 59% are here because of the denominational ties.

- † 72% stay because of our rector.
- † 58% stay because of the worship styles.
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Future Opportunities

- † 21% believe we need to do more to help “members understand their use of time, talents, and money as expressions of Christian stewardship.”
- † 23% believe that we need to do more to help “members discover their own gifts for ministry and service.”
- † 21% disagree that “an effective effort was made to instruct me in our church’s mission.”

Future Opportunities

- † **64% use the web at home or at the office on a daily basis.**
- † **72% use email.**
- † **82% of people use the internet to find a church in their area. (from Hartford Seminary information not this profile)**
- † **60% belong to one or two church committees and groups.**
- † **23% belong to none.**

The Best News of All!

- † **92% believe “the current morale of our church members is high.”**
- † **93% believe that “there is a sense of excitement among members about our congregation’s future.”**

What do we do now?

- **Translate high morale and excitement into action**
 - Participate in Focus Groups next Sunday
- **Get involved**
 - Stewardship is not just “Treasure”
 - There is no “they” at HCFM, we are all responsible for our success or failure
 - Fill out your pledge cards and turn them in