

Family Assessment Results For Hinkletown Mennonite Church

June, 2010

Field Summary for Q1:**What is your gender?**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	0	0.00%
Female (F)	94	57.32%
Male (M)	70	42.68%

Field Summary for Q2:**What category includes your age?**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	0	0.00%
18-25 (1)	7	4.27%
26-35 (2)	39	23.78%
36-45 (3)	31	18.90%
46-55 (4)	31	18.90%
56-65 (5)	30	18.29%
66-75 (6)	17	10.37%
76+ (7)	9	5.49%

Field Summary for Q3:**Which statement(s) best describes the household you grew up in?**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	0	0.00%
Christian home - parents not divorced (1)	150	91.46%
Christian home - parents divorced (2)	2	1.22%
Non-Christian home - parents not divorced (3)	5	3.05%
Non-Christian home - parents divorced (4)	0	0.00%
Single parent family - Christian (5)	1	0.61%
Single parent family - Non-Christian (6)	0	0.00%
Adoptive family (7)	0	0.00%
Blended family (parents remarried with step siblings) (8)	3	1.83%
One parent was believer, the other was not (9)	2	1.22%
Other (-oth-)	1	0.61%

Field Summary for Q4:

Which, if any, of these extended family members live within 25 miles of you?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Your parents (1)	118	71.95%
Spouse's parents (2)	107	65.24%
Brother or sister (3)	147	89.63%
Brother or sister-in-law (4)	131	79.88%
Your adult children (5)	81	49.39%
Your grandchildren (6)	56	34.15%
Aunt or Uncle on either side (7)	122	74.39%
Grandparents on either side (8)	50	30.49%
None (9)	1	0.61%

Field Summary for Q5:

Do any of the above attend your church?

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	0	0.00%
Yes (Y)	132	80.49%
No (N)	32	19.51%

Field Summary for Q6:

Do any of the above live within your household?

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	0	0.00%
Yes (Y)	35	21.34%
No (N)	129	78.66%

Field Summary for Q7:

Which statement best describes your vocation?

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	0	0.00%
Homemaker (1)	34	20.73%
Self-employed business owner (2)	17	10.37%
Skilled Labor (construction, transportation) (3)	29	17.68%
Farm / Agricultural (4)	7	4.27%
Professional (sales, education) (5)	28	17.07%
Part-time employee (6)	28	17.07%
Full-time ministry (7)	1	0.61%
Unemployed (8)	3	1.83%

Retired (9)	10	6.10%
Other (-oth-)	7	4.27%

Field Summary for Q8:

Which statement best describes your educational background? (check the highest one that applies to you)

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	0	0.00%
Did not complete High School (1)	31	18.90%
High School graduate (2)	82	50.00%
Technical or Business school (3)	7	4.27%
Some college (did not get degree) (4)	12	7.32%
College graduate (two or four years) (5)	29	17.68%
Some graduate studies (6)	3	1.83%
Graduate degree (Masters) (7)	0	0.00%
Post-graduate work (8)	0	0.00%
Post graduate degree (Doctorate) (9)	0	0.00%

Field Summary for Q9:

Which statement(s) best describe your personal need(s)?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Help in growing as a single adult (1)	7	4.27%
Personal spiritual growth and discipleship (2)	125	76.22%
Strengthening my marriage (3)	58	35.37%
Becoming a better parent / grandparent (4)	69	42.07%
Marriage / Family Counseling (5)	13	7.93%
Balancing family and work (6)	36	21.95%
Other <input type="text" value="Browse"/>	1	0.61%

1. Real sharing with fellow Christians

Field Summary for Q10:

Which statement best describes your marital status?

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	0	0.00%
Single - Never Married (1)	10	6.10%
Single - divorced (2)	1	0.61%
Single - widowed (5)	6	3.66%
Married (3)	147	89.63%
Re-married (4)	0	0.00%

Field Summary for Q11:

How many years have you been married to your present spouse?

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	18	10.98%
Under 5 years (1)	9	5.49%
6-13 years (2)	30	18.29%
14-22 years (3)	22	13.41%
23-30 years (4)	26	15.85%
31-45 years (5)	43	26.22%
46+ years (6)	16	9.76%

Field Summary for Q12:

Which of these statements best describes your marital satisfaction?

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	18	10.98%
Very satisfied (1)	87	53.05%
Satisfied... it's ok, but it could be better (2)	49	29.88%
We co-exist (3)	7	4.27%
Dissatisfied (4)	2	1.22%
We need help (5)	1	0.61%

Field Summary for Q13:

Topics that would help you strengthen your marriage.

Answer	Count	Percentage
Biblical roles of husband and wife (1)	48	29.27%
Relating to in-laws (2)	10	6.10%
Sexual intimacy (3)	31	18.90%
Emotional intimacy (4)	58	35.37%
Spiritual intimacy (5)	75	45.73%
Finances / budgeting (6)	26	15.85%
Communication - conflict resolution (7)	62	37.80%
Dealing with addiction (8)	4	2.44%
Rebuilding trust (9)	7	4.27%
Loving an unbelieving spouse (10)	1	0.61%
Other <input type="button" value="Browse"/>	1	0.61%

Field Summary for Q14:

Are you "actively" parenting? (This question refers to active parenting of any kind - whether you are parenting your grandchildren, foster children, or are a single parent. Please select "No" if your children are grown and live on their own.)

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	1	0.61%
Yes (Y)	83	50.61%
No (N)	80	48.78%

Field Summary for Q15(1):

**How many children in each age group live in your household?
[5 and under]**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	129	78.66%
1 Child (1)	19	11.59%
2 children (2)	14	8.54%
3 children (3)	1	0.61%
4 children (4)	1	0.61%
5+ children (5)	0	0.00%

Field Summary for Q15(2):

**How many children in each age group live in your household?
[6-11 years old]**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	128	78.05%
1 Child (1)	19	11.59%
2 children (2)	14	8.54%
3 children (3)	3	1.83%
4 children (4)	0	0.00%
5+ children (5)	0	0.00%

Field Summary for Q15(3):

**How many children in each age group live in your household?
[12-14 years old]**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	135	82.32%
1 Child (1)	25	15.24%
2 children (2)	4	2.44%
3 children (3)	0	0.00%
4 children (4)	0	0.00%
5+ children (5)	0	0.00%

Field Summary for Q15(4):

**How many children in each age group live in your household?
[15-18 years old]**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	132	80.49%
1 Child (1)	22	13.41%
2 children (2)	10	6.10%
3 children (3)	0	0.00%
4 children (4)	0	0.00%
5+ children (5)	0	0.00%

Field Summary for Q15(5):

**How many children in each age group live in your household?
[19+ years old]**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	135	82.32%
1 Child (1)	20	12.20%
2 children (2)	8	4.88%
3 children (3)	1	0.61%
4 children (4)	0	0.00%
5+ children (5)	0	0.00%

Field Summary for Q16:

Do you live in a blended household (with stepchildren?)

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	82	50.00%
Yes (1)	0	0.00%
No (2)	80	48.78%
Not-Applicable (3)	2	1.22%

**Field Summary for Q17:
Define your parenting role:**

Answer	Count	Percentage
I parent my grandchildren (1)	0	0.00%
I am a single parent (2)	2	1.22%
I parent foster children (3)	3	1.83%
I parent my own children (4)	79	48.17%
I am an adoptive parent (5)	9	5.49%
I am a parent of a "special needs" child (6)	1	0.61%
I share custody of my children (7)	0	0.00%
I am parenting a blended/step family (8)	0	0.00%

**Field Summary for Q18:
Topics that would help you in your parenting role.**

Answer	Count	Percentage
Discipline strategies (1)	40	24.39%
Understanding your Parenting Style (2)	24	14.63%
Grand parenting - parenting your grandchildren (3)	2	1.22%
Spiritual leadership in the home (4)	39	23.78%
Teaching values at home (5)	48	29.27%
Helping children succeed at school (6)	19	11.59%
Dealing with addiction (7)	0	0.00%
Dealing with Special Needs children (8)	2	1.22%
Ministering together as a family (9)	32	19.51%
Preparing my children for marriage (10)	35	21.34%
Preparing my children for college (11)	7	4.27%
Shared custody issues (12)	0	0.00%

Other	<input type="button" value="Browse"/>	6	3.66%
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparing my children to be spirit filled adults 2. Financial training 3. Financial training 4. Anything dealing with teenagers 5. Strong willed children 6. Dealing with anger 			

Field Summary for Q19:

How many years have you been attending this church?

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	1	0.61%
Less than 2 years (1)	1	0.61%
3-5 years (2)	6	3.66%
6-10 years (3)	11	6.71%
11-15 years (4)	18	10.98%
16-20 years (5)	9	5.49%
21-25 years (6)	15	9.15%
26+ years (7)	103	62.80%

Field Summary for Q20:

How often do you or members of your household attend church activities?

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	1	0.61%
More than once a week (1)	72	43.90%
Once a week (2)	72	43.90%
Once or twice a month (3)	13	7.93%
Less than once a month (4)	6	3.66%

Field Summary for Q21:

What ministries outside of Sunday mornings do you regularly participate?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Small group (1)	45	27.44%
Men's ministry (2)	9	5.49%
Women's ministry (3)	44	26.83%
Youth Ministry (10)	18	10.98%
Children's ministry (4)	18	10.98%
Single's group (5)	6	3.66%
Music / Worship (6)	17	10.37%
Leadership (7)	12	7.32%
Ministry to Shut-ins (8)	15	9.15%
None (9)	38	23.17%
Other <input type="text" value="Browse"/>	11	6.71%

1. Sunday evening services
2. Intercession
3. Mentor/accountability relationships
4. Family Life Committee

5. Truth project
6. Truth project
7. Family life
8. t.f.c.
9. GriefShare
10. Family Life and Mentorship Groups
11. Wed/Sun eve

Field Summary for Q22(1):

**Rate how you feel the following activities take you away from your household?
[Your church's weekly schedule]**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	4	2.44%
Never (1)	21	12.80%
Rarely (2)	59	35.98%
Occasionally (3)	70	42.68%
Often (4)	5	3.05%
Always (5)	5	3.05%

Field Summary for Q22(2):

**Rate how you feel the following activities take you away from your household?
[Church calendar of events]**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	4	2.44%
Never (1)	13	7.93%
Rarely (2)	61	37.20%
Occasionally (3)	78	47.56%
Often (4)	6	3.66%
Always (5)	2	1.22%

Field Summary for Q23:

More often than not, do your children want to attend the children's and youth activities of the church?

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	26	15.85%
Yes (1)	64	39.02%
No (2)	7	4.27%
Not Applicable (3)	67	40.85%

Field Summary for Q24(1):

Church leadership or staff have made you, or members of your household, feel guilty for not participating in church activities.

[I feel guilty...]

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	3	1.83%
Never (1)	66	40.24%
Rarely (2)	69	42.07%
Occasionally (3)	23	14.02%
Often (4)	2	1.22%

Always (5)

1

0.61%

Field Summary for Q25(1):

**The church's ministries to children and youth support your efforts as a parent.
[I feel supported...]**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	83	50.61%
Never (1)	0	0.00%
Rarely (2)	1	0.61%
Occasionally (3)	11	6.71%
Often (4)	45	27.44%
Always (5)	24	14.63%

Field Summary for Q26(1):

**Children's and Youth activities often cost too much for your children to participate in as
much as you, or they would like.**

[The cost is too high...]

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	88	53.66%
Never (1)	36	21.95%
Rarely (2)	31	18.90%
Occasionally (3)	9	5.49%
Often (4)	0	0.00%
Always (5)	0	0.00%

Field Summary for Q27(1):

**Family issues are addressed in your church.
[From the Pulpit.]**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	7	4.27%
Do Not Attend (1)	0	0.00%
Rarely (2)	7	4.27%
Occasionally (3)	96	58.54%
Often (4)	51	31.10%
Always (5)	3	1.83%

Field Summary for Q27(2):

**Family issues are addressed in your church.
[From Sunday school]**

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	7	4.27%
Do Not Attend (1)	6	3.66%
Rarely (2)	43	26.22%

Occasionally (3)	80	48.78%
Often (4)	26	15.85%
Always (5)	2	1.22%

Field Summary for Q28(1):

How connected are you to other adult members of your congregation? (Are you receiving support, accountability, recreation, etc... from within the church?)
[I feel connected...]

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	2	1.22%
Never (1)	3	1.83%
Rarely (2)	22	13.41%
Occasionally (3)	57	34.76%
Often (4)	62	37.80%
Always (5)	18	10.98%

Field Summary for Q29:

If you have a personal/family concern who would you MOST likely talk to about it?

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	3	1.83%
Pastoral Staff (a)	74	45.12%
Small Group (b)	24	14.63%
Leadership Team (c)	9	5.49%
Someone Outside the Church (d)	44	26.83%
No One (e)	10	6.10%

Field Summary for Q30:

How safe do you feel in communicating family/personal concerns to church leadership or staff?

Answer	Count	Percentage
No answer	2	1.22%
Very (1)	102	62.20%
Somewhat (2)	39	23.78%
Not Really (3)	21	12.80%

Field Summary for Q31:

Men, what type of Men's Ministry activities would you would be most willing to participate in? (Please choose up to TWO)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Fellowship Events (Breakfasts, Sports Events, etc...) (1)	39	23.78%
Bible Studies/Sunday School Electives (2)	25	15.24%
Small Group (3)	11	6.71%
Retreats (4)	5	3.05%
Work/Missions Projects (5)	39	23.78%

Field Summary for Q32:

Men, what do you or would you personally like to accomplish through your involvement in our Men's Ministry? (Please choose up to TWO)

Answer	Count	Percentage
A closer walk with God (1)	55	33.54%
Fellowship with other men (2)	43	26.22%
An outlet to vent frustrations or problems (3)	4	2.44%
More involvement with the church (4)	10	6.10%
Other <input type="text" value="Browse"/>	2	1.22%

1. none
2. A greater focus on mans responsibility to his family

3.

Field Summary for Q33:

What other topic(s) would be beneficial to your household?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Plan and schedule events we can do together as a family (1)	65	39.63%
Finances (2)	45	27.44%
Dealing with aging parents (3)	38	23.17%
Dealing with death and dying (4)	19	11.59%
Pre-marital / Re-marital counseling (5)	3	1.83%
Marriage counseling (6)	19	11.59%
Divorce recovery (7)	1	0.61%
Grief recovery (8)	8	4.88%
Family counseling (9)	9	5.49%
Other <input type="button" value="Browse"/>	8	4.88%
1. none		
2. none		
3. Growth in personal walk with God		
4. Pornography		
5. Dealing with issues of living single		
6. How to have a relationship w/Jesus		
7. Talking to children about our pre-matril pregnancy		
8. Spiritual discipleship		

Field Summary for Q34:

When would be the best time for your church to host events to deal with these topics?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Sunday morning (1)	96	58.54%
Sunday evening (2)	47	28.66%
Monday evening (3)	15	9.15%
Tuesday evening (4)	11	6.71%
Wednesday evening (5)	67	40.85%
Thursday evening (6)	9	5.49%
Friday evening (7)	7	4.27%
Saturday morning (8)	14	8.54%
Saturday afternoon (9)	2	1.22%
Saturday evening (10)	20	12.20%
Other <input type="button" value="Browse"/>	3	1.83%

1. none
2. varies
3. school day mornings

General Comments

1. In response to Q29, I would probably most likely talk to some of my close friends, some of which are a part of my church family, I guess if the issue was of great importance, I would go to the pastoral staff.
2. What about a break from all meetings for a month? Our families are over-extended and carrying excess stress.
3. Q29 - My real answer to 29 is my prayer partner from church. (It would not let me finish without marking an answer.) Q33: Some ideas for family night activities - Western Night Theme, Celebration of Marriage and Birthday Night. (Games and interaction with each other builds relationships.) Another idea would be to mix-up the generations in our adult Sunday School classes. We can learn to know each other better and also grow spiritually by seeing things from either an older or younger members view point.
4. On Question 29, I would probably share my concerns with my prayer partners (one of whom attends our church) and the Women's ministry team before I'd go to the pastoral staff. If I'd feel a need to share with one of the pastoral staff, I'd most likely share with the pastor who did our marriage counseling and led a parent group that we were part of. Q28 At this stage in our parenting, our children demand so much attention that meaningful connection, conversation, and even sometimes worship at church is practically impossible. Most of my spiritual growth and accountability comes from 2 other women (one from our church, one that attends a different church) that I meet with to share and pray. Women's ministry events that I can attend on my own also offer spiritual challenge, accountability, and relationship.
5. On question #22, I don't feel I'm taken away near as much as my daughter who is in the Youth Group. She is constantly going to youth group activities, several times a week. It's hard to say "no, stay home for once" when it's a church function. Question # 28 - We used to have a very close Sunday School class but within the past five years, it has become very difficult to get the class motivated to do anything together. Only about half even attend class on Sunday mornings.
6. #22 Most times when there is a church activity the whole family is involved so I don't feel it normally takes away one and leaves the rest of the family at home.
7. I really enjoy having Sunday school electives. It is nice to not take another evening for activities. Sunday school is also divided mostly by ages. I enjoy interacting with people from different age groups. Older people typically have much wisdom to offer and I enjoy the energy of the youth. Small groups are a nice mixed group but it can get very busy for me to take another night out of my week for small groups.
8. Having many young parents in our congregation, I am concerned that there are MANY opportunities for women - times that pull them away from family time: EX: Lunch and meeting after Sunday a.m. worship service once a month. I feel this is a family meal time.
9. Q17 says I parent my OWN children - I have biological children and adoptive children - however they are ALL my OWN children. May be better to change the wording to I parent my Biological children. Just something to consider :)

10. All my in-laws attend this church and I attend because my husband grew up there, even though I don't totally agree with everything and would like to find a church that I connect more with on many different levels.
11. The Pastors at our church do the best they can with what they know But I want the leadership to lead with love and vision not just rules.
12. Mens ministry has done a lot on sexual issues. I believe however, that men, if they are burdened in their hearts toward the family and the home, they will be less focused on things outside the home. There has been an entire generation that has looked at work as the legacy they leave behind instead of the children we raise up. We need to develop that servant heart towards our family like Christ has towards the church.
13. Although I could benefit from resources I don't know that I would utilize them if offered
14. Cost was never an issue so far but I'm not sure what it will be like in youth group. I think that having a work week is great, but I wish they would take place here in the U.S., closer to home (cost-wise and also that we prefer to do our far away trips as a family). the other part is that I would have a greater concern for my children's health and safety in some foreign countries.
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16. I don't feel guilty about keeping a "routine" and staying home because of young children, but we are made to feel guilty for not coming to every activity. We pick and choose every activity as it fits our family and individual lives and growth.
17. The church leadership team does a wonderful job in planning activities and events to promote spiritual growth for its people
18. It would be nice to have more people involved in Sunday a.m. service (maybe different people is what I mean), such as the youth and primary age children and older members. Such as praise and worship, offering, etc... to help them feel more a part of the church. It would be a good time to "mold" the younger generation for future positions.
19. Youth adviser position takes a lot of time away from personal family time. I would like to explore the possibility of having a part time youth pastor.
20. Our Sunday school is falling apart.
21. I think families should sit together in church.
22. Q29 Besides the ministry staff I feel most comfortable sharing with individuals inside the church. Single's group as college and career and single adults are a weak area in our congregation. I think youth advisors need additional training in ministering and attending to the needs of youth that are traumatized young people and may not fit the mold of an all American youth, ex adoption, or youth struggling with issues at home etc.
23. Why do church activities never start on time?
24. I feel we need accountability with one another. Stop judging one another. But how we get there I don't know.