

Attitudes about Change in the Adventist Church

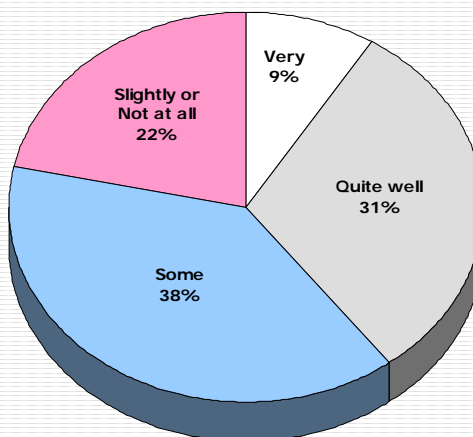
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- The Center for Creative Ministry does several surveys each year
- Samples include Adventist Church members, pastors and the general public
- Key trends can be traced through a number of the surveys
- The center is part of the North American Division's Church Resources Consortium
 - Paul Richardson directs the center
 - Monte Sahlin is senior analyst

Sources of Data

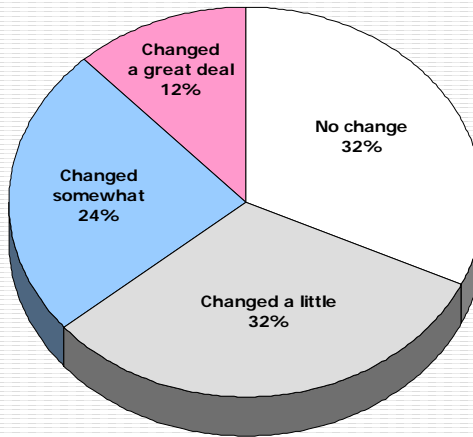
- Faith Communities Today (FACT)
 - Part of largest study of congregations in America ever done; Adventist sample is 412 randomly selected pastors
- 2000 Survey of Members
 - Part of U.S. Congregational Life Study
 - Sample of 5,596 worship attenders
- 2002 Survey of Members
 - Conducted for the Columbia Union Conference
 - Sample of 1,821 worship attenders

How open is your local church to innovation and change?



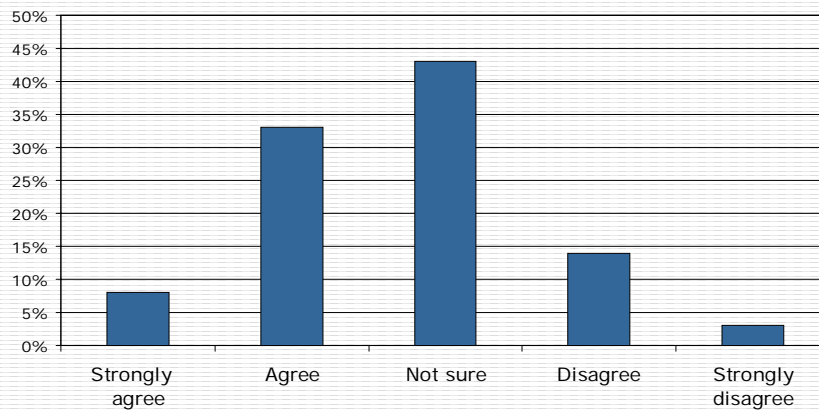
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How much has the style of worship changed in your local church in the last 5 years?



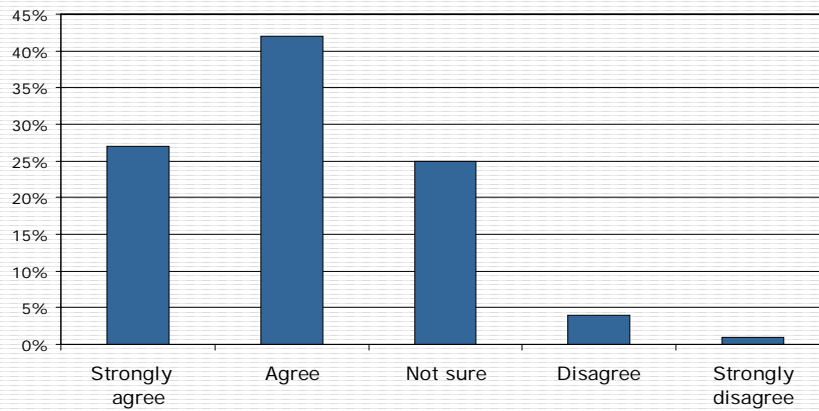
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This congregation is always ready to try something new

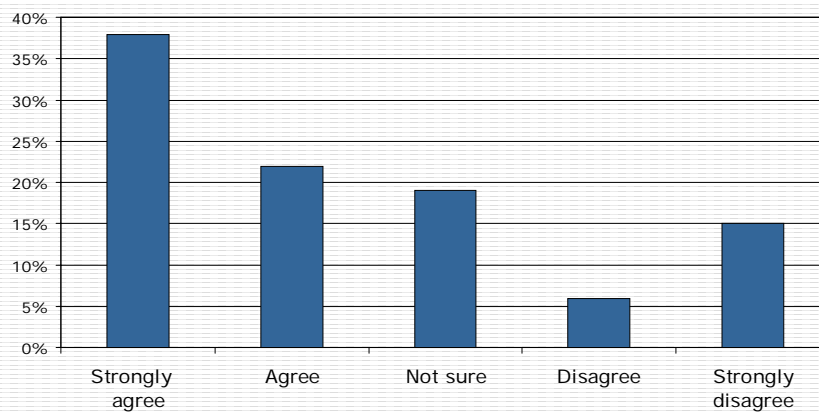


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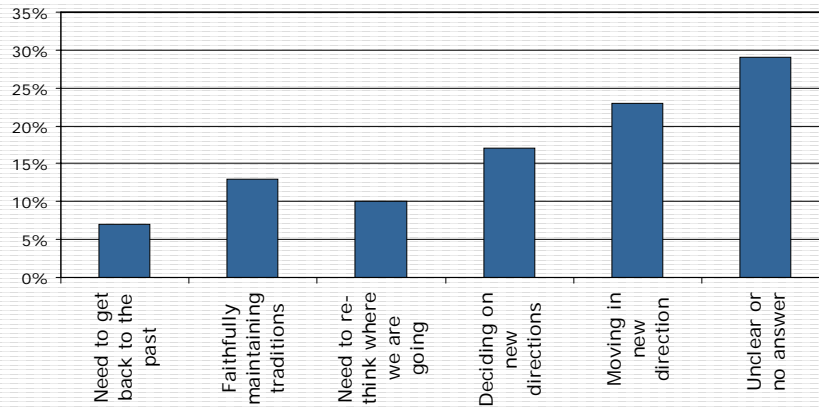
Members are exited about the future of the church



Church has a clear sense of mission and purpose

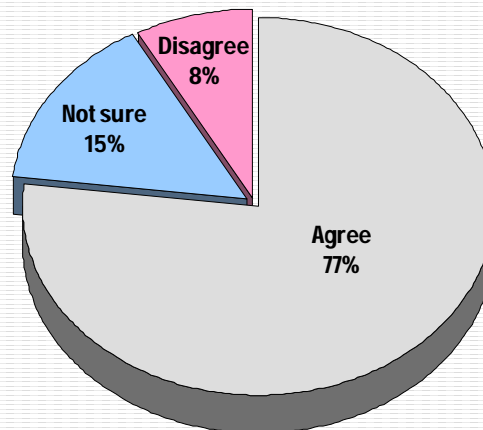


Future direction of the church



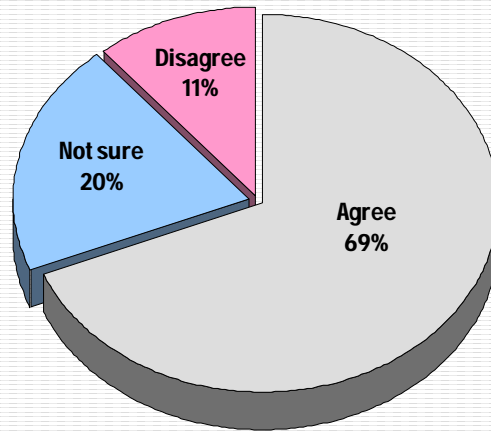
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Important to start new congregations



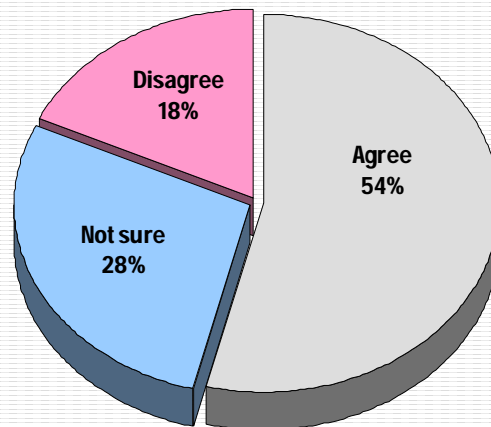
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Willing for my local church to sponsor a church plant



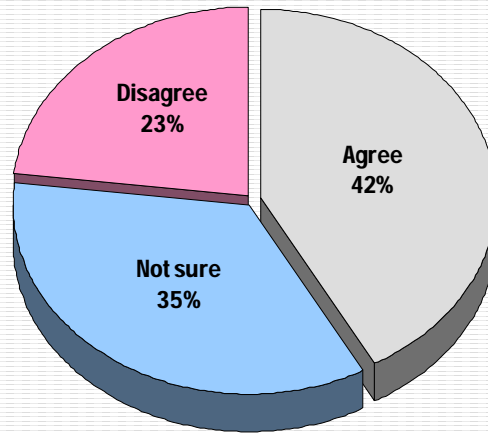
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Willing for 2 or 3 key people to leave my church for a new plant



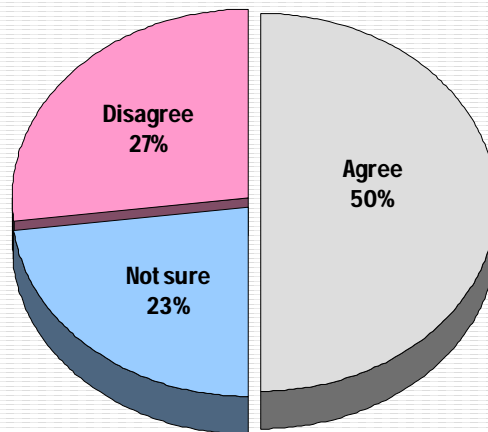
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I am personally willing to join a core group for a church plant



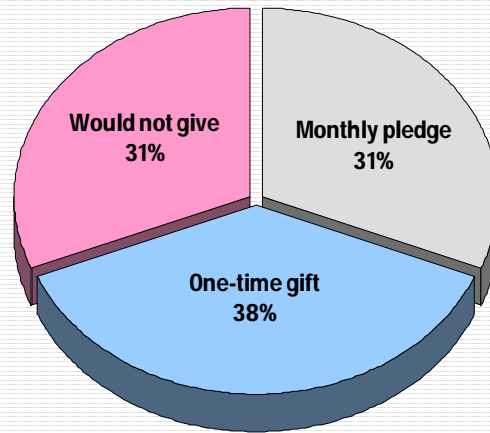
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Reaching unreached communities ... more important than growth of existing churches



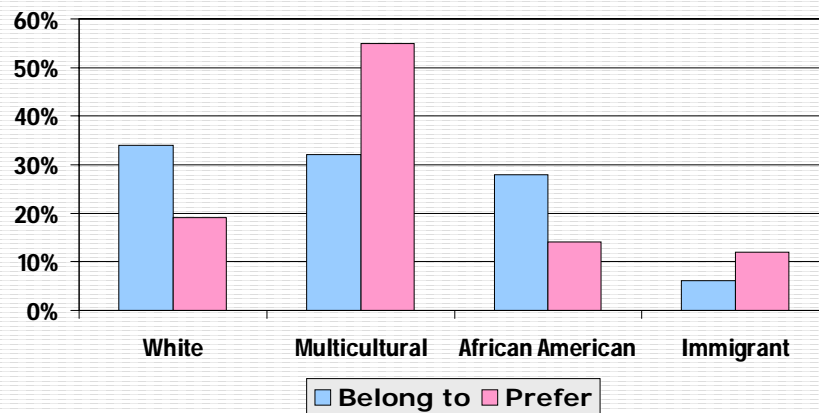
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Personally willing to pledge for a near-by church plant

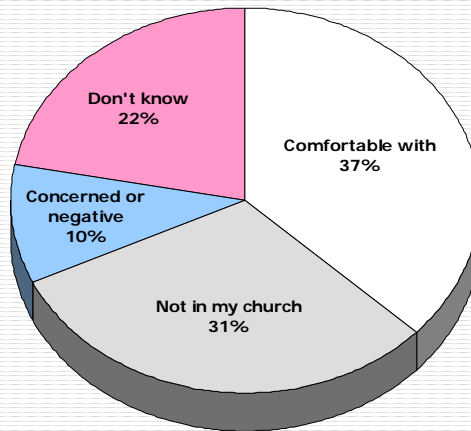


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Type of congregation members belong to compared with the type they prefer

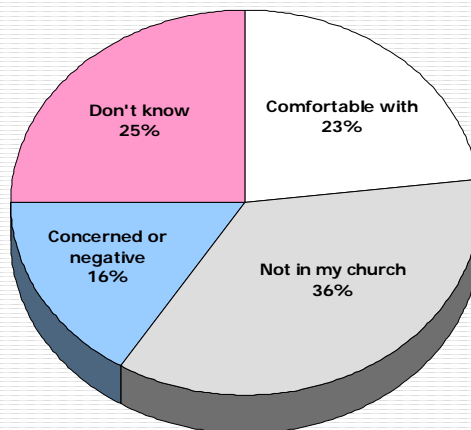


A congregation designed for Jewish culture



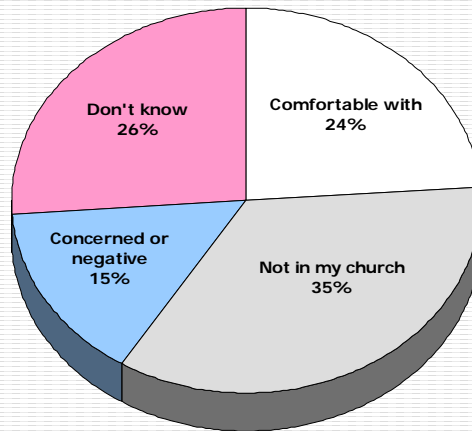
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A congregation designed for Islamic culture



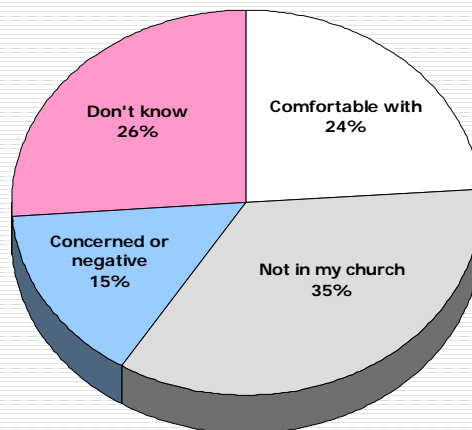
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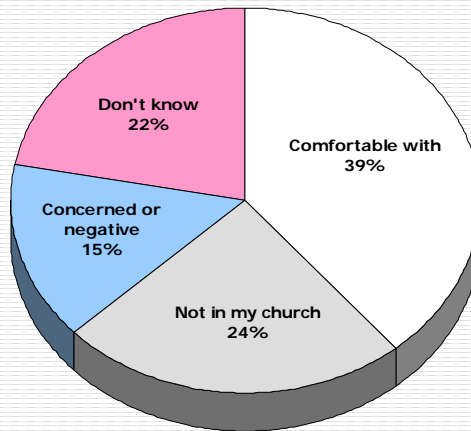
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A congregation designed for Buddhist culture



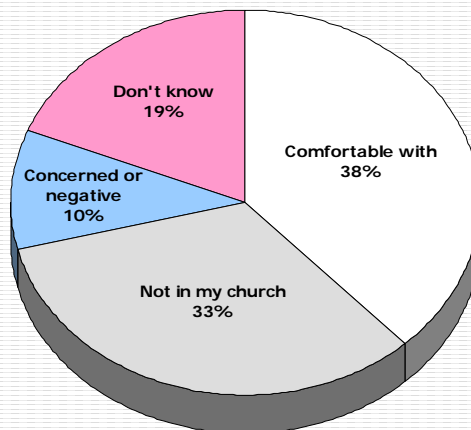
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A congregation designed for secular culture



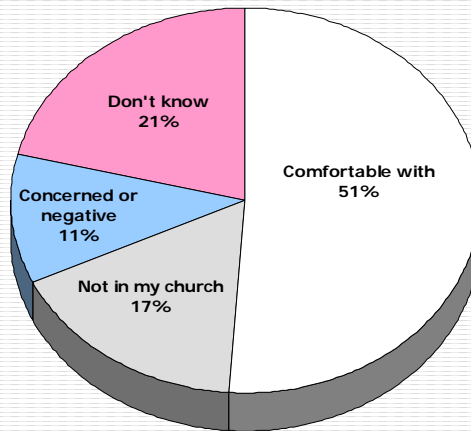
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A congregation designed for American Indian culture



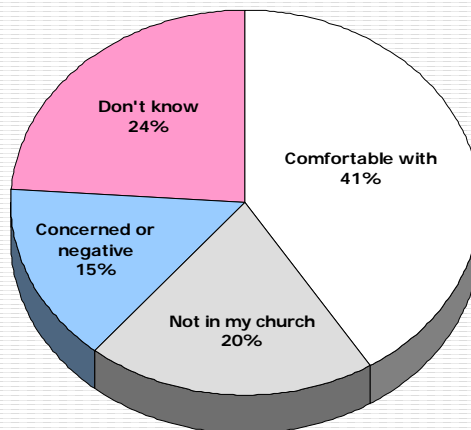
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A congregation for young, urban professionals



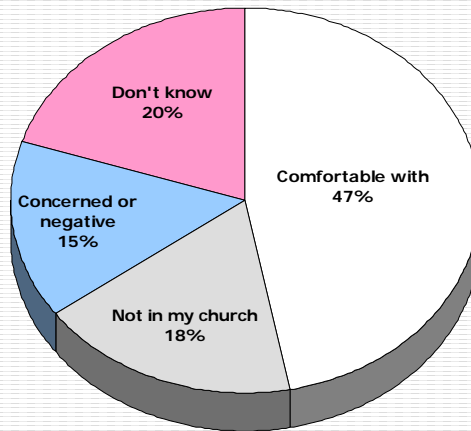
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A congregation for educated, wealthy leaders



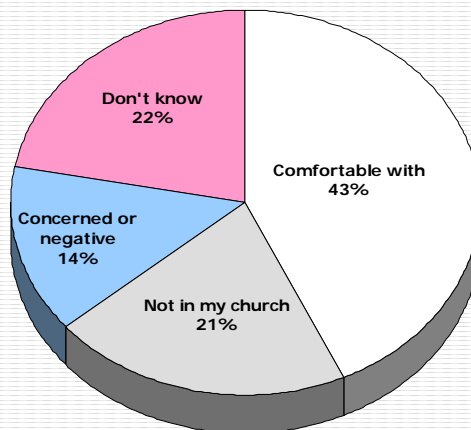
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A congregation for white, liberal middle class



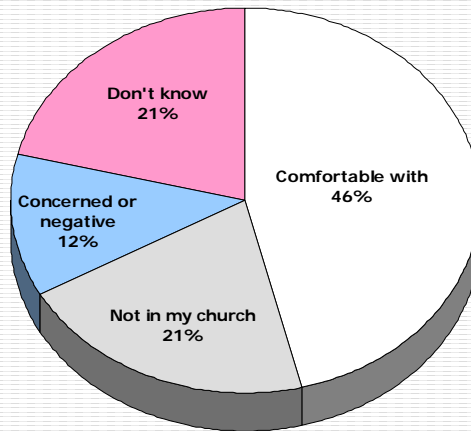
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A congregation for Blue Collar, Catholic union members



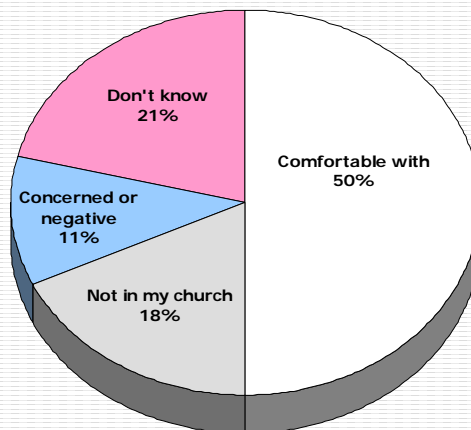
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A congregation for writers, artists, musicians, actors



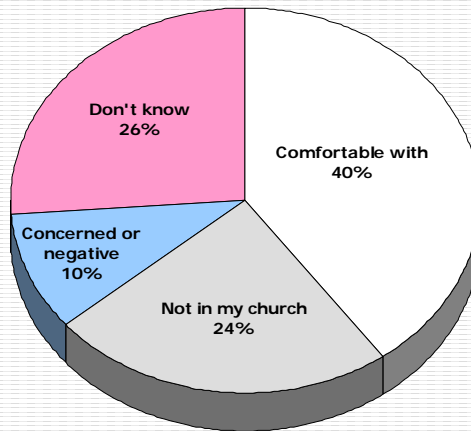
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A congregation for secular campus students & faculty



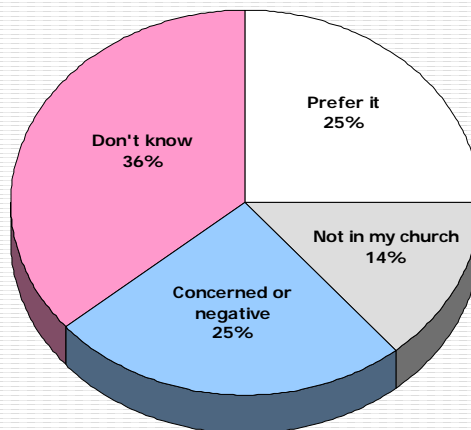
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A congregation for Appalachians



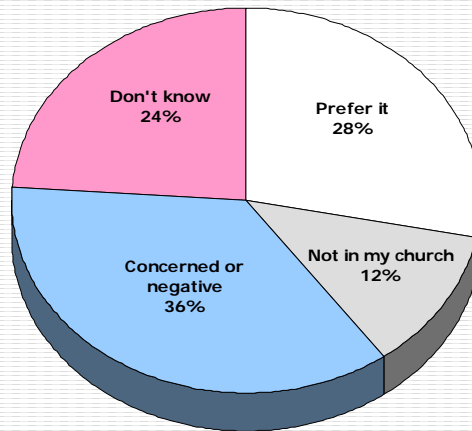
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Do not pass the plate



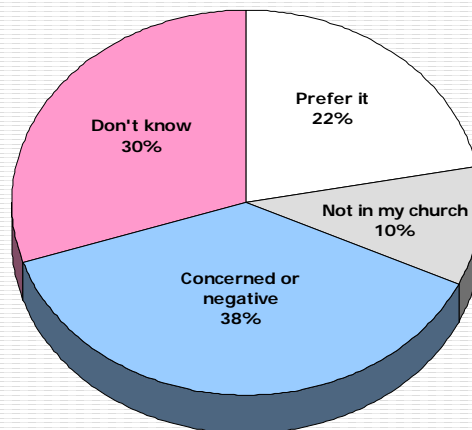
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Casual dress



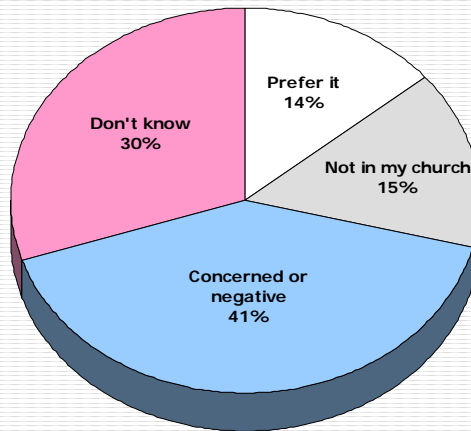
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Do not use traditional Adventist language



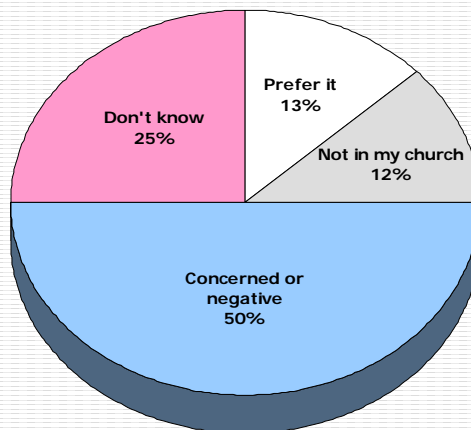
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Do not use organ or piano



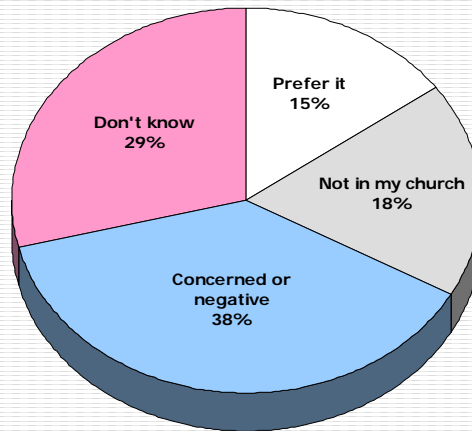
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Church worship service is on Friday night



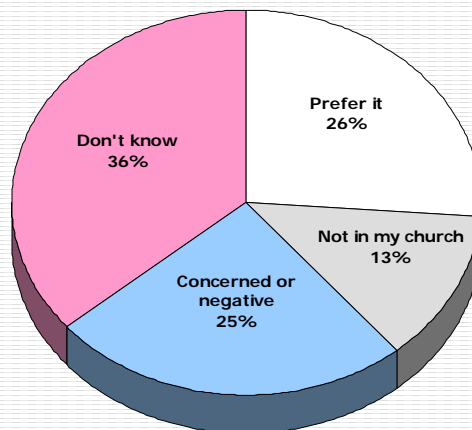
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Church worship is on Sabbath afternoon



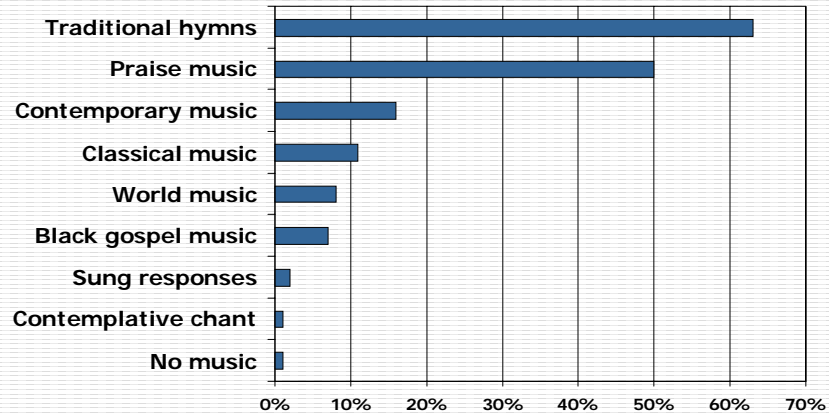
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The order of service is very different



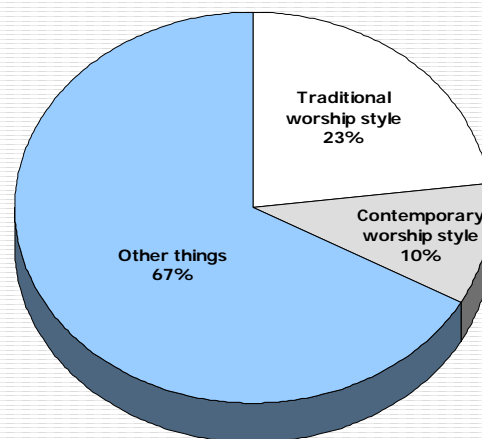
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Worship music preferences



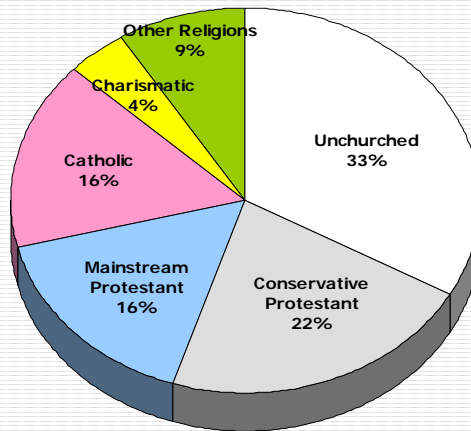
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What do you value?



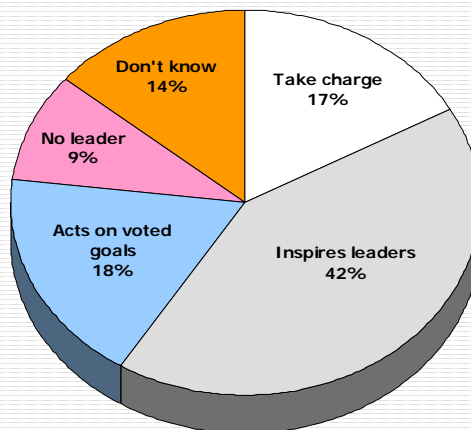
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Where are our converts coming from?



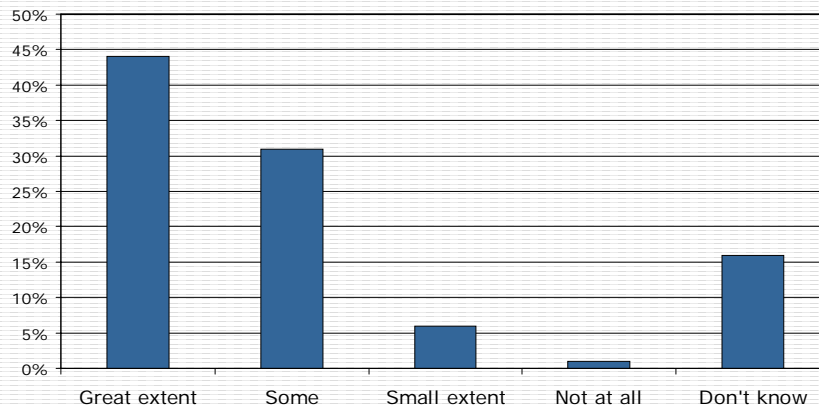
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Leadership style of your pastor



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Extent to which pastor considers the opinions of members



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