

Table 3: Congregational Life

Question	Percentage
Question 3: How many years have you been a member of a Brethren in Christ church?	Average = 25.5 years
Question 4: Were your parents members of a congregation in the Brethren in Christ when you were a child? (Check one.)	
a. Neither was a member	67.7
b. Both were members	30.6
c. Only one one of my parents was a member	1.7
Question 5: How often do you attend worship services?	
a. A few times a year or less	1.4
b. About once a month	0.7
c. Two or three times a month	6.3
d. Every week	74.1
e. Several times a week	17.5
Question 6: Which, if any, of these positions have you held in your local congregation? (Check all that apply.)	
a. Worship/music leader	21.3
b. Sunday school teacher	65.5
c. Youth advisor	29.3
d. Deacon or elder	28.1
e. Pastor/minister	17.3
f. Licensed or ordained minister	15.7
g. Church board or leadership time member	58.6
h. Director of a program	32.8
i. Evangelist or missionary	11.1
j. None of these	9.9
Question 25: What portion of your household income do you give to church and charitable causes? (Check only one.)	
a. None	0.5

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b. Less than ten percent	17.1
c. Ten percent	26.3
d. More than ten percent	56.1
Question 26: Which of the following statements is true for your local congregation? (Check all that apply.)	
a. Teaches its members to reject violence	81.4
b. Teaches its members to share with those in need	99.8
c. Has a ministry to those with HIV/AIDS	12.2
d. Includes members who are in the military	86.2
e. Includes members who work for the government	90.6
Question 28: How often does your congregation practice communion each year?	Average = 7.4 times per year
a. Four times a year	35.1
b. Six times a year	12.0
c. Twelve times a year	20.7
d. Other	32.2
Question 29: What mode of baptism does your congregation practice? (Check all that apply.)	
a. Pouring	2.7
b. Sprinkling	1.2
c. Immersion	97.7
Question 30: Which of the following is true for your congregation? (Check all that apply.)	
a. Individuals become members when they are baptized	33.2
b. Rebaptism is required for those baptized as infants	58.6
c. Rebaptism is required for adults baptized in a congregation other than the Brethren in Christ Church	4.3
Question 31: Which statement best expresses your view of who should be allowed to participate in the communion service? (Check only one.)	
a. Only members of my congregation	0.2

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b. Only Mennonites or Anabaptists	0.2
c. Anyone who has been baptized as an adult in a Christian church	1.7
d. Anyone who has been baptized—including as an infant—in a Christian church	0.7
e. Anyone who has accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord	89.8
f. Anyone regardless of their religion	7.3
Question 32: Which of the following is true of your congregation's worship in song? (Check all that apply.)	
a. We sing songs that reflect our congregation's distinct beliefs and practices	60.1
b. We sing songs that are sung by other Christians in our country	90.8
c. We sing songs that people in our congregation compose	35.5
Question 33: In your view, which of the following are acceptable for women to do in church? (Check all that apply.)	
a. Preach sermons	79.6
b. Plan and lead worship	93.3
c. Provide pastoral counseling and care	88.4
d. Teach adults	96.3
e. Teach children	98.9
f. None of these things are acceptable for women	0.3
Question 34: Which of the following are true for your congregation? (Check only one box for each activity.)	Percent checked box "True"
a. Requires an instructional class prior to baptism	78.5
b. Expects members to be accountable to others in church	87.3
c. Has experienced a great deal of conflict recently	21.2
d. Has a clear sense of mission and vision	78.7
Question 40: Which of the following are true of your congregation? (Check only one box for each activity.)	Percent checked box "True"
a. Teaches members about the history of Anabaptism	62.9

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b. Includes people of different races and ethnicities	90.7
c. Includes people of different nationalities	83.4
d. Includes people from different economic classes	97.0
e. Allows men and women to have equal ministry roles	84.5
f. Encourages cross-cultural missions	92.1
g. Collaborates with other congregations	80.2