

2026 National Church **Life** Survey

Your church is invited!

- Listen to every voice
- Understand the big picture
- Lead the conversation
- See emerging trends
- Ask difficult questions
- Move forward together

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What

A nationwide survey of church attenders and leaders spanning 20+ Christian denominations.

2026 National
ChurchLife
Survey

Why take part?



Take time to **listen** to every voice: new & long-term, young & old



Invite attenders to reflect on their own **wellbeing**



Help church leaders reflect on **leadership development** and personal wellbeing



Receive your **own church results** to help shape your ministry and mission into the future



Take stock of your church's **health**



Identify your **strengths** and use them to grow



Be part of the **national snapshot** of the whole Australian Church



Compare with other churches



Add to the profile of **your denomination**



Help your **denomination better understand** the gifts and challenges of local churches

From local church leaders



The NCLS is an opportunity to say, here is something we've learned - and it's not just what we observe anecdotally. What can we do about this?"



The leadership team now has a solid foundation to build upon as we continue to share our vision and introduce new initiatives with a twinned parish.



A Church Life Survey is always very helpful...to give us reasons for thankfulness and help us shape future planning.



Our church is deeply committed to listening to and understanding our church community. Church Life Surveys have become an invaluable resource and strategy that we rely on to listen to our church, to celebrate how God is at work and to identify key areas to focus on in the coming year.

From denominational leaders



The 2026 National Church Life gives us a clear and honest picture of church life across Australia. It helps us listen to the voices of our congregations, understand where we are growing, and discern where we are being called to change. The insights it offers are essential for shaping a healthy and mission-focused future for the church.

Rev Mark Wilson
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See online for more endorsements

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UNDERSTAND
THE BIG
Picture

LISTEN TO
Every Voice

ASK THE
DIFFICULT
Questions

Who

- Thousands of churches
- 7,000+ church leaders
- 100-200,000 church attenders
- 20 + denominations
- Surveys in multiple languages

Only 20 mins every 5 years

Surveys are for



Church administrator



Church attenders aged 15+
Child attenders aged 8 – 14



Local church leaders
(e.g. ministers) and
lay leaders

When



Now

Sign up your church
Plan for a survey week in Sep or Oct
Find out your denomination's plans.



August

Complete the Church Activities Survey
(one person)



Sep - Oct

Complete Attender and Leader Surveys



Late 26/early 27

Get your results

CHURCH ACTIVITIES SURVEY

Map local church activities
Add to the national story of the positive impact of churches in communities

FREE

August

CHURCH LIFE SURVEYS FOR ATTENDERS

Demographics
Inflow of people
Personal flourishing
Discipleship
Church vitality

**\$400 PLUS \$2 PER
SURVEY ORDERED**
(\$300 flat rate for churches < 30)

September or October
Choose a time that suits you

LEADERS SURVEYS

Vital leadership
Wellbeing and resilience
Training needs
Values and more

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LEAD THE
Conversation

SEE
EMERGING
Trends

MOVE
FORWARD
Together

Ready to join with Australian churches to take part?

SIGN UP NOW

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2026 NCLS Participating Denominations:

Acts 2 Alliance (A2A)
Anglican Church
Acts Global Church
Australian Christian Church (ACC)
Baptist Churches
Catholic Church
C3 Church
Christian Reformed Church
CRC Churches International
Church of the Nazarene
Churches of Christ
Congregational Church

Fellowship of Independent Evangelical
Churches (FIEC)
International Network of Churches (INC)
Hillsong Church
Lutheran Church
Presbyterian Church
Seventh-day Adventist Church
The Salvation Army
Uniting Church in Australia
Vineyard Church
Independent Churches

Stay in touch with your denomination's plans

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