

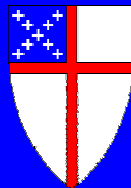
Church of the Transfiguration

The Little Church Around the Corner



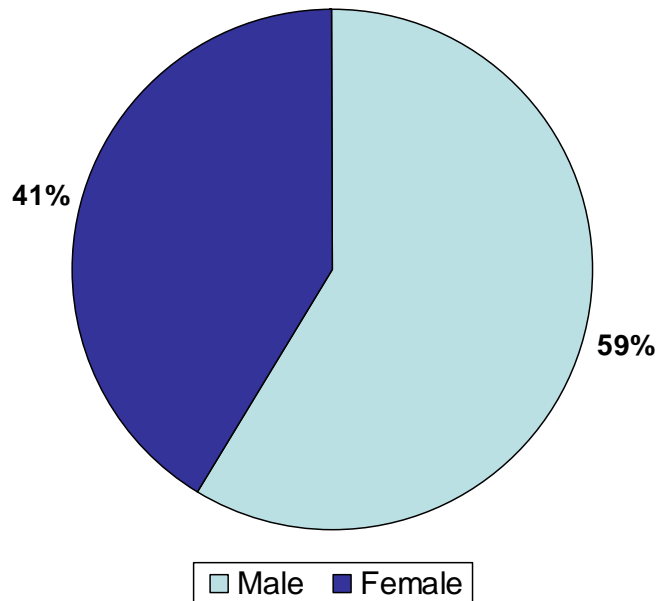
Parish Survey

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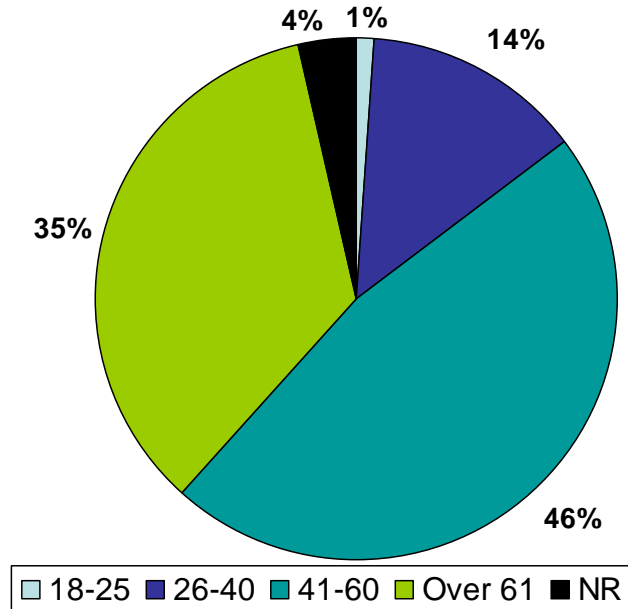


Demographics

Gender (Survey Respondents)

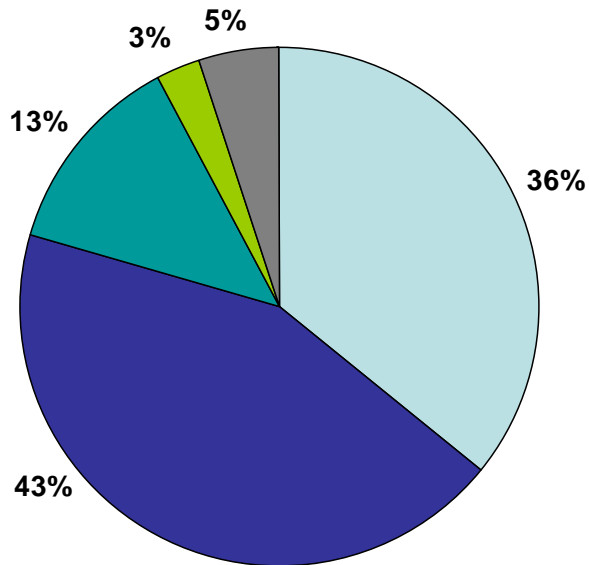


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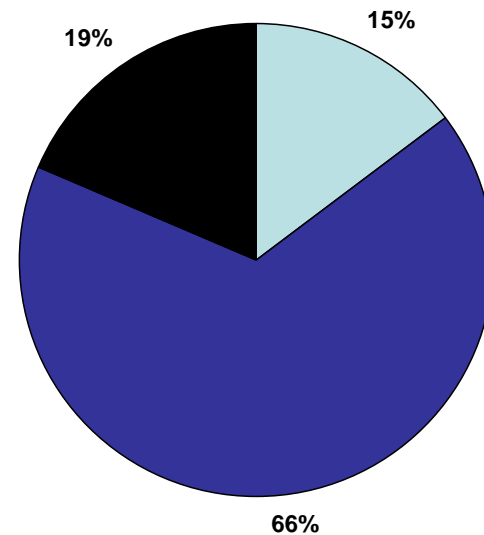
Demographics (Continued)

Marital Status (Survey Respondents)



Single Married Partnered Widowed Divorced

Children (Survey Respondents)

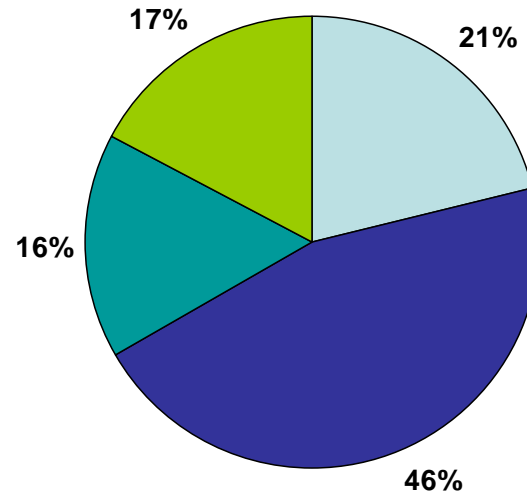


Children at Home No Children at Home NR

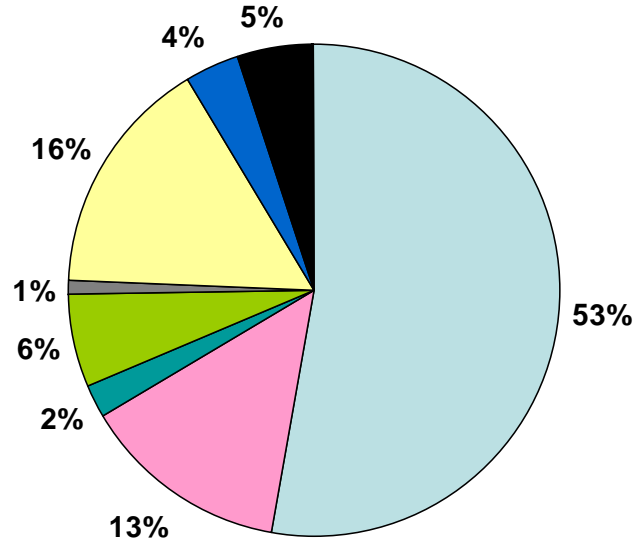
Demographics (Continued)

Area of Residence

■ Church Neighborhood
 ■ Other Manhattan Neighborhood
 ■ NYC, Not Manhattan
 ■ Outside of NYC



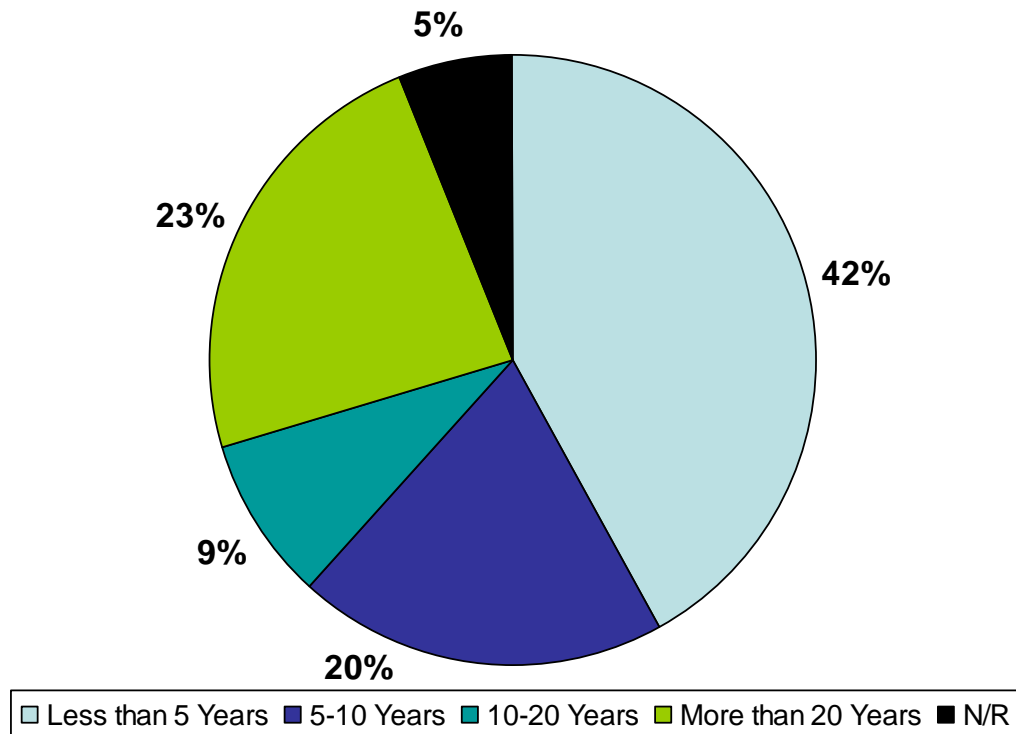
Came to Transfiguration From...



■ Other ECUSA Parish
 ■ Roman Catholic
 ■ Orthodox Christian
 ■ Lutheran/Presbyterian
■ Baptist/Evangelical
 ■ Other
 ■ Multiple
 ■ N/R

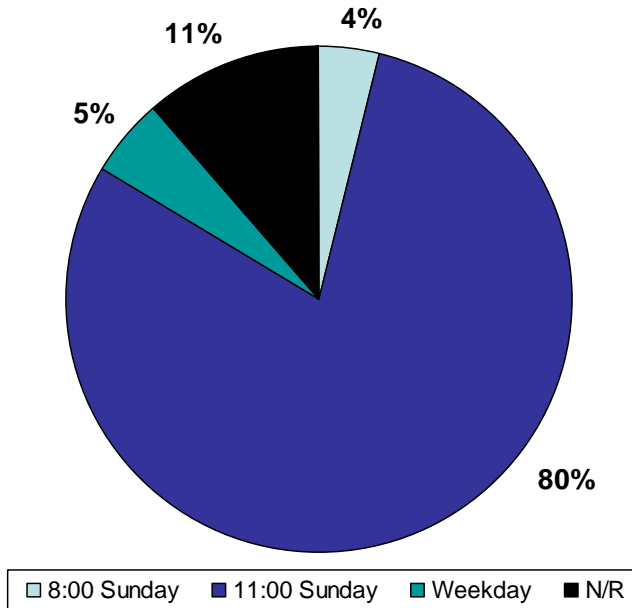
Demographics (Continued)

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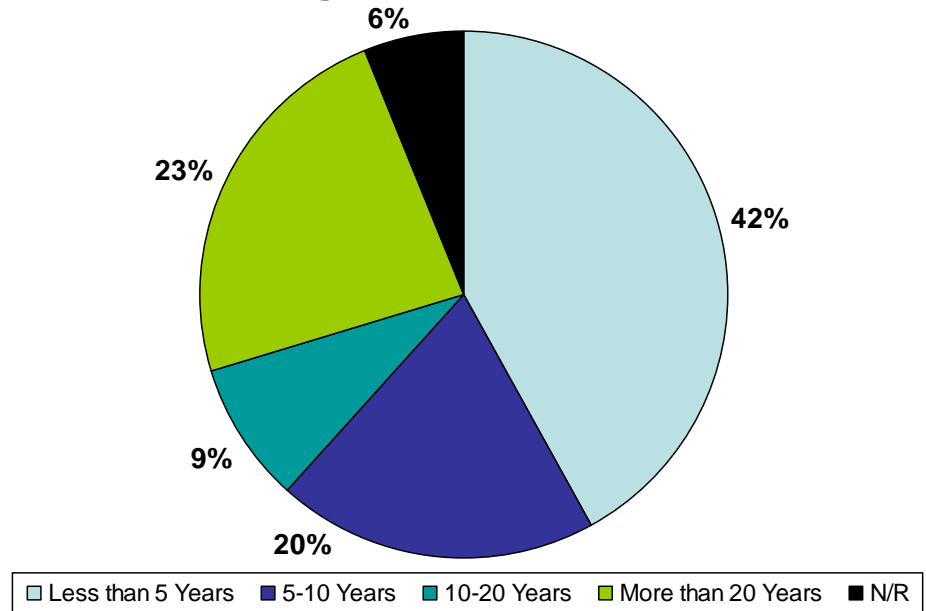


Demographics (Continued)

Service Usually Attended

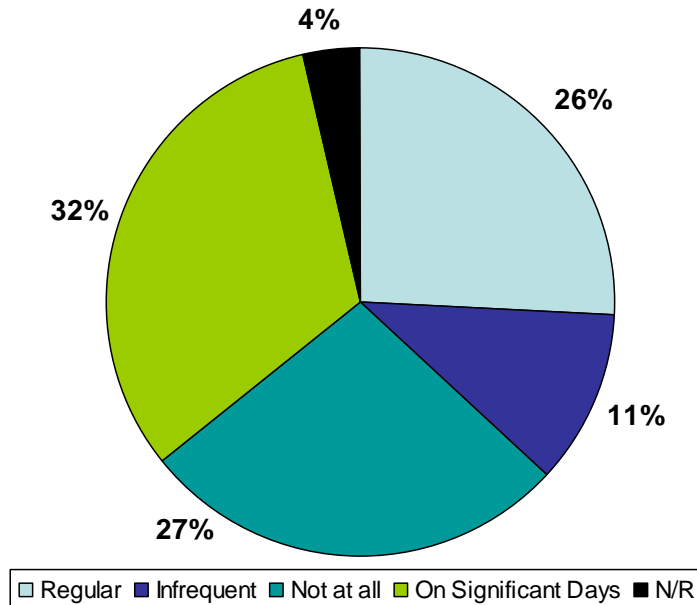


Transfiguration Attendance

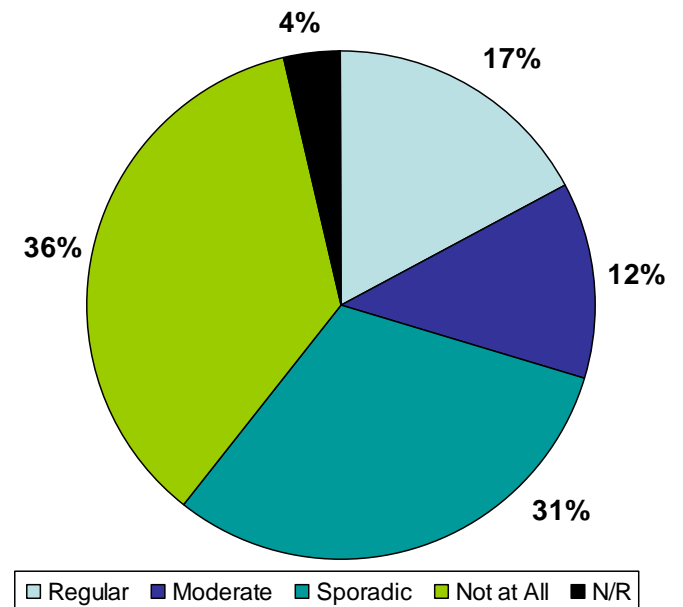


Demographics (Continued)

Weekday Attendance at Transfiguration

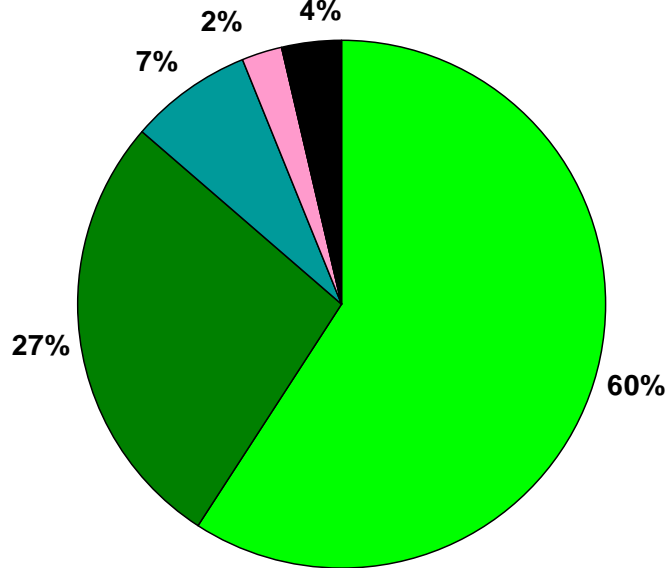


Attendance at Parish Functions



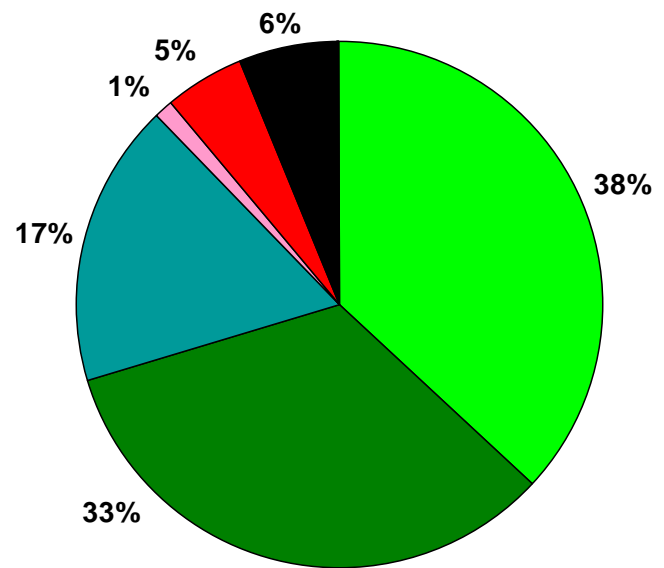
Parish Dynamics/Stewardship

Inclusivity/Diversity are Fostered at Transfiguration



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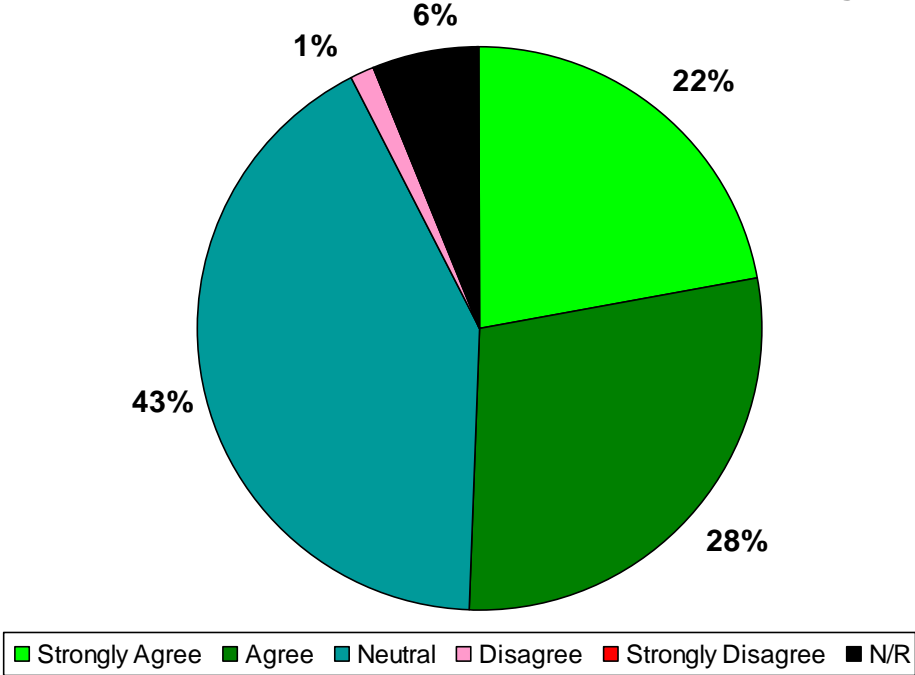
Support Active Ministry/Outreach to the Gay Community



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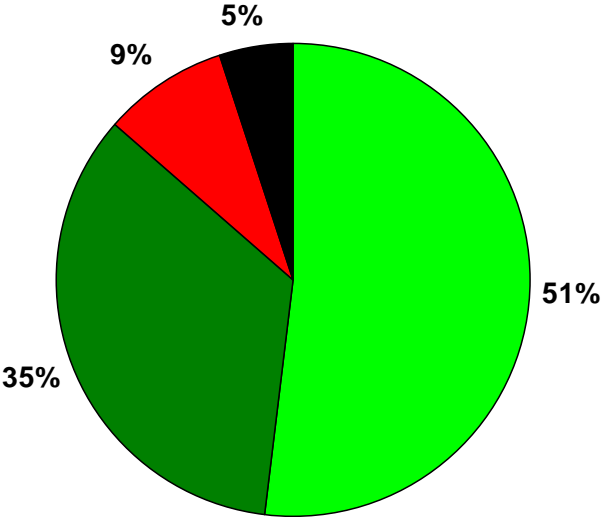
Parish Dynamics/Stewardship (Continued)

Want More Social Encounter Opportunities at Transfiguration



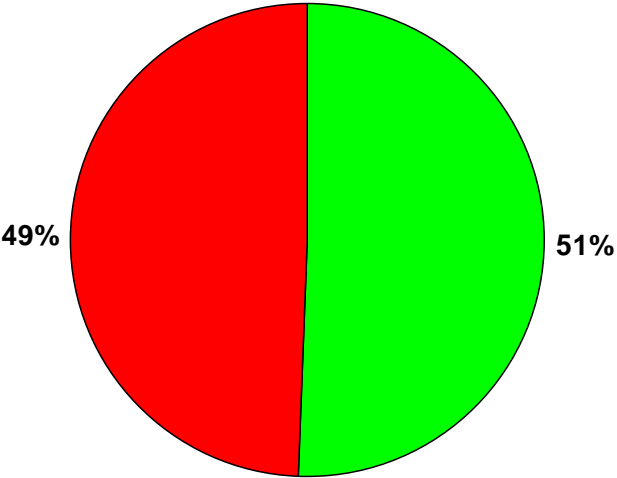
Parish Dynamics/Stewardship (Continued)

Financial Supporter Status



Support and Pledge	Support and Don't Pledge
Not Financial Supporter	N/R

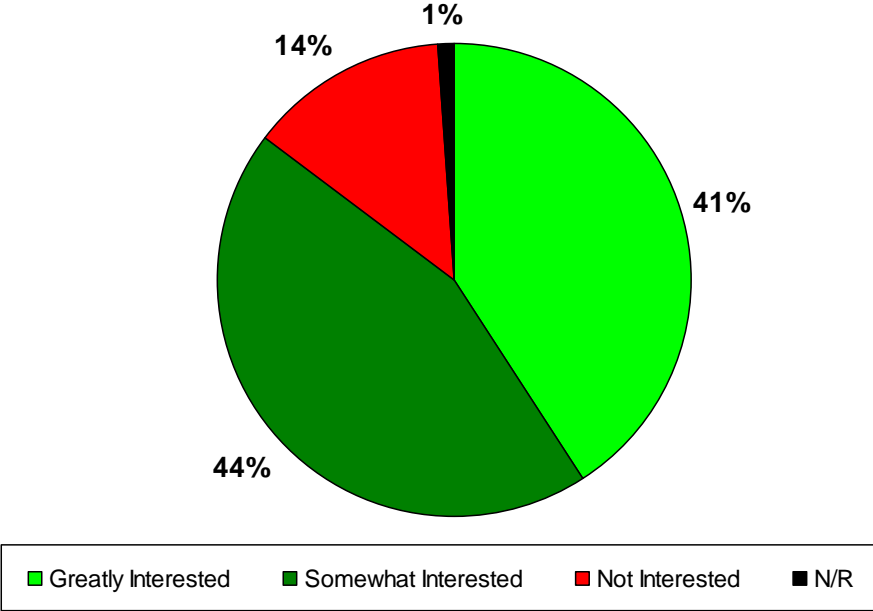
Attended an Annual Meeting in Past 3 Years?



Yes	No
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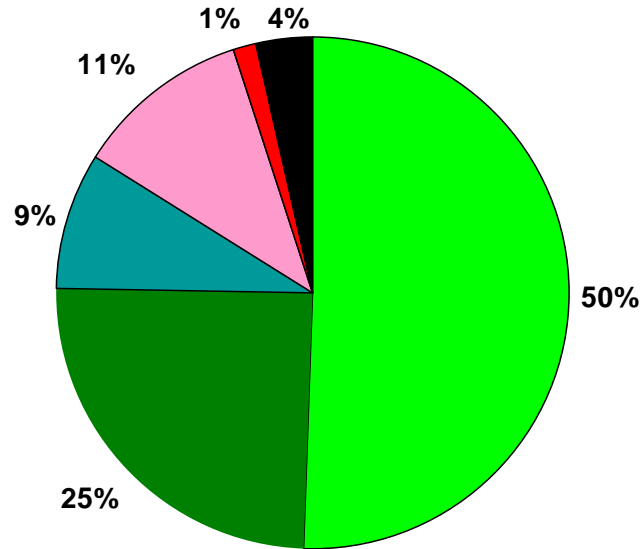
Parish Dynamics/Stewardship (Continued)

Interest in Parish Business/Financial Affairs



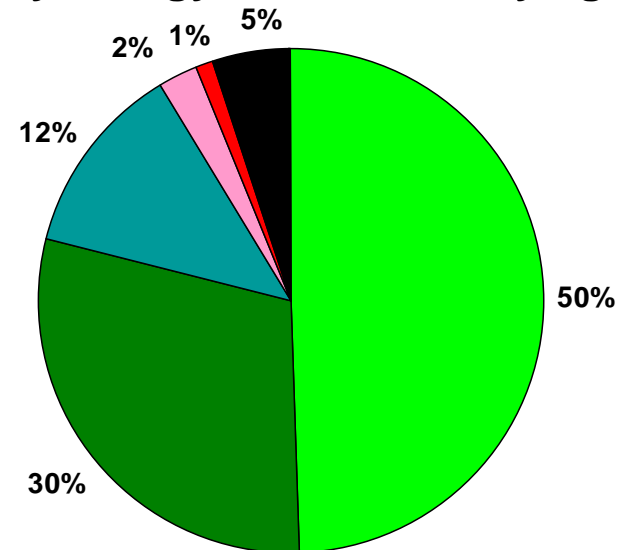
Liturgy and Music

Rite I is Essential to Our Identity



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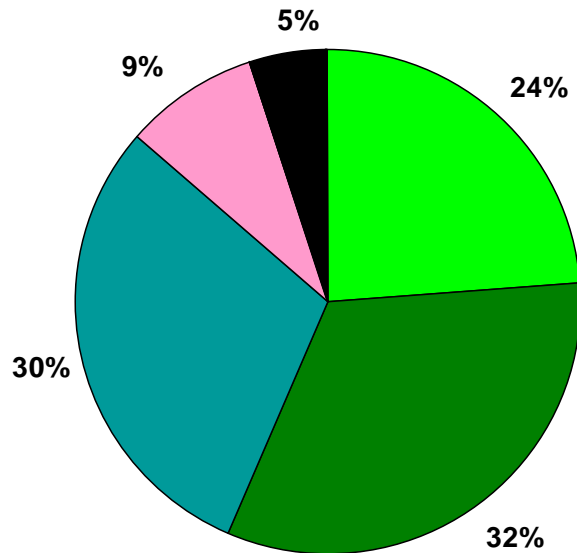
Our Sunday Liturgy forms a Satisfying Whole



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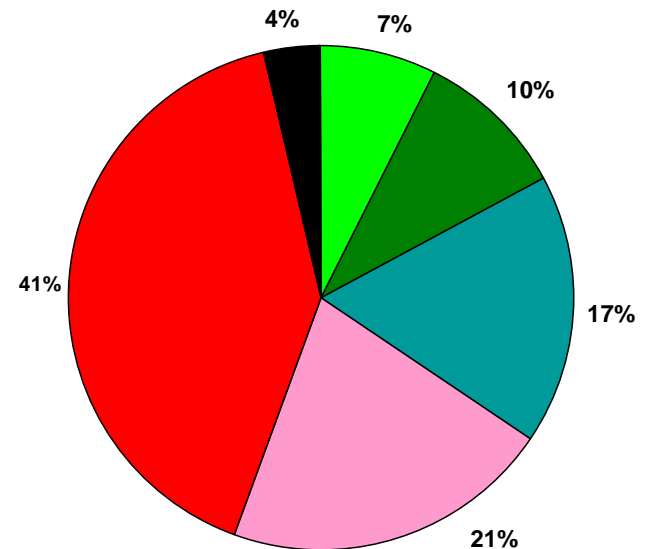
Liturgy and Music (Continued)

Want Seminars on the Eucharist and Mass



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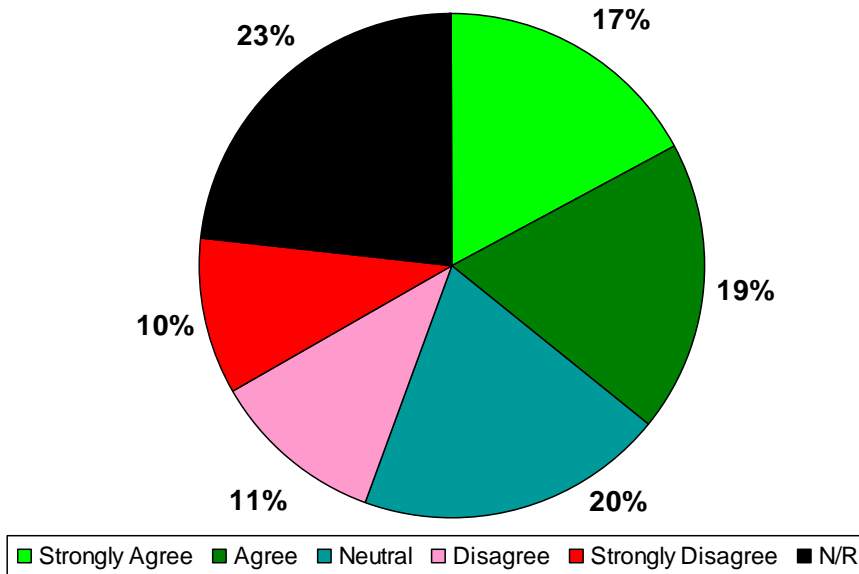
Our Sunday 11:00 Service is Too Long/Elaborate



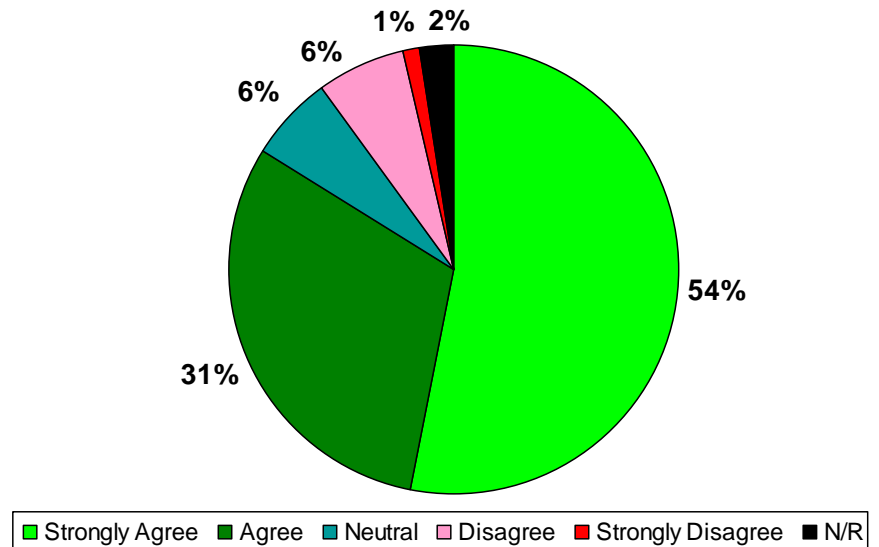
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Liturgy and Music (Continued)

Rite II Should Be Offered at Times

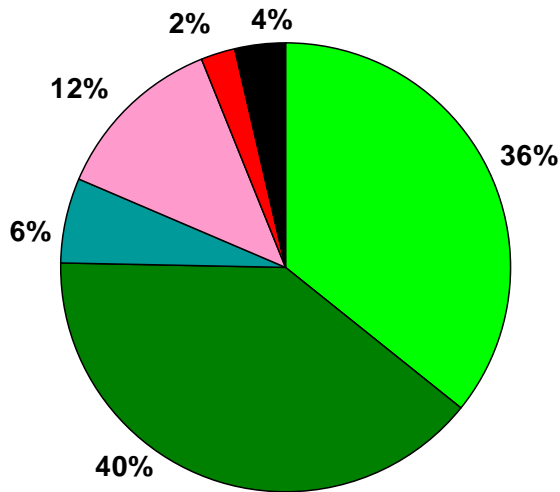


The Choir of Men and Boys is Intrinsic and Should Be Fostered and Preserved



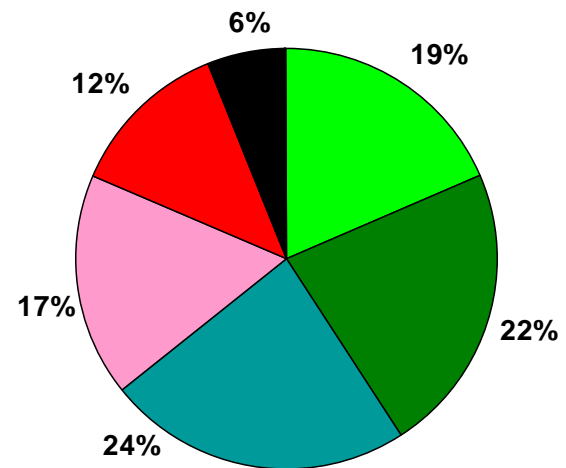
Liturgy and Music (Continued)

I Am Completely Satisfied with the Music at Transfiguration



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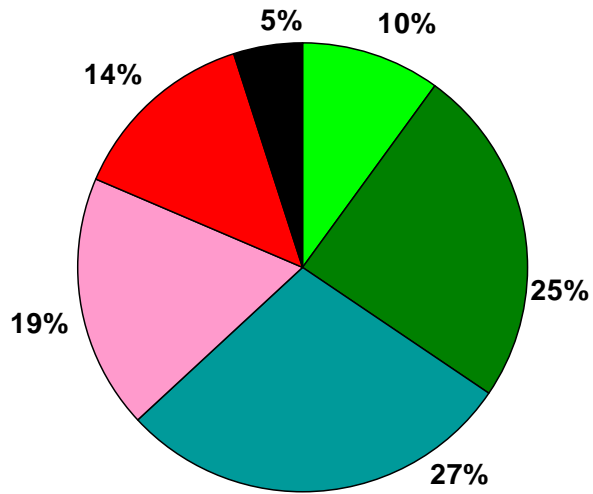
Should Have a Regularly Participating Mixed Choir



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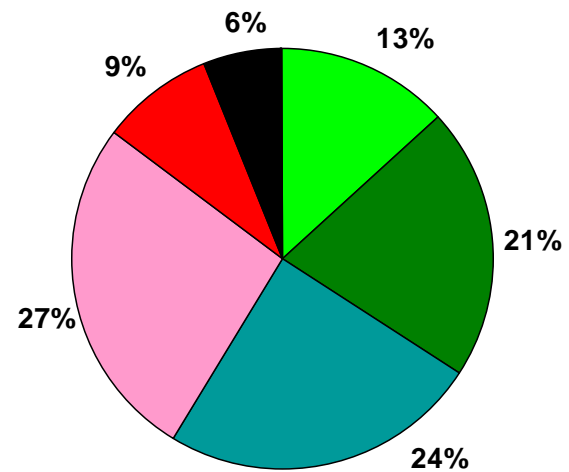
Liturgy and Music (Continued)

Add Variety/Expand Repertoire of Music



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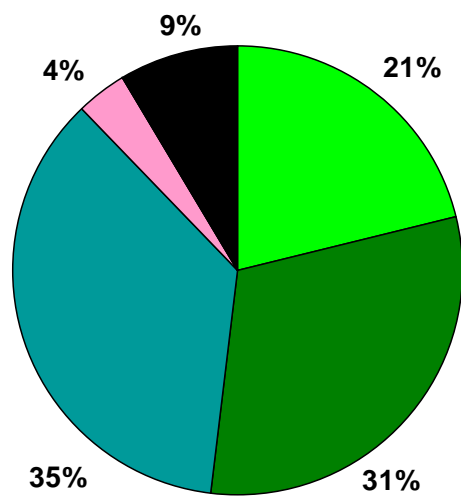
Want More Congregational Participation in the Liturgy



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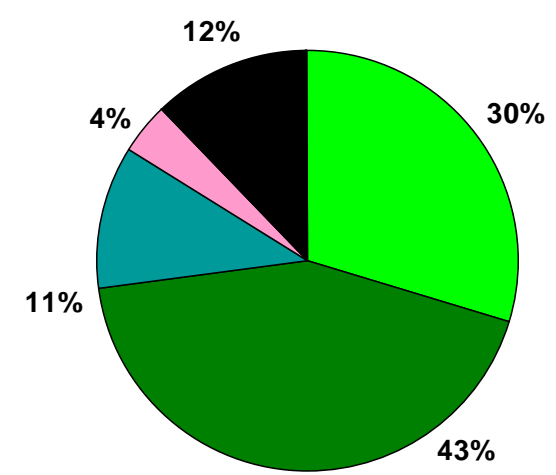
Mission and Outreach

Want Expanded Christian Education



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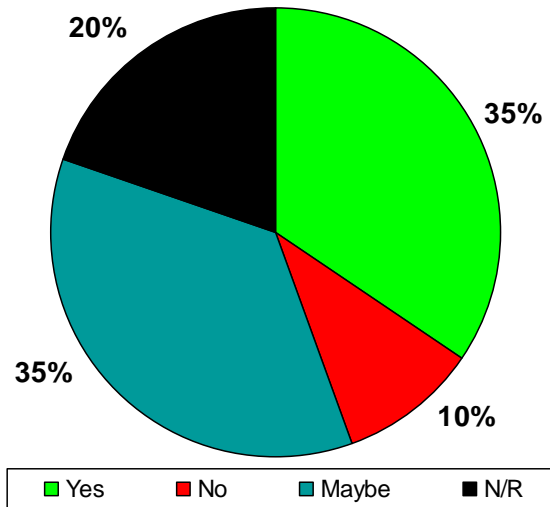
Want to Join Other Churches in Hands-on Outreach



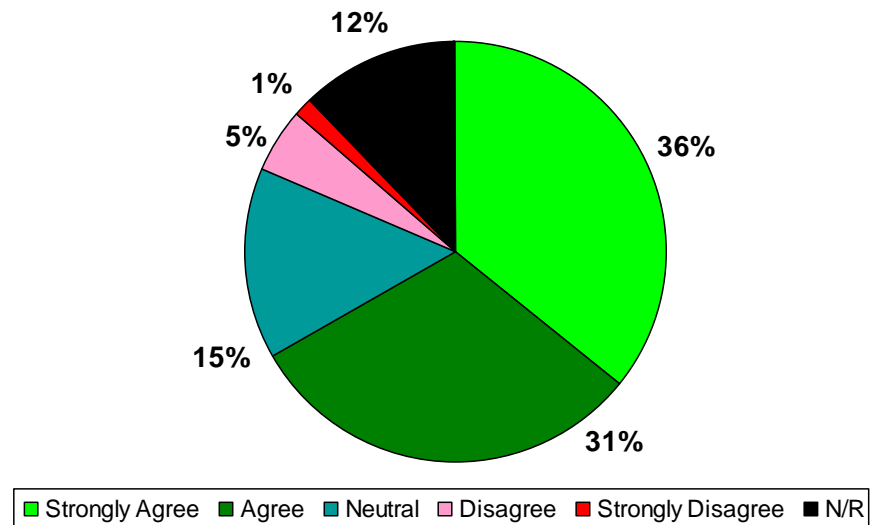
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Mission and Outreach (Continued)

I Would Participate in Outreach Activities

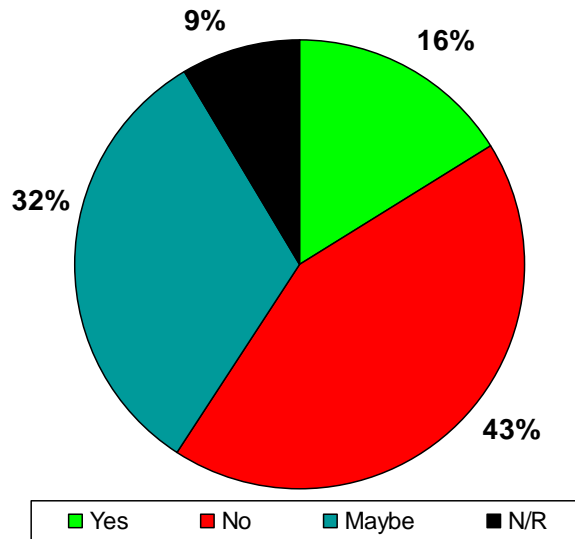


We Should Perform Outreach with Partners, Including the Use of Parish House Facilities

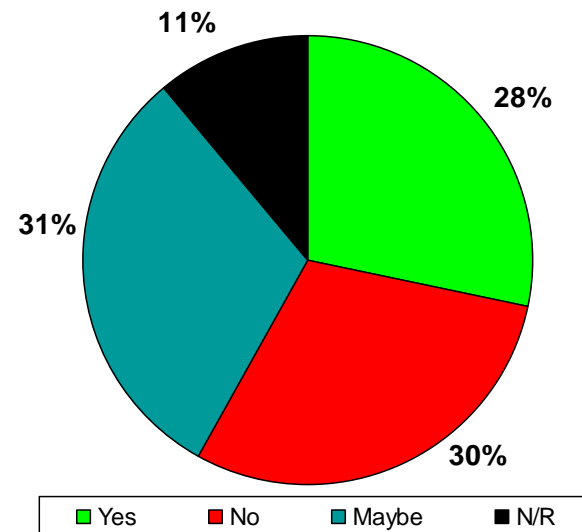


Mission and Outreach (Continued)

I Am Interested in Religious Study Such As EfM

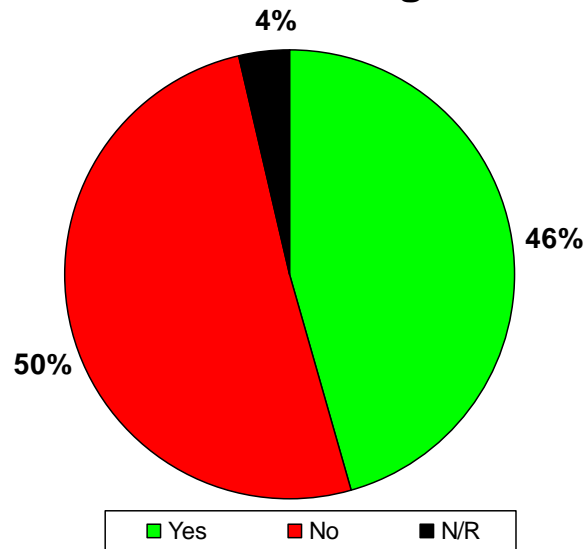


I Would Support a Parish Initiative for EfM

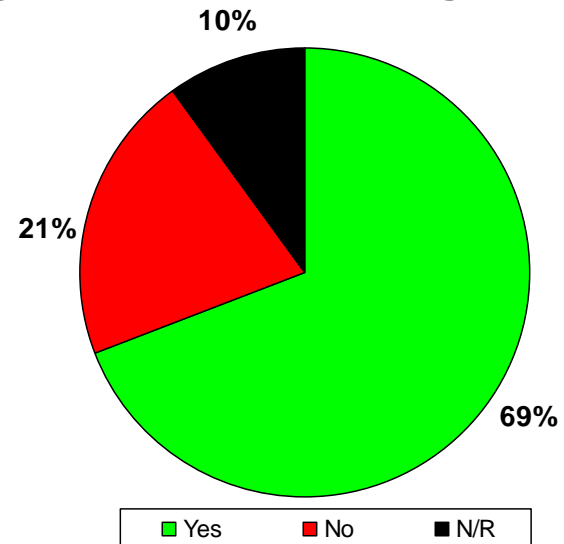


Mission and Outreach (Continued)

Is the Episcopal Actors' Guild a Factor in Your Attendance at Transfiguration?



Should the Episcopal Actors' Guild Be Given a Higher Profile at Transfiguration?



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May 8, 2007

Dear Members and Friends of the Parish,

We are pleased to share with you the results of the Parish Survey and Questionnaire, which was circulated in March of this year. Almost 35% of the surveys were completed and returned, a return rate which is far above average (8-10%) for surveys of this nature.

The data contained in the surveys is very helpful to us as a means of gauging the overall response to what we offer at Transfiguration, providing insights into how well we are meeting your expectations of a parish church, and how we might plan for the future.

The results as attached are in a statistical format using a percentage of total responses as the principal means of presentation. A more visual version of these results, in pie-chart format, can be viewed on a display board at the back of the church, and we invite you to do so. We have not included the pie-charts in this mailing, as color printing costs for this would be substantial. Those questions which involved a narrative response have been summarized into broad themes that emerged as the narratives were analyzed.

We would like to thank you for your participation in this process, and we hope that you will find the results helpful and informative. Above all, we hope that they will encourage you to continue and to deepen your involvement in our mission as a community of faith.

Yours truly,

The Vestry of the Church of the Transfiguration
By its ad hoc subcommittee for the survey,
Bernadette Carr, Rob Caruano, David Henry, Frank Rocco

The Church of the Transfiguration
A Member Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

PARISH SURVEY AND QUESTIONNAIRE

THE FOLLOWING RESULTS ARE BASED ON 81 SURVEYS RECEIVED AS OF MARCH 29. (Note: NR = NO RESPONSE)

I. Demographics and Attendance

- (1) Gender: M: **44 (54%)** F: **31 (38%)**
- (2) Age group: 18-25 **1 (1%)** 26-40 **11 (14%)** 41-60 **38 (47%)**
over 61 **28 (35%)** NR: **3 (4%)**
- (3) Single **28 (35%)** Married **34 (42%)** Partnered **10 (12%)**
Widowed **2 (2%)** Divorced **4 (5%)**
Have children at home **12 (15%)** No children at home **54 (67%)**
NR **15 (19%)**
- (4) I have been a member of the Episcopal Church:
Less than 5 years **18 (22%)** 5-10 years **11 (14%)** 10-20 years **8 (10%)** More than 20 years **40 (49%)** NR **4 (5%)**
- (5) I have attended Transfiguration Church with some regularity:
Less than 5 years **34 (42%)** 5-10 years **16 (20%)** 10-20 years **7 (9%)** More than 20 years **19 (23%)** NR **5 (6%)**
Usually attend: 8:00 Sunday Service **3 (4%)**
11:00 Sunday Service **63 (78%)**
Weekday Service **4 (5%)** NR **9 (11%)**
- (6) I came to Transfiguration Church from:
Another Episcopal parish **43 (53%)** Roman Catholicism **11 (14%)**
Orthodox Christianity **2 (3%)** Lutheranism/Presbyterianism **5 (6%)**
Baptist/Evangelical tradition **0** Other **13 (16%)**
Multiple selections: **3 (4%)** NR **4 (5%)**
- (7) During the past 12 months, attendance at Sunday services has been:
Weekly **41 (51%)** More than once per month **15 (19%)**
Less than once per month **20 (25%)** NR **5 (6%)**

- (8) During the past 12 months, attendance at weekday services has been:
 Regular **21 (26%)** Infrequent **9 (11%)** Not at all **22 (27%)**
 Only on significant liturgical days or for special parish events **26 (32%)**
 NR **3 (4%)**
- (9) During the past 12 months, attendance at parish functions apart from services (adult education classes, parish committees, vestry, social events) has been:
 Regular **14 (17%)** Moderate **10 (12%)** Sporadic **25 (31%)**
 Not at all **29 (36%)** NR **3 (4%)**
- (10) I reside:
 in the neighborhood of the church **17 (21%)**
 in Manhattan, but not in the neighborhood of the church **37 (46%)**
 in New York City, but not the borough of Manhattan **13 (16%)**
 outside of New York City **14 (17%)**

II. Parish Dynamics and Stewardship

- (11) What initially drew you to the Church of the Transfiguration?
 The three highest ranked (between 25% and 35% of respondents) were:
- A member of the clergy
 - Music and Choir
 - Style of Worship and Liturgy
- Other responses in order were: History of the church, church building and grounds, a friend, sermons, happenstance/curiosity
- (12) What causes you to stay at this parish?
 Responses: Many factors received high percentages as well as multiple choices of reasons :
- Music and Choir
 - The clergy
 - Style of worship and liturgy
 - People I have come to know/friends I have made here
 - Sermons
 - Spiritual growth and enrichment
 - Church building and grounds
- Other responses in order were: Involvement in parish life, adult education classes and other.

(1) Strongly agree; (2) Agree; (3) No opinion; (4) Disagree; (5) Strongly disagree

(13) Inclusivity is fostered and diversity is honored at the Church of the Transfiguration, and all are made to feel welcome and equally involved in this faith community, regardless of age, gender, race or sexual orientation.

(1)	48	(59%)
(2)	22	(27%)
(3)	6	(7%)
(4)	2	(3%)
(5)	0	
NR	3	(4%)

(14) I would support an active ministry and outreach to the gay and lesbian community.

(1)	30	(37%)
(2)	27	(33%)
(3)	14	(17%)
(4)	1	(1%)
(5)	4	(5%)
NR	5	(6%)

(15) I would like to see more parish-related opportunities for social encounter, such as a singles group, informal devotional/study groups, etc.

(1)	18	(22%)
(2)	23	(28%)
(3)	34	(42%)
(4)	1	(1%)
(5)	0	
NR	5	(6%)

(16) I support the parish financially by means of an annual pledge. **42 (52%)**
I support the parish financially, but do not pledge. **28 (35%)**
I do not support the parish financially at this time. **7 (7%) NR : 4 (5%)**

(17) I have attended an Annual Parish Meeting in the past three years:

Yes	41 (51%)	No	40 (49)
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(18) Concerning the business and financial affairs of the parish, I am:

Greatly interested **33 (41%)** Somewhat interested **36 (44%)**

Not interested **11 (14%) NR 1 (1%)**

RESULTS OF QUESTION 19 (a general list of qualities and skills that might be expected of a rector) NOT STATISTICALLY ANALYZED.

IV. Liturgy and Music

(20) The Church of the Transfiguration is one of a small group of parishes within the diocese that grounds its liturgical practice in Rite I of the Book of Common Prayer. Such practice is usually complemented by a strong musical component. Please share your views by placing a number in the blank, using one of these five choices:

(1) Strongly agree; (2) Agree; (3) No opinion; (4) Disagree; (5) Strongly disagree

- a) Rite I and its associated ceremony and formality are intrinsic to our identity and should be fostered and preserved.

(1)	41	(51%)
(2)	20	(25%)
(3)	7	(8%)
(4)	9	(11%)
(5)	1	(1%)
NR	3	(4%)

- b) I enjoy the sense of mystery and solemnity that our 11:00 Sunday liturgy evokes, and upon its conclusion, have a sense that its various parts have formed a complete and satisfying whole.

(1)	40	(49%)
(2)	24	(30%)
(3)	10	(12%)
(4)	2	(2%)
(5)	1	(1%)
NR	4	(5%)

- c) I would welcome (and attend) adult instruction seminars designed to explore the theology of the Eucharist and the significance of the ritual components of the Mass.

(1)	19	(23%)
(2)	26	(32%)
(3)	24	(30%)
(4)	7	(9%)
(5)	0	
NR	4	(5%)

- d) The 11:00 Sunday service is too long and elaborate, and ways should be sought to shorten and simplify it.

(1)	6	(7%)
(2)	8	(10%)
(3)	14	(17%)
(4)	17	(21%)
(5)	33	(41%)
NR	3	(4%)

(1) Strongly agree; (2) Agree; (3) No opinion; (4) Disagree; (5) Strongly disagree

e) Rite II and other approved rites of the Episcopal Church should be offered in addition to, or as an alternative to the Rite I Service.

(1)	14	(17%)
(2)	15	(19%)
(3)	16	(20%)
(4)	9	(11%)
(5)	8	(10%)
NR	19	(23%)

f) The Choir of Men and Boys is intrinsic to our identity and should be fostered and preserved.

(1)	43	(53%)
(2)	25	(31%)
(3)	5	(6%)
(4)	5	(6%)
(5)	1	(1%)
NR	2	(2%)

g) I am in every way satisfied with the music at Transfiguration Church.

(1)	29	(36%)
(2)	32	(40%)
(3)	5	(6%)
(4)	10	(12%)
(5)	2	(2%)
NR	3	(4%)

h) The music program should be expanded to include a mixed choir that would sing at regular intervals throughout the year rather than only in the summer months.

(1)	15	(19%)
(2)	18	(22%)
(3)	19	(23%)
(4)	14	(17%)
(5)	10	(12%)
NR	5	(6%)

i) There should be more variety in the style of the choral music presented at the 11:00 Sunday service (e.g. chant styles [Gregorian, Anglican, Simplified, etc.]; an expanded repertoire of service settings; more contemporary settings; a broader range of hymns and anthems).

(1)	8	(10%)
(2)	20	(25%)
(3)	23	(28%)
(4)	15	(18%)
(5)	11	(14%)
NR	4	(5%)

(1) Strongly agree; (2) Agree; (3) No opinion; (4) Disagree; (5) Strongly disagree

J Allowing for anthems or motets that are carried by the choir alone, I would like more choral settings of the Service that allow for greater participation by the congregation in the sung parts of the Service.

(1)	11	(14%)
(2)	17	(21%)
(3)	20	(25%)
(4)	22	(27%)
(5)	7	(8%)
NR	4	(5%)

V. Mission and Outreach

(21) A sense of mission and outreach to the community is essential to the fabric of any parish. Our capacity for this will be greatly enhanced through the facilities offered by our new parish house, now under construction and scheduled for completion in the spring of 2008. Using the same number selections as those for Section IV, please provide your views on the following:

a) Adult Christian education and opportunities to explore the spiritual life should be expanded, and should also include weekday evenings.

(1)	17	(21%)
(2)	25	(31%)
(3)	29	(36%)
(4)	3	(3%)
(5)	0	
NR	7	(9%)

I attend current Sunday morning adult education classes.

Yes **18 (22%)** No **56 (69%)** NR **7 (9%)**

(If yes) I find them helpful, informative and well prepared.

_____ Yes _____ No

(All who responded “yes” to previous question also responded “yes” to this one.)

b) In addition to establishing our own programs, we should join with other Episcopal churches or diocesan organizations in hands-on outreach calling for participation in programs such as soup kitchens, assistance to the elderly, to the ill or other persons in need.

(1)	24	(30%)
(2)	35	(43%)
(3)	9	(11%)
(4)	3	(4%)
(5)	0	
NR	10	(12%)

I would participate in at least one of the above opportunities if offered:

Yes **28 (35%)** No **8 (10%)** Maybe **29 (35%)** NR **16 (20%)**

(1) Strongly agree; (2) Agree; (3) No opinion; (4) Disagree; (5) Strongly disagree

c) Recognizing that many cannot give of their own time for various reasons, we should seek outreach opportunities through alliances with social service agencies, and should find ways to use a portion of our new parish house facilities in ways that will benefit the neighborhood.

(1)	29	(36%)
(2)	25	(31%)
(3)	12	(15%)
(4)	4	(5%)
(5)	1	(1%)
NR	10	(12%)

d) An internationally-recognized program of religious study and personal spiritual enrichment has been designed by the University of the South at Sewanee, known as EfM, or Education for Ministry. It is specifically Anglican/Episcopal in its orientation and involves four years of relatively informal study in such areas as the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy and theology. Students meet regularly, usually once a week, in seminars under the guidance of trained mentors. The program grants a certificate at the completion of the four years of study (which do not need to be consecutive or continuous). Tuition is very low, and the approach is one of adult continuing education, so there are no examinations, grades, etc. Information on this program is available through their website: <http://www.sewanee.edu/EfM/index.htm>.

I am interested in structured and extended adult Christian education along the lines of EfM:
Yes **13 (16%)** No **35 (43%)** Maybe **26 (32%)** NR **7 (9%)**

I would be interested in a parish initiative that facilitated parishioners to enroll in the EfM program of studies:
Yes **23 (28%)** No **24 (30%)** Maybe **25 (31)** NR **9 (11%)**

(22) The Church of the Transfiguration has an historic affiliation with the acting community, and is the host parish of the Episcopal Actors' Guild.

a) Is this affiliation an important factor in your attendance here?
Yes **37 (46%)** No **41 (51%)** NR **3 (3%)**

b) Should this aspect of our parish be given a higher profile?
Yes **56 (69%)** No **17 (21%)** NR **8 (10%)**

QUESTIONS CALLING FOR A NARRATIVE RESPONSE:

- (23) From your viewpoint, what characteristics or aspects of the Church of the Transfiguration would you like to see preserved?

The three highest percentages (between 23% and 42%) were:

- Liturgy
- Music & Men/Boys' Choir
- Open/Welcoming Nature of the Church
- Other responses in order were: Church building and grounds, clergy and staff, commitment to community and social responsibility, preserve everything as-is, weekday services, adult education, relationship to Episcopal Actors' Guild, Connection to Little Family.

- (24) From your viewpoint, what characteristics or aspects of the Church of the Transfiguration would you like to see changed or improved?

A wide variety of helpful suggestions were offered, although no single category of responses accounted for more than 19%. Suggested improvements included:

- Greater variety of services and liturgical offerings
- Increased community service
- More efforts to welcome visitors and attract new parishioners
- Changes to music program
- Maintain/upgrade church buildings and grounds
- Greater involvement of parishioners in church life
- More family-friendly activities
- Increase communication/transparency by church leadership
- Expanded involvement of girls/women in services
- Expanded adult education classes
- More contemporary church environment

- (25) The Rt. Rev'd Andrew St. John was appointed by Bishop Sisk in 2005 as interim Vicar of the Church of the Transfiguration. What is your assessment of his ministry with us?

The majority of responses (21% to 72%) were encompassed in three observations:

- Personal characteristics make him well-suited for the job
- Spiritual scholar and leader
- Successfully led church through difficult transition
- Other responses included good manager, skilled counselor