



APPLICATION TOOL 5

Evaluating Faith Assets: Congregational Qualities

Use this worksheet as a guide to reflect on the practice of the Congregation Qualities assets in your congregation. First, rate your congregation on each of the items in the second column. Then, list in the third column things you already do to strengthen each quality. Finally, identify other things you could do to strengthen the Congregation Quality assets.

Assets	Rating Your Congregation *
7. Supports Youth Ministry	<p>_____ Youth feel loved and respected by the congregation.</p> <p>_____ The congregation is very caring and supportive of youth.</p> <p>_____ The congregation values youth as a vibrant part of the family of faith.</p> <p>_____ There is a good spirit and a willingness to get involved with youth.</p> <p>_____ The congregation places a high priority on youth and youth ministry.</p>

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better:

* ★ = Needs Work ★★ = Okay ★★★ = Great

Assets

Rating Your Congregation

**8. Demonstrates
Hospitality**

_____ The congregation values and welcomes all people, especially youth.

_____ The congregation feels warm and friendly; makes me feel at home.

**11. Creates
Community**

_____ The congregation helps members make friends at church

_____ The congregation accepts people who are different; makes strangers feel welcome.

_____ The congregation helps members become more loving and compassionate.

_____ The congregation puts an emphasis on providing love, support, and friendship to members, especially those experiencing hardship.

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better:

**9. Strives for
Excellence**

_____ The congregation sets high standards, evaluates, and engages in continuous improvement.

_____ The congregation is innovative.

_____ The congregation is willing to change the way things are done to increase involvement with the church and/or when a good new idea comes along.

_____ The congregation is open to the suggestions from members and involves members in making important decisions.

_____ The congregation gives freedom to try out new ideas

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better:

Assets

Rating Your Congregation

**10. Encourages
Thinking**

_____ The congregation challenges people to think about religious issues and ideas.

_____ The congregation encourages people to ask questions.

_____ The congregation encourages people to say what they think on religious issues.

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better:

**12. Encourages
Small Groups**

_____ The congregation engages members in small groups for study, conversation, and prayer about faith in daily life.

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better:

Assets

Rating Your Congregation

**13. Promotes
Worship**

- _____ The congregation provides spiritually uplifting worship experiences.
- _____ The congregation provides worship that is: enlightening, fulfilling, and inspiring,
- _____ The congregation provides worship that is easy to understand, interesting, useful in daily life (relevant).

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better:

**14. Fosters Ethical
Responsibility**

- _____ The congregation helps people make decisions about what's right and wrong.
- _____ The congregation teaches members about Christian perspectives on moral questions.
- _____ The congregation helps people learn how to apply your faith to everyday decisions.

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better:

Assets

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15. Promotes Service

_____ The congregation sponsors outreach, service projects, and cultural immersions **locally**.

_____ The congregation sponsors outreach, service projects, and cultural immersions **globally**.

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better:

17. Participate in the Congregation

_____ Youth are engaged in a wide spectrum of congregational life and ministries.

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better:

Assets

Rating Your Congregation

**18. Assume Ministry
Leadership**

_____ Youth are invited, equipped and affirmed for leadership in congregational activities.

_____ Youth receive training for ministry leadership.

What We Do Now:

What We Could Do Better: