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**SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR ORDINARY VISITATIONS**

# INTRODUCTION

As part of the Presbytery’s Ordinary Visitation process, a Presbytery Visitation Survey of congregational attenders was administered on Click here to enter a date.. This survey gave attenders an opportunity to communicate their collective perceptions regarding the health of the congregation/s, the health of the leadership team, and the state of God’s gospel mission through his church to his world.

This Self-Assessment Report reflects the Choose an item. view of the Session. It records the response of the Session to the results of the Presbytery Visitation Survey received on Click here to enter a date..

This report identifies relevant recommendations for different groups over time. In forming its response, the Session also considered other documents required by the Visitation Committee. A copy of the Presbytery Visitation Survey results and other required documents are found in the Appendices.

**CONSIDERATION BY SESSION**

The active membership of the Session is listed below:

*Show one person’s name for each bulleted line then include any formal roles assigned to that person in parentheses: e.g. Fred Smith (Session Clerk)*

The Session and/or a sub-committee of Session [change as relevant] met to discuss the results of the Presbytery Visitation Survey and other required documents at the following times:

# ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SURVEY

*To help with the ongoing improvement of the visitation process, please note here any issues relating to the design, administration, completion, timing, processing and/or reporting of the Presbytery Visitation Survey that you believe might impact upon the results of this survey. If no such issues are identified, then omit this section of the report.*

# ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

*To help with the ongoing improvement of the visitation process, please note here any issues relating to the design, administration, completion, and/or reporting of other required documents located in the Appendices. If no such issues are identified, then omit this section of the report.*

# SELF-ASSESSMENT

# Demographic Information

*Section 1 of the results from the Presbytery Visitation Survey is a demographic profile of the people who completed a survey from your congregation/s. Comment on the extent to which you believe this profile is a fair description of the overall size and shape of your congregations/s. If you believe this profile is NOT a fair description, please cite relevant evidence to support your claims, and if relevant, provide further details relating to this evidence in the Appendices.*

**Change over Time**

*Section 3 of the results from the Presbytery Visitation Survey is a summary of individual and church change over time in three fundamental areas: loving God (worship), loving each other (church community), and loving God’s world (local church mission). For each of these three areas, describe how you interpret these results. If you believe this information is NOT a fair description of individual and church change over time, please cite relevant evidence to support your claims, and if relevant, provide further details relating to this evidence in the Appendices.*

**General Strengths**

*Identify and comment on your overall strengths, as reported by attenders in relevant sections of the results from the Presbytery Visitation Survey (especially section 4 and the first open-ended question). If there are many strengths, you may group these together as broader themes. In this Survey, strengths are normally identified by high levels of agreement in response to positive statements about various aspects of your church.*

**General Opportunities for Improvement**

*Identify and comment on the general opportunities for improvement, as reported by attenders in relevant sections from the Presbytery Visitation Survey (especially section 4 and the last three open-ended questions). If there are many opportunities for improvement, you might group these together as broader themes. In this Survey, opportunities for improvement are normally identified by lower levels of agreement, or higher levels of disagreement, in response to positive statements about various aspects of the church.*

**Specific Issues: Congregation/s**

*Identify and comment on specific strengths and opportunities for improvement that relate to the overall health and outlook of your congregations/s, based on relevant results from the Presbytery Visitation Survey and/or other required documents in the Appendices.*

**Specific Issues: Committee of Management**

*Identify and comment on specific strengths and opportunities for improvement that relate to your Committee of Management, based on relevant results from the Presbytery Visitation Survey and/or other required documents in the Appendices.*

**Specific Issues: Session (and other Pastoral Staff)**

*Identify and comment on specific strengths and opportunities for improvement that relate to your Session (and other pastoral staff), based on relevant results from the Presbytery Visitation Survey and/or other required documents in the Appendices.*

**Specific Issues: Moderator/Minister**

*Identify and comment on specific strengths and opportunities for improvement that relate to your Moderator/Minister, based on relevant results from the Presbytery Visitation Survey and/or other required documents in the Appendices.*

# RECOMMENDATIONS

After reviewing the results of the Presbytery Visitation Survey and other required documents in the Appendices, the Session has identified the following recommendations for various persons and groups over time.

**Moderator/Minister**

*Please frame all recommendations as S.M.A.R.T. goals. For the purposes of this Report, all recommendations should be Specific rather than general, Measurable rather than vague, Achievable given current resources, Relevant and consistent with other goals and contextual issues, and Time-bound so that required outcomes are matched with deadlines. These recommendations should be sequenced thoughtfully over the following timeframes: 3 months, 6 months, 12 months, and then two years from the date of this report.*

**Session (and other Pastoral Staff)**

*Please frame all recommendations as S.M.A.R.T. goals, and sequence these thoughtfully over the following timeframes: 3 months, 6 months, 12 months, and then two years from the date of this report.*

**Committee of Management**

*Please frame all recommendations as S.M.A.R.T. goals, and sequence these thoughtfully over the following timeframes: 3 months, 6 months, 12 months, and then two years from the date of this report.*

**Presbytery**

*You are invited to identify recommended changes in relation to Presbytery. Please frame all recommendations as S.M.A.R.T. goals, and sequence these thoughtfully over the following timeframes: 3 months, 6 months, 12 months, and then two years from the date of this report.*

# APPENDICES

The following appendices were provided by the Session to the Visitation Convener and were considered by the Visitation Committee:

*Please include the below identified documents as appendices to this Report. Scanning could be used to assemble these documents into one unified whole for the purposes of distribution and record keeping. Otherwise, please ensure that all relevant appendices are distributed in the same single communication with this report.*

* Presbytery Visitation Survey results
* Completed and current Form F (or its electronic equivalent)
* Completed and current Form S (or its electronic equivalent)
* Communicant Roll
* Adherent Roll
* Marriage Register
* Funeral Register
* Baptismal Register
* Minute book of the Session
* Minute book of the Committee of Management
* Other records requested by the Visitation Committee