

CHRISTIAN MINISTERS NEEDS ASSESSMENT & PERCEPTIONS SURVEY – PILOT STUDY Jan-July 2021

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Objective of the Pilot study/Dipstick survey

To assess the needs and perceptions of Christian Ministers and Leaders in order to jointly develop strategies that will drive unity in the body of Christ, in order to prepare the Church for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. The inputs provided will be used in designing the quantitative survey that will roll out nationally, continentally and maybe regionally in a global context, God permitting. Of immediacy, the inputs here will be used to identify the focus areas of the strategic planning seminars, the overall ministry strategies, ultimately the intended annual Global Christian Unity conference plans.

Sample breakdown (Provinces):

41 (78%) North West Province
9 (17%) Gauteng
2 (4%) Mpumalanga
1 (2%) Western Cape

Sample breakdown (Gender)

Males: (68%) 36
Females: (32%) 17

Sample breakdown (Racial profile)

Africans: 49
Whites: 2
Coloureds: 1
Indians: 1

Methodology:

Combination of online, telephonic and physically administered questionnaire.

Challenges experienced:

Required a great deal of follow up with limited resources and amidst frequent changes in the lockdown policies of government which affected ministers' responsiveness.

Total Responses (Dipstick for Pilot strategy **53** Christian ministers

Disclaimer- The determination of whether the respondents sampled were true ministers of the Christian Gospel or not was not the subject of this survey, neither is it the assignment of Global Christian Unity Ministries



Glossary of Terms

Dipstick survey

Dipstick survey is a survey including open-ended questions in it where people are free to speak up their mind. A dipstick survey is the same as an exploratory survey. It is called a dipstick because "dipstick" by definition means "a measuring rod that is dipped into a container to indicate the depth of liquid in it" and an exploratory research is also conducted to measure the scope or depth of a problem.

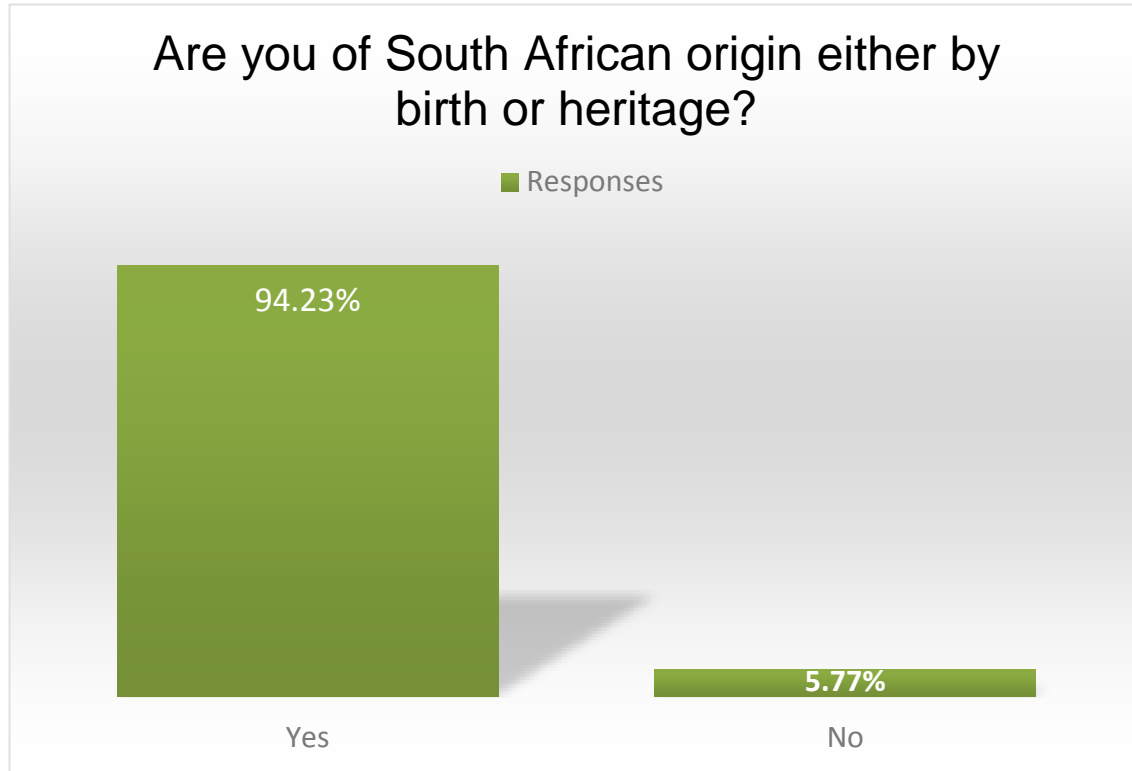


Q2: Are you of South African origin either by birth or heritage?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 1

Comment: Most respondents (94%) were South Africans.

The sample size and profile is not representative of the population.



Q2: Are you of South African origin either by birth or heritage?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.23%	49
No	5.77%	3
TOTAL		52



Q3: What is your age range?

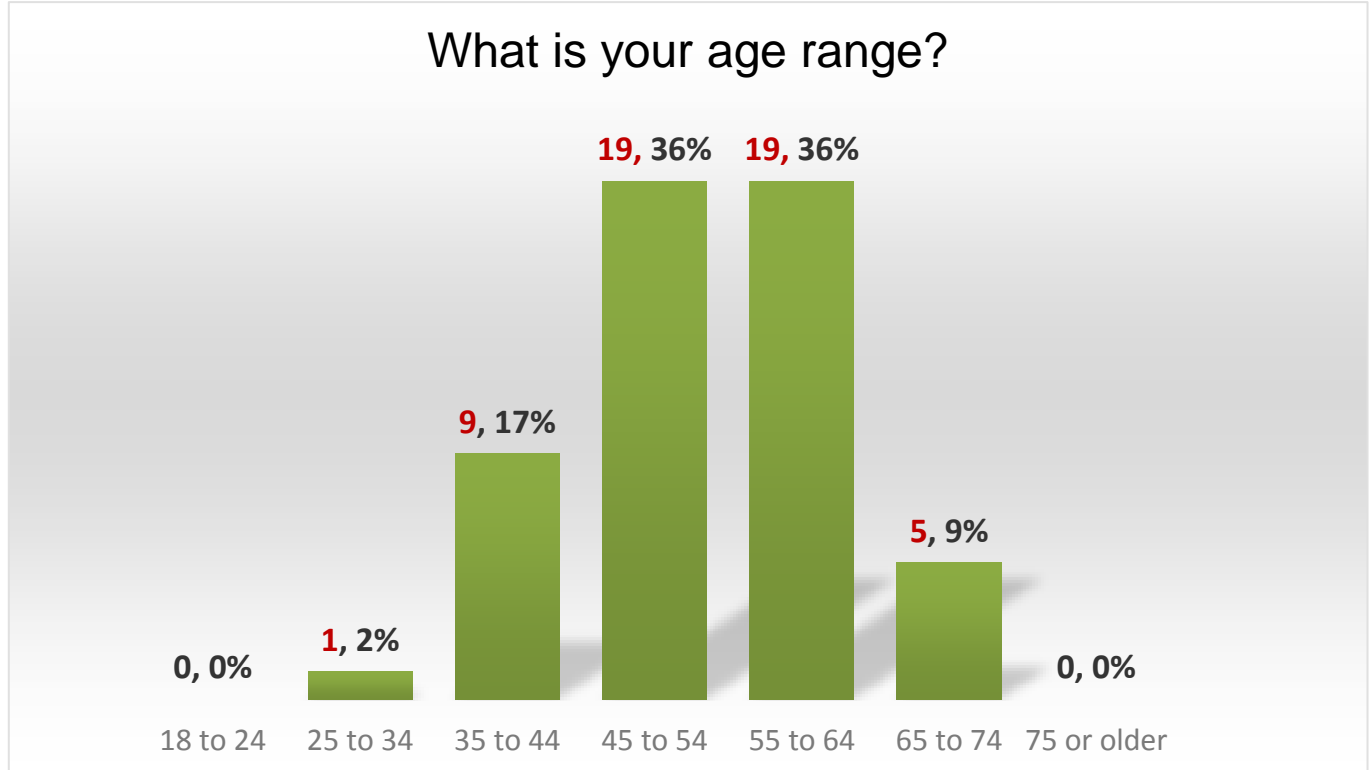
Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment:

Most ministers (approx. 72%) were aged between 45 to 64, cumulatively 81% were between the ages of 35 and 74. This could be also typical of a more rural province such as the North West.

None under the age of 24 and none above the age of 75.

The sample size and profile is not representative of the population.



Q3: What is your age range?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 to 24	0.00%	0
25 to 34	1.89%	1
35 to 44	16.98%	9
45 to 54	35.85%	19
55 to 64	35.85%	19
65 to 74	9.43%	5
75 or older	0.00%	0
TOTAL		53



Q4: Which of the 5-fold ministry do you operate in e.g. apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

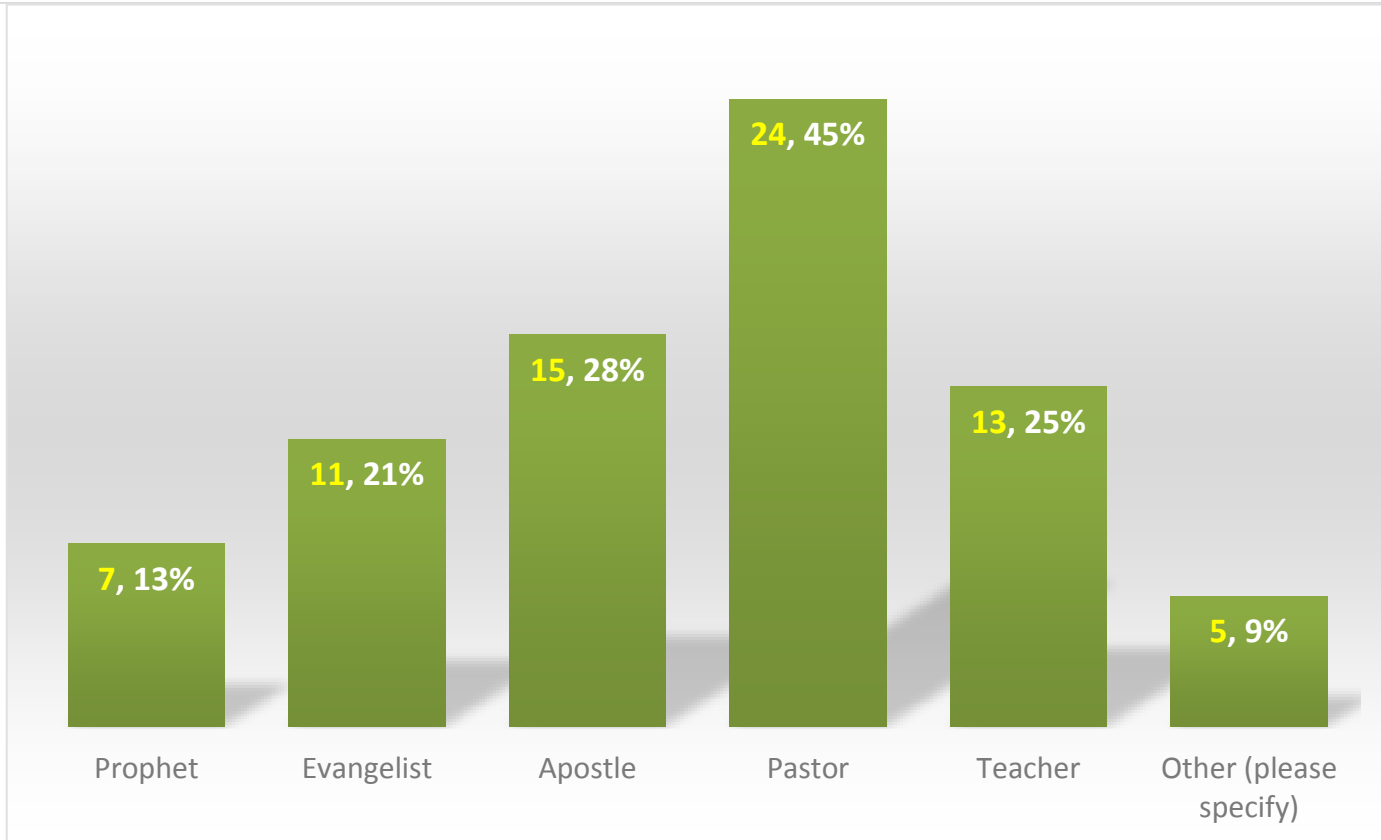
Comment:

1. Most of the respondents were Pastors(45%),
2. Apostles (28%)
3. Preachers/Teachers (25%),
4. Evangelists(21%).
5. Few were the Prophets (13%)
6. Other (9%)

Other entailed:

- Charity
- Archdeaconry
- Bishop

Pastoral ministry was dominant in this sample. Note: The sample size and profile is not representative of the population.



Q4: Which of the 5-fold ministry do you operate in e.g. apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Apostle	28.30%	15
Prophet	13.21%	7
Evangelist	20.75%	11
Pastor	45.28%	24
Teacher	24.53%	13
Other (please specify)	9.43%	5
Total Respondents: 53		



Q5: Which of the following best describes your category of ministry?

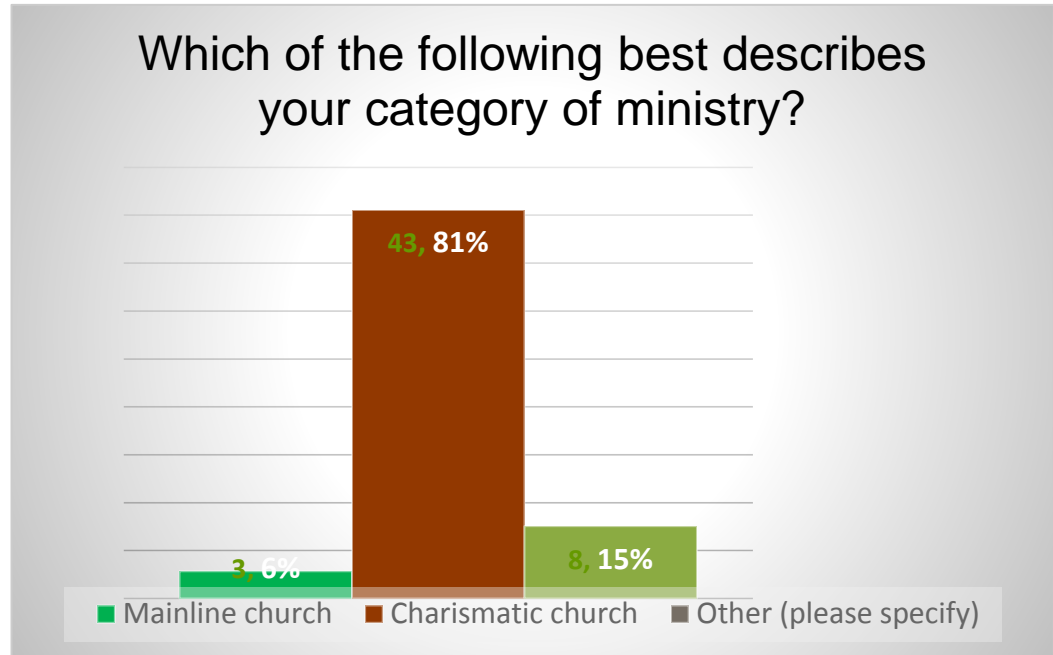
Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment:

Most respondents (81%) described their ministry as charismatic, whilst 6% described their ministry as mainline.

The **Other** category (15%) described their ministries as one of the following:

1. Administrative
2. Pentecostal
3. Deliverance
4. In transit
5. Mixed-Mainline and Charismatic
6. Training & Education
7. Frontline
8. Word Based



Q5: Which of the following best describes your category of ministry?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mainline church	5.66%	3
Charismatic church	81.13%	43
Other (please specify)	15.09%	8
Total Respondents: 53		

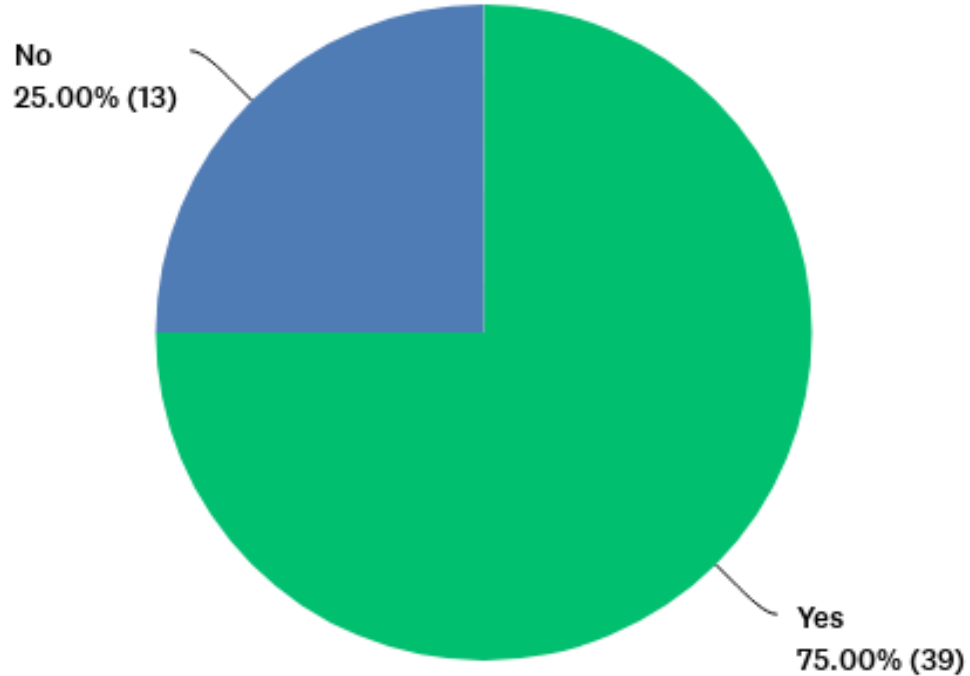


Q6: Are you affiliated to any Christian network/pastors' forum? Note: this is to strengthen support and promotion of as many Christian networks or forums as possible.

Answered: 52 Skipped: 1

Comment: Q7: Names of the Forums

Greater Rustenburg Pastors Forum 23
No affiliation 13
Affiliations mentioned (formal, informal, incl. internal church forums): 28



Q6: Are you affiliated to any Christian network/pastors' forum? Note: this is to strengthen support and promotion of as many Christian networks or forums as possible.

Answered: 52 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	39
No	25.00%	13
TOTAL		52



Q.7 Other Christian Pastors Forums mentioned, formal, informal, internal church forums

Christian Affiliations mentioned		Other networks mentioned, formal and informal:	
GPRF	23	COCC- Charismatic	
Other	28	Bafokeng Minister Forum	
		Macharora Minister Forum	
Not affiliated	13	CWI	
		PCL /Pastoral Church Council	Ecclesia
		Christian Voice	Where Eagles Soar
		Patches of Africa	Word and Life Network
		Maranatha Mandated Network	Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa
		Christian Workers International	24/7 Prayer Network
		Excellence Harvest Network	Baking Ministers Forum
		CUFI, Christians United For Israel	BMF
Global Christian Unity (GCU)	COCC- Charismatic	Andrew Womack Ministries	
Excellence Harvest Network		Revelation 10:7	
		Lethabong Council of Churches	
		G12 Network	
		His vision network	
		Bible Study Fellowship	
		Kaapron	

Note: Disclaimer- the validity or credibility of the networks was not the subject or responsibility of this survey.



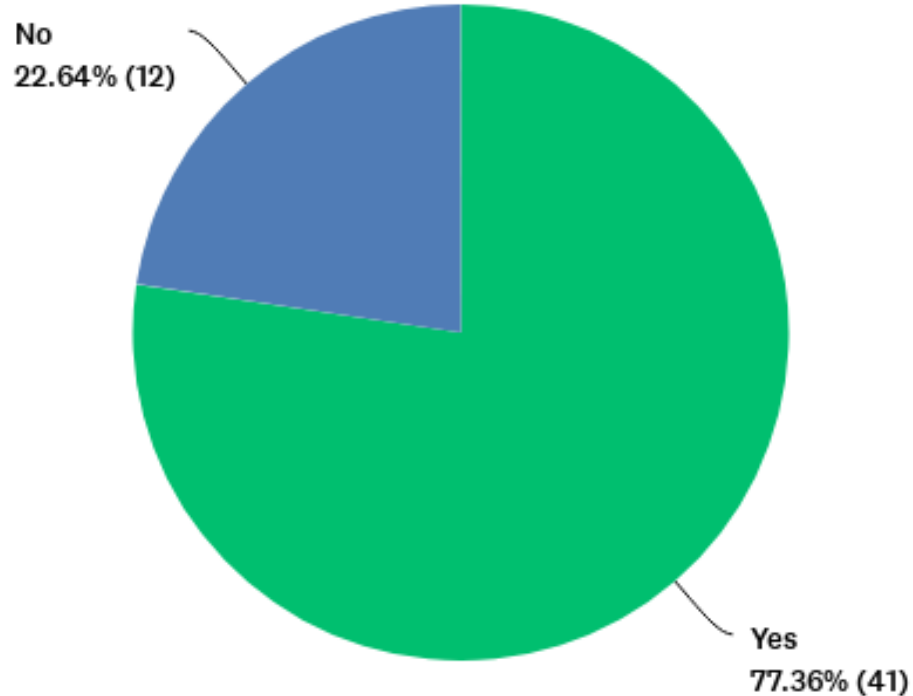
Q8: Is your ministry Independent i.e. not under another ministry?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment:

This question needed to be rephrased to avoid confusion, It was only altered after more than 50% of the responses had been received.

Therefore, the findings to this question ignored in this pilot.



Q8: Is your ministry Independent i.e. not under another ministry?

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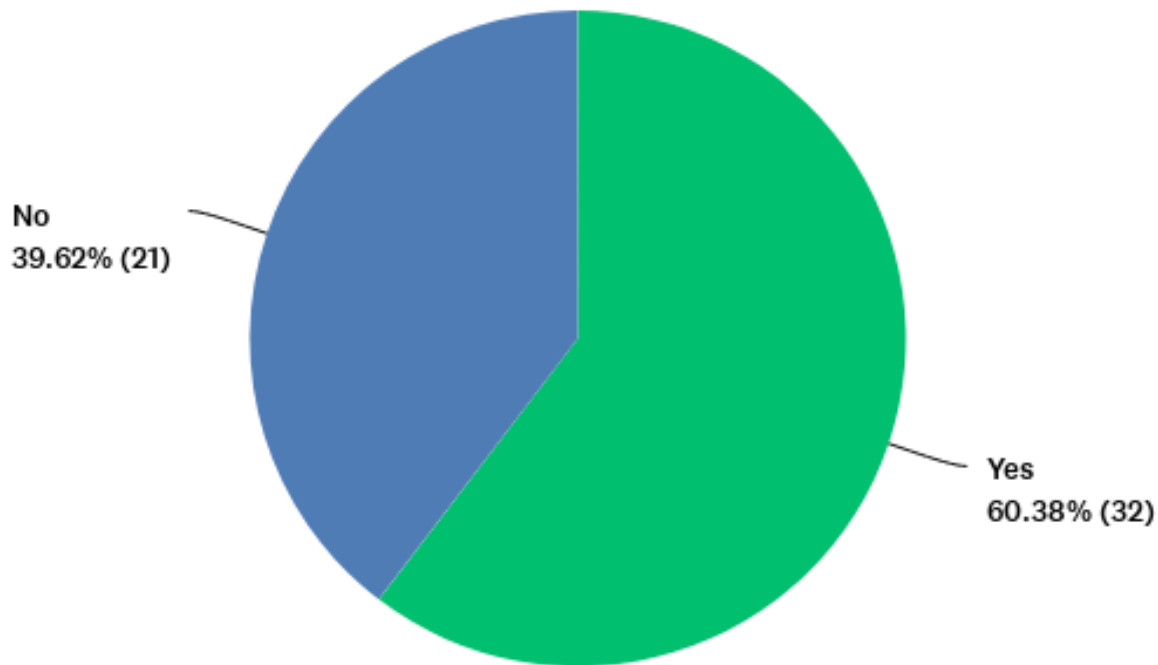
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.36%	41
No	22.64%	12
TOTAL		53



Q9: Is your ministry having a parent church, understanding that God calls many to independent ministry? (Note: this may not necessarily be where you individually fellowship with other believers).

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment: Most ministers had a parent church



Q9: Is your ministry having a parent church, understanding that God calls many to independent ministry? (Note: this may not necessarily be where you individually fellowship with other believers).

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.38%	32
No	39.62%	21
TOTAL		53



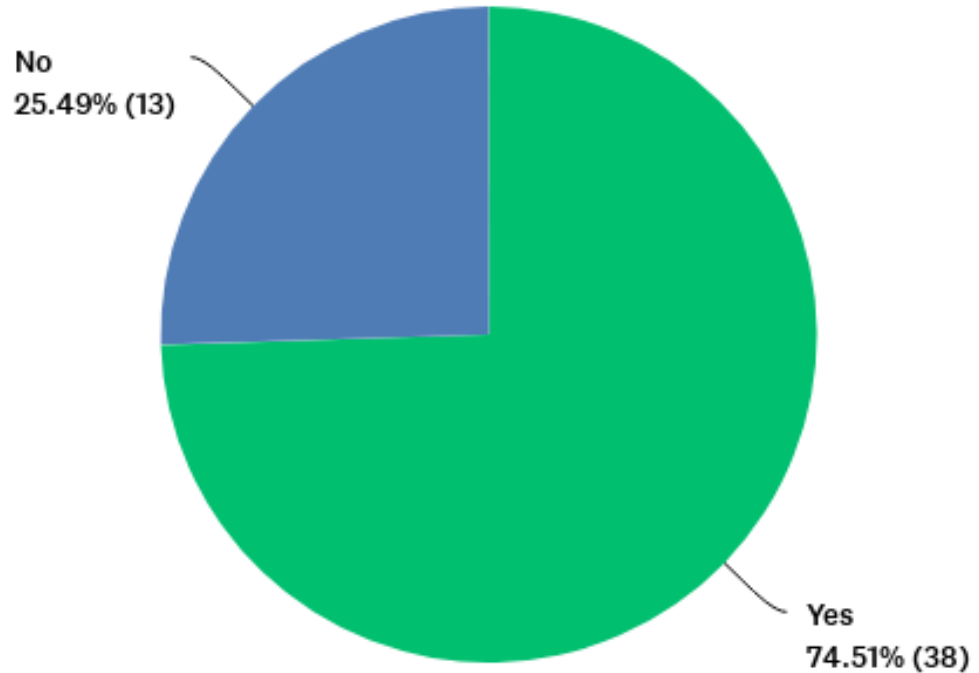
Q10: Did you attend formal training at an accredited bible college?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 2

Comment: Most ministers (74%) said they had obtained a formal qualification in ministry.

Q11: If yes, please name the bible college?

Ministers mentioned 31 bible colleges where they obtained their bible qualifications, including in-house church related ones. Some colleges were accredited whilst others were not.



Q10: Did you attend formal training at an accredited bible college?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	74.51%	38
No	25.49%	13
TOTAL		51

Q11: If yes, please name the bible college?

31 bible colleges were mentioned including in-house church related ones. Some were accredited whilst others were not.

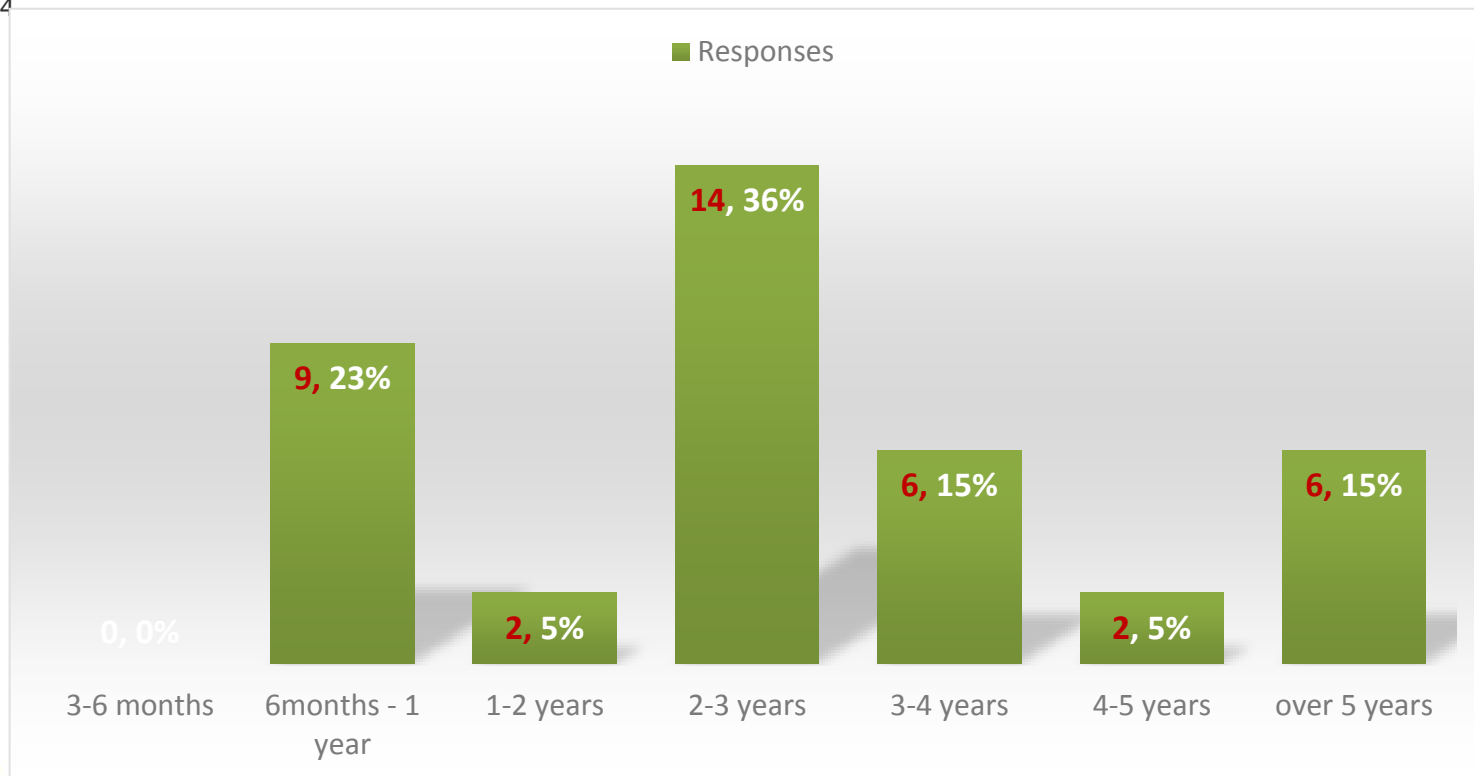


Q12: How many years was your bible college training?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 14

Comment: Most (36%) of the respondents studied for a bible qualification for 2=3 years, followed by those who did short courses (23%) that took 6months to 1 year.

A significant number (32%) attended for over 3 years including 15% that studied for over 5 years.



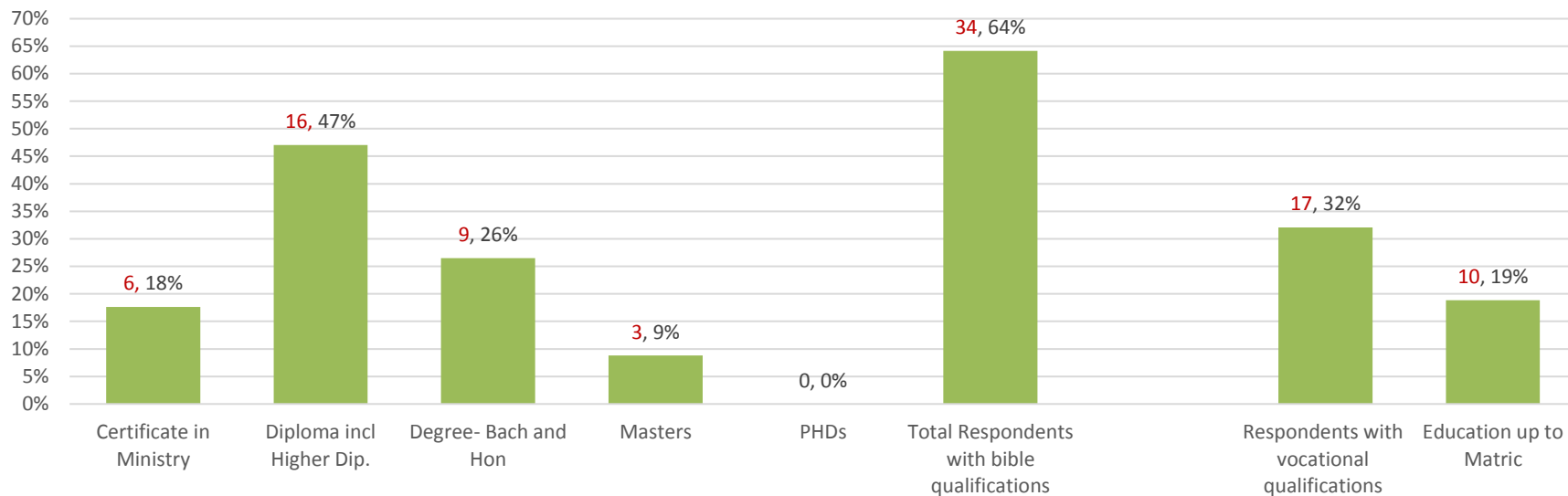
Q12: How many years was your bible college training?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 14

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
3-6 months	0.00%	0
6months - 1 year	23.08%	9
1-2 years	5.13%	2
2-3 years	35.90%	14
3-4 years	15.38%	6
4-5 years	5.13%	2
over 5 years	15.38%	6
TOTAL		39



Q13 What bible college qualification did you obtain, if at all?



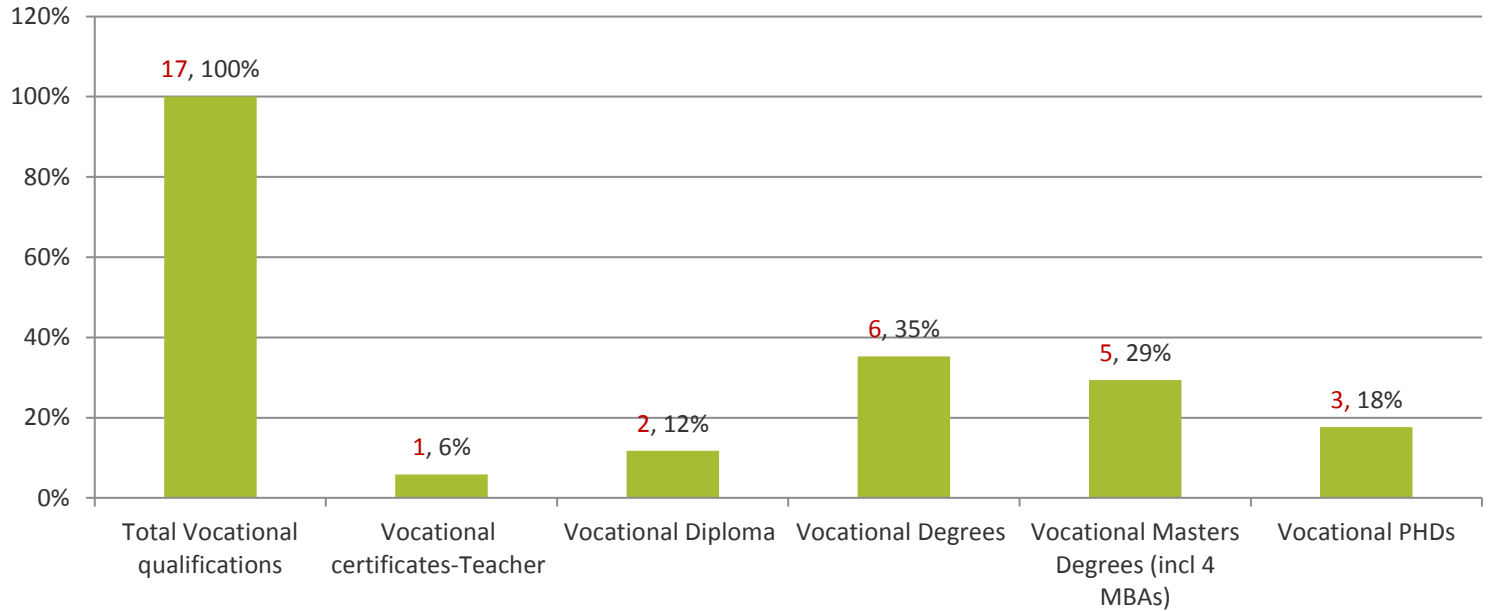
Comment: Of the 38 that attended, 34 said they obtained a bible college qualification. Most of them (47%) of those that went to bible college obtained Diplomas.



Q13 cont. Observation: Vocational qualification of some of the ministers

Answered:

Comment: Q 11 aligned with question 1 re: highest level of education, it was observed that there are ministers with various vocational qualifications which could also be useful in the body of Christ.

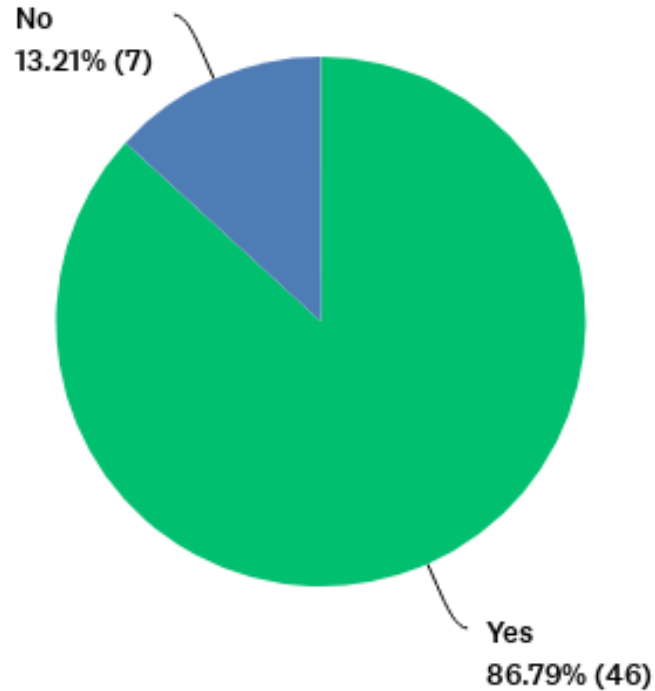


Q14: Were you also ordained as a minister at your church?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment: Most of the respondents (87%) were also ordained at their church.

Those that were not were either called or are leaders, or in transition.



Q14: Were you also ordained as a minister at your church?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

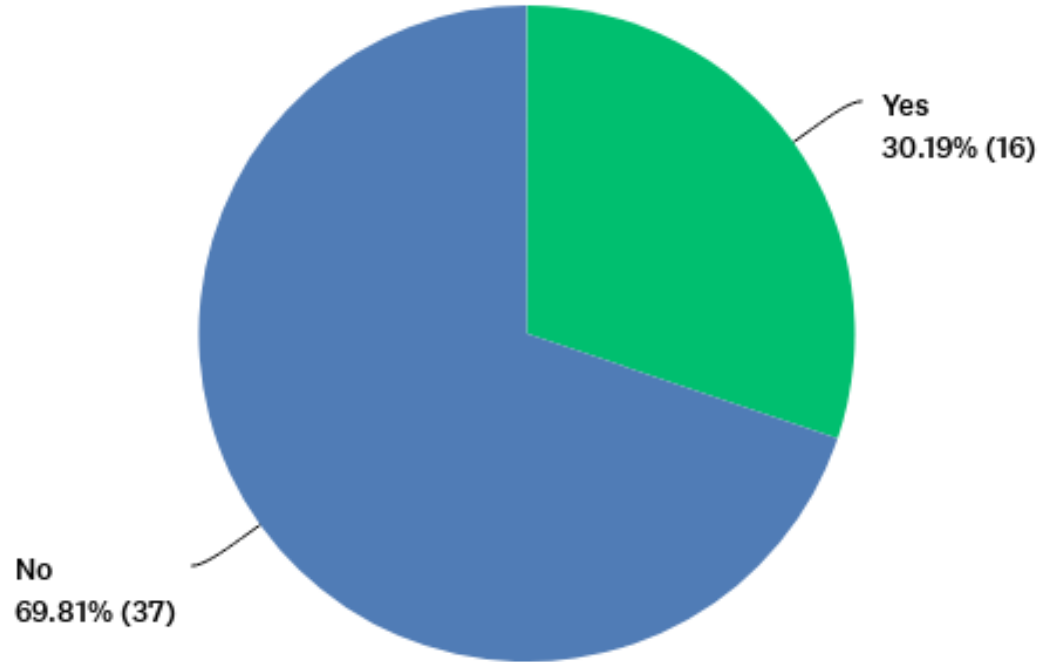
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.79%	46
No	13.21%	7
TOTAL		53



Q15: Do you have a ministry website?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment: Most respondents (70%) did not have a ministry website.



Q15: Do you have a ministry website?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.19%	16
No	69.81%	37
TOTAL		53

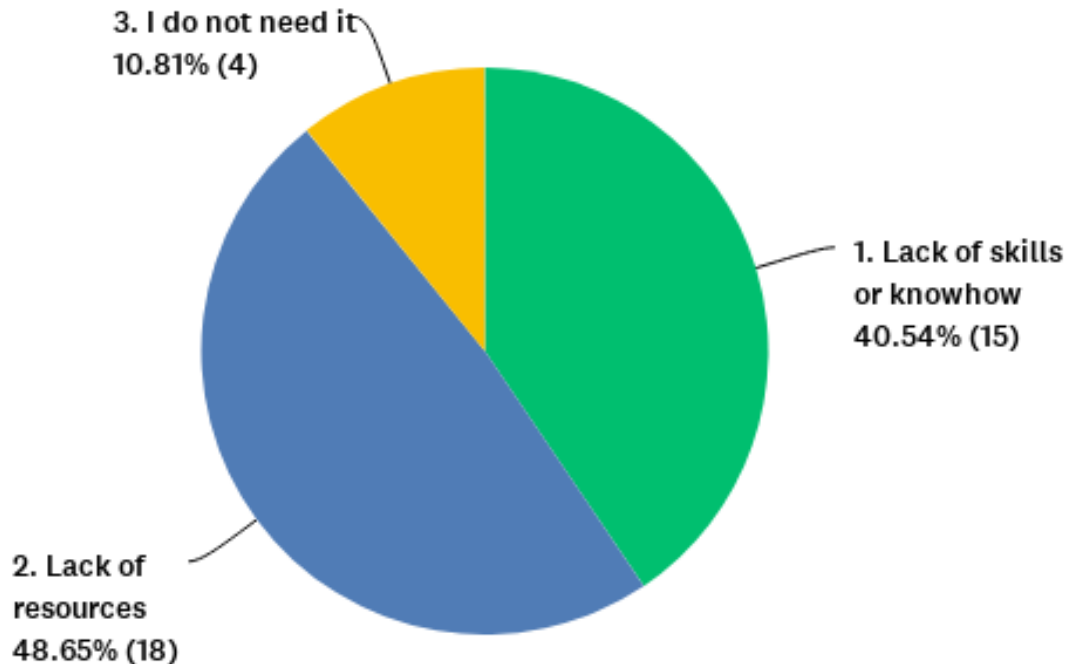


Q16: If no website, what are the reasons for not having a website for your ministry?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 16

Comment: Over 80% said they did not have a website due to lack of skills or resources.

It would need to be found out whether they need it or not? However, 11% said they did not need it.



Q16: If no website, what are the reasons for not having a website for your ministry?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 16

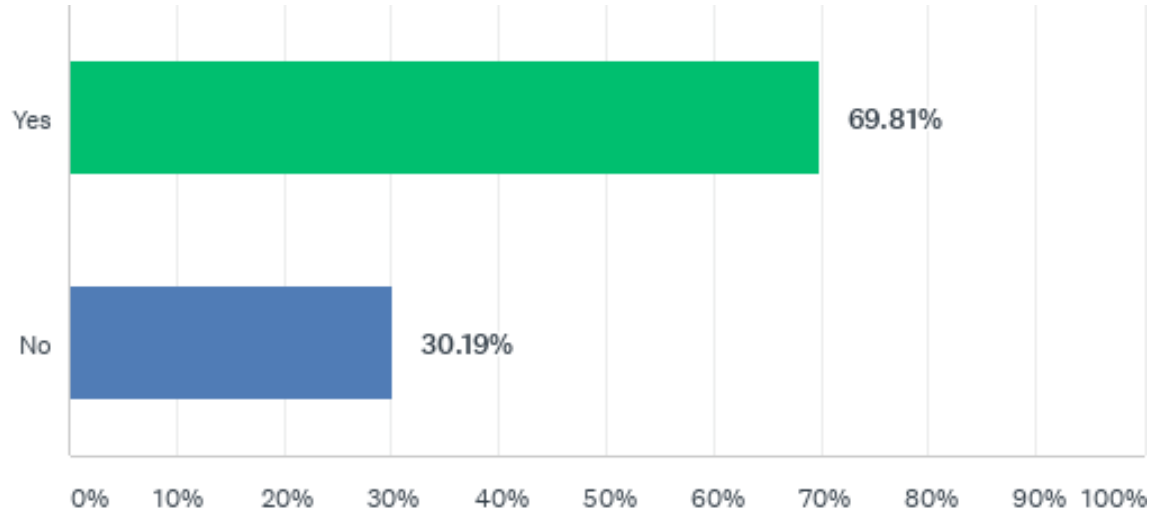
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Lack of skills or knowhow	40.54%	15
2. Lack of resources	48.65%	18
3. I do not need it	10.81%	4
TOTAL		37



Q17: Do you have a FaceBook page?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment: Almost 70% had a FB page, which means they needed and valued an online presence.



Q17: Do you have a FaceBook page?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	69.81%	37
No	30.19%	16
Total Respondents: 53		



Q18: What methods of telecommunication do you use? Please tick the applicable

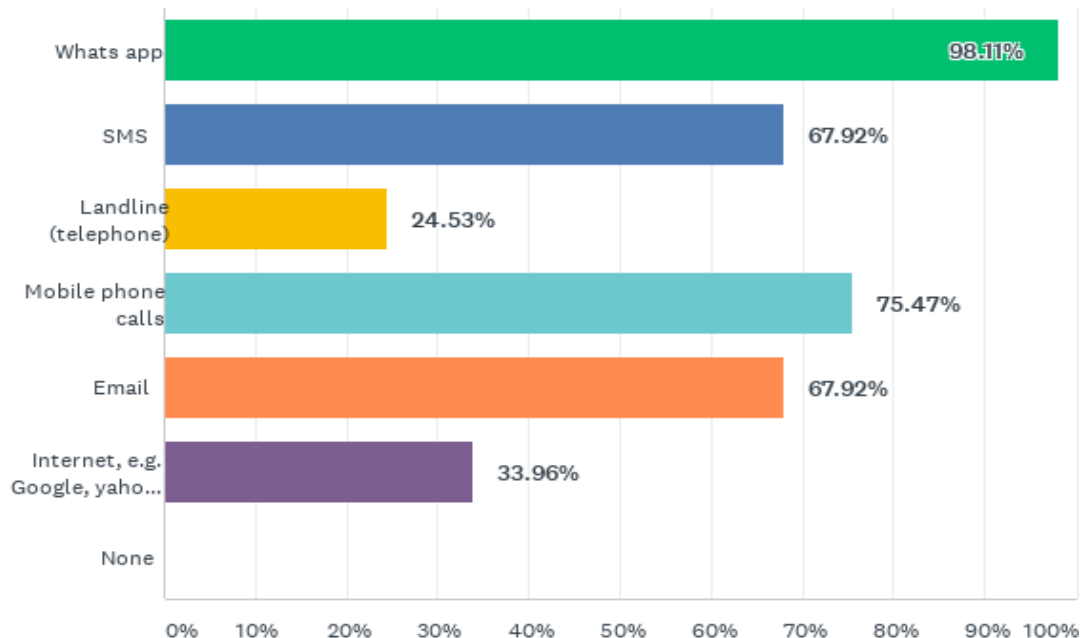
Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment:

Most respondents primarily used mobile text (whats app and sms) and emails, to a lesser extent the internet and far less landline/fixed telephony.

This could also explain why most do not use websites as a method of communication or for obtaining information?

The sample size and profile is not representative of the population.



Q18: What methods of telecommunication do you use? Please tick the applicable

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Whats app	98.11%	52
SMS	67.92%	36
Landline (telephone)	24.53%	13
Mobile phone calls	75.47%	40
Email	67.92%	36
Internet, e.g. Google, yahoo, etc	33.96%	18
None	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 53		



Q19: Which of the following social networking services do you use most?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

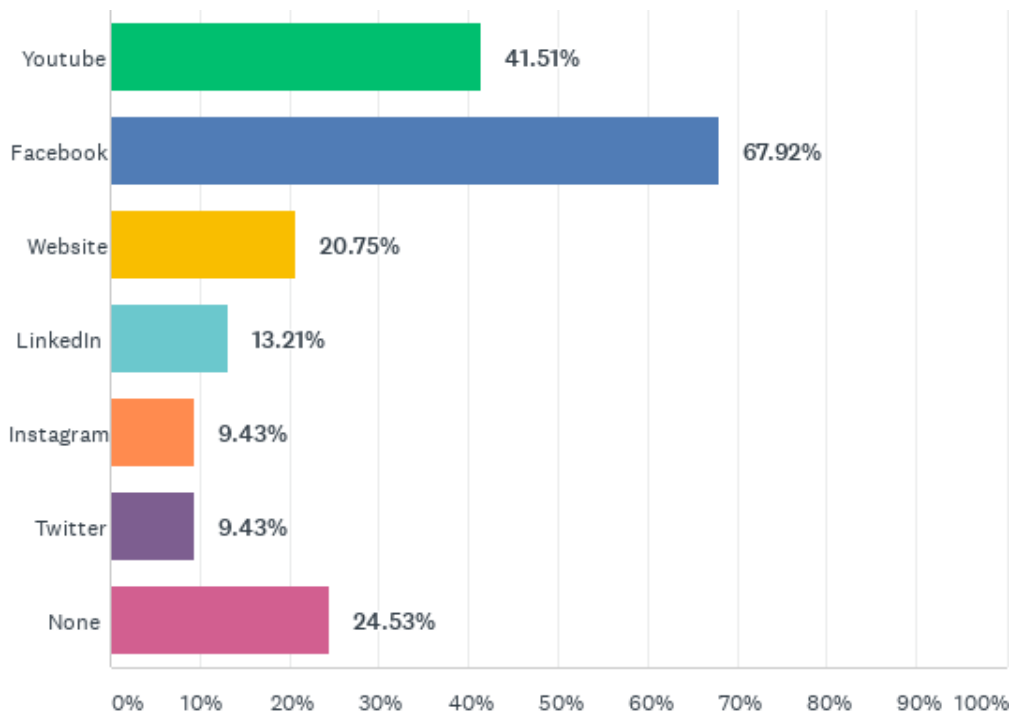
Comment:

Most respondents (68%) used FB as a main social networking service, followed by Youtube.

The lack of resources (i.e. data as well as technology skills) seemed to be a challenge for most respondents.

This could also tie in with the age group which tends to be older. *Most ministers (approx. 72%) were aged between 45 to 64, cumulatively 81% were between the ages of 35 and 74.*

This could be also typical of a more rural province such as the North West. An exception rather than the rule. This will be assessed in larger, more representative samples.



Q19: Which of the following social networking services do you use most?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

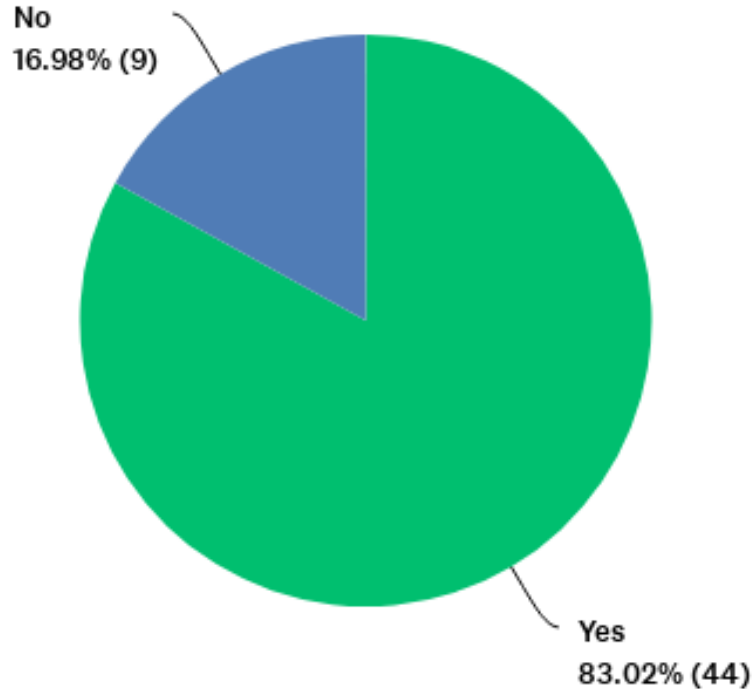
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Youtube	41.51%	22
Facebook	67.92%	36
Website	20.75%	11
LinkedIn	13.21%	7
Instagram	9.43%	5
Twitter	9.43%	5
None	24.53%	13
Total Respondents: 53		



Q22: Are you experiencing any personal or ministry challenges?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment: 83% (44 respondents) said they were experiencing personal or ministry related challenges.



Q22: Are you experiencing any personal or ministry challenges?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.02%	44
No	16.98%	9
TOTAL		53

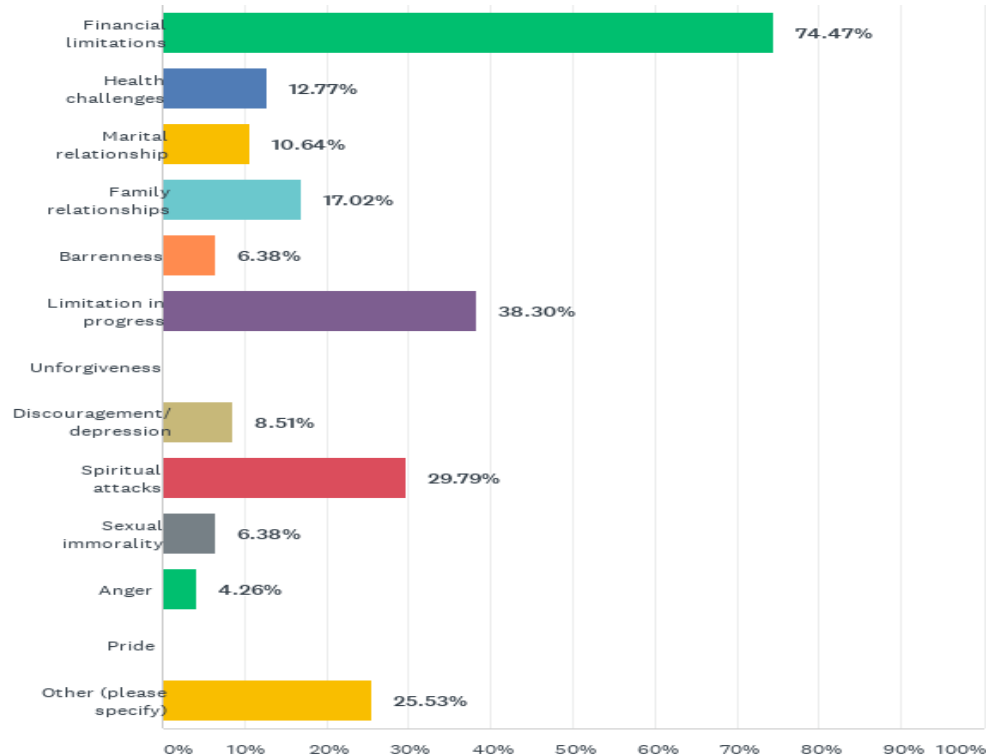


Q23: If you are, please can you indicate if you are experiencing any of the following challenges? (Tick the applicable). If no challenges, please skip this and the next 3 questions. Go to question 26.

Answered: 47 Skipped: 6

Comment:

74% said they were facing financial limitations, 38% limitation in progress, about 30% spiritual attacks, a combined 66% (32 respondents) mentioned challenges spread across Health challenges, Marital relationships, Family relationships, Barrenness, Discouragement/depression, Sexual immorality, Anger)



Q23: If you are, please can you indicate if you are experiencing any of the following challenges? (Tick the applicable). If no challenges, please skip this and the next 3 questions. Go to question 26.

Answered: 47 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Financial limitations	74.47%	35
Health challenges	12.77%	6
Marital relationship	10.64%	5
Family relationships	17.02%	8
Barrenness	6.38%	3
Limitation in progress	38.30%	18
Unforgiveness	0.00%	0
Discouragement/depression	8.51%	4
Spiritual attacks	29.79%	14
Sexual immorality	6.38%	3
Anger	4.26%	2
Pride	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	25.53%	12
Total Respondents: 47		



Q24: What do you think is the source/cause or reasons for the challenges you are experiencing?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 6

Comment:

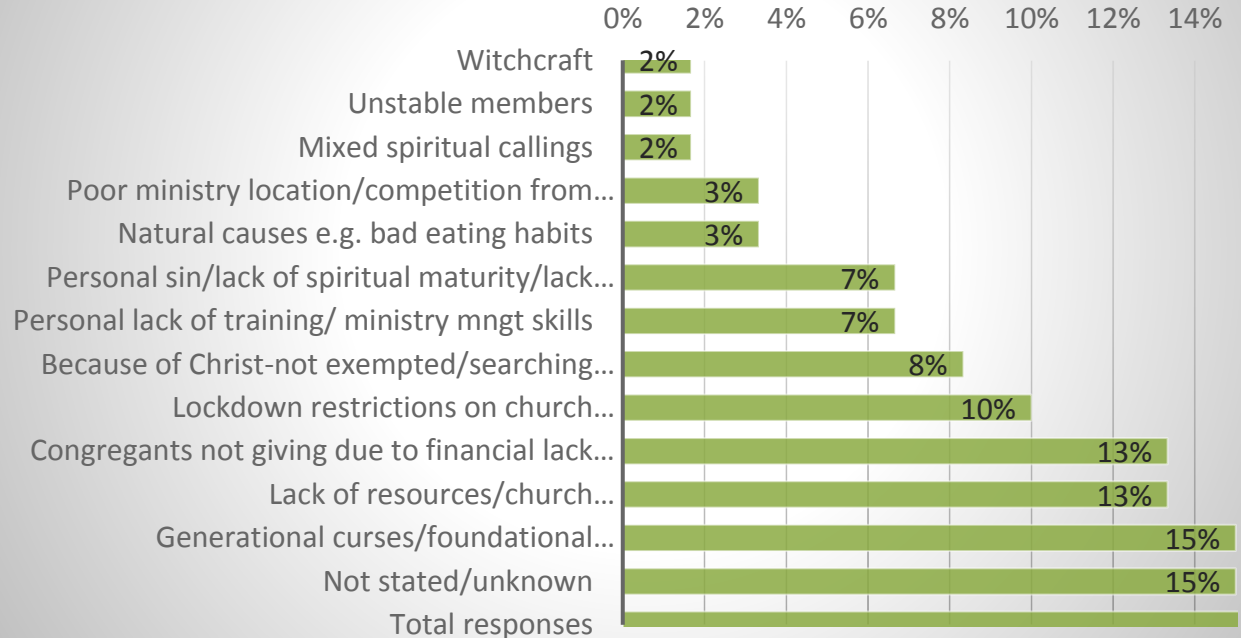
Where the joint efforts of the body of Christ can alleviate the stresses of ministers may also be aspects pertaining to:

1. Sharing knowledge about how to deal with some of the challenges
2. Overcoming lockdown related issues
3. How to avoid over-dependency on the congregants
4. Availing of pooled resources
5. Deliverance from spiritual attacks, chains to sin, foundational bondages, *inter alia*.
6. Support and guidance
7. Teaching re: the times we are in so there is understanding

ALL THESE ARE ABOUT LOVING ONE ANOTHER



Q24 What do you think is the source/cause or reasons for the challenges you are experiencing? %



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Answered: 47
Skipped: 6

Comment:
Various reasons were cited as the source/cause for their challenges.

Responses	%	No.
Witchcraft	2%	1
Unstable members	2%	1
Mixed spiritual callings	2%	1
Poor ministry location/competition from foreigners	3%	2
Natural causes e.g. bad eating habits	3%	2
Personal sin/lack of spiritual maturity/lack knowledge	7%	4
Personal lack of training/ ministry mngt skills	7%	4
Because of Christ-not exempted/searching for God's will in prayer	8%	5
Lockdown restrictions on church gatherings/changes in stipends	10%	6
Congregants not giving due to financial lack & misperceptions	13%	8
Lack of resources/church premises/support/guidance	13%	8
Generational curses/foundational covenants/dedications	15%	9
Not stated/unknown	15%	9
Total responses	100%	60



Q25: What, if at all, have you tried to do to overcome the challenges you mentioned?

Answered 47

Comment:

Many are practicing the word but a lot more can be done spiritually, physically, materially.



Q25: What, if at all, have you tried to do to overcome the challenges you mentioned?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1. Sought deliverance	28.30%	15
2. Fasted, prayed and prayed self-deliverance prayers	52.83%	28
3. Went to traditional healers or spiritualists or other	3.77%	2
4. Sought counselling	15.09%	8
5. Accepted the challenge that it's God's will for my life	9.43%	5
6. Just serving God and meditating on the Word through it all, trusting it will eventually go away	45.28%	24
7. Did nothing/gave up	3.77%	2
6. Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 53		

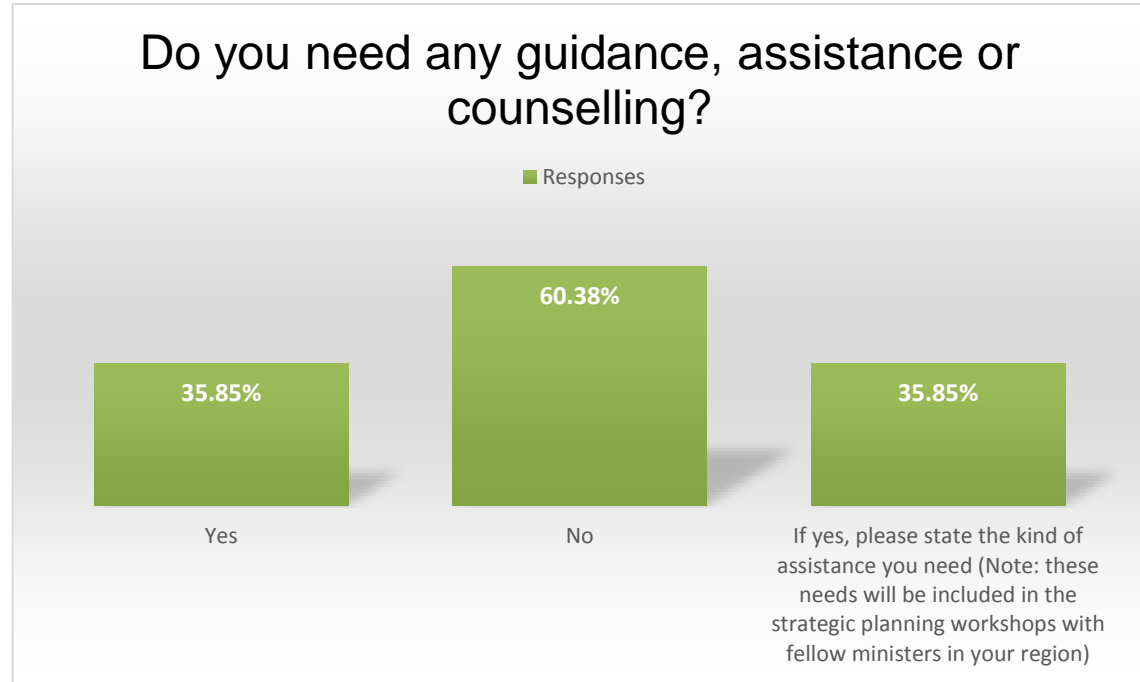


Q26: Do you need any guidance, assistance or counselling?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment:

Of the 33% that requested for assistance, the kind of assistance has been noted for workshopping.



Q26: Do you need any guidance, assistance or counselling?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	35.85%	19
No	60.38%	32
If yes, please state the kind of assistance you need (Note: these needs will be included in the strategic planning workshops with fellow ministers in your region)	35.85%	19
Total Respondents: 53		

Assistance requested
1. How to raise funds for the Ministry
2. Financial assistance
3. In every challenge that i'm facing
4. Leadership workshops/seminars
5. Need co-labourers in the vineyard, finances, land and partnerships
6. holistic budgeting for ministry growth
7. Guidance and counselling
8. Workshop on anger management, communication skills
9. Deliverance
10. Counselling
11. Workshop
12. more workshop on growing the church through the power of God
13. Fellow minister
14. Teaching
15. Resources

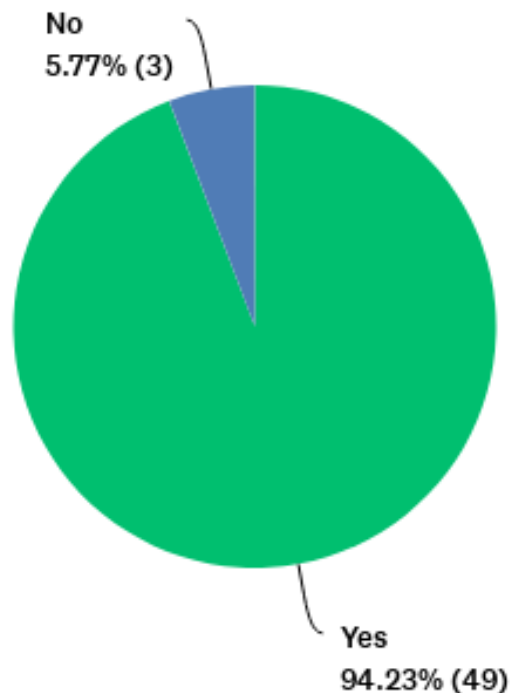


Q27: Do you think that a born again Christian or any minister of the Gospel can need deliverance?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 1

Comment:

93% (49 of 53) of the respondents said that a born-again Christian can need deliverance.



Q27: Do you think that a born again Christian or any minister of the Gospel can need deliverance?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.23%	49
No	5.77%	3
TOTAL		52



Q28 Please give reasons for/ against the need for deliverance of born again Christians

Answered 50, Skipped 3

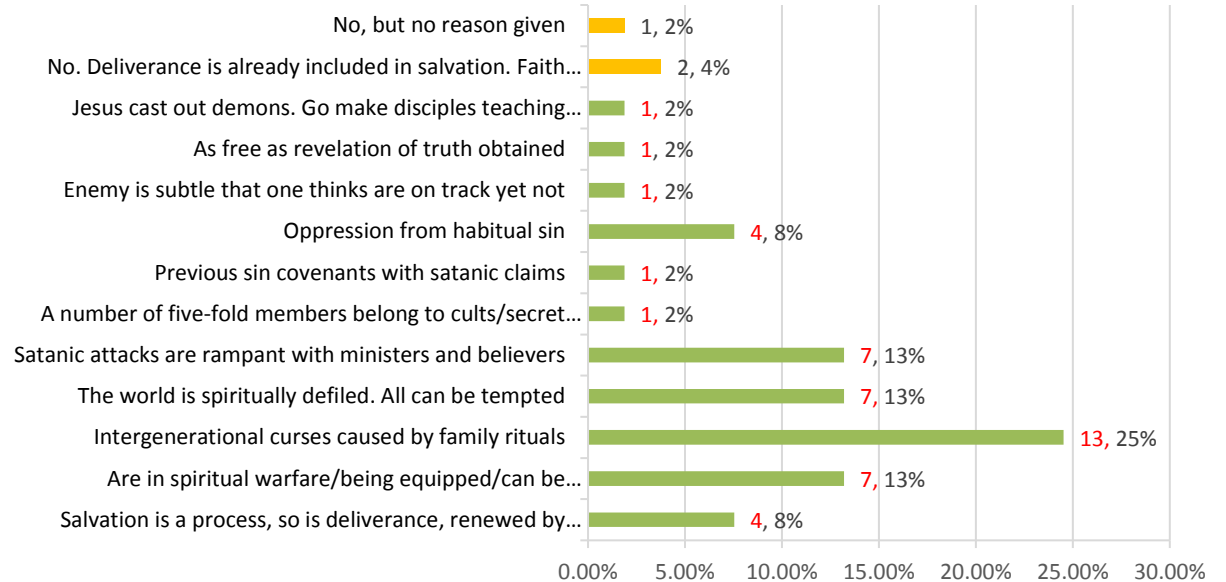
Comment:

Most respondents gave scriptural reasons for why or why not Christians needed deliverance.

The differences in perspectives about deliverance seemed to stem from different revelations and maybe influenced by different teachings and personal experiences.

Note: Seemingly, a need for the body of Christ to share real life experiences and testimonies, rather than debate using our minds or what different teachers doctrinally taught.

Q28 Perceptions: Reasons for/ against Deliverance ministration



Q28. Please give reasons for your answer

49 answered, 4 not stated

Comment:

The largest explanations given in support of deliverance had to do with intergenerational curses the source which had to do with ignorant family rituals, weapons of our warfare being against spiritual hosts of wickedness, the world being spiritually defiled, satanic attacks, salvation being a process (not a single event), oppression from habitual sin.

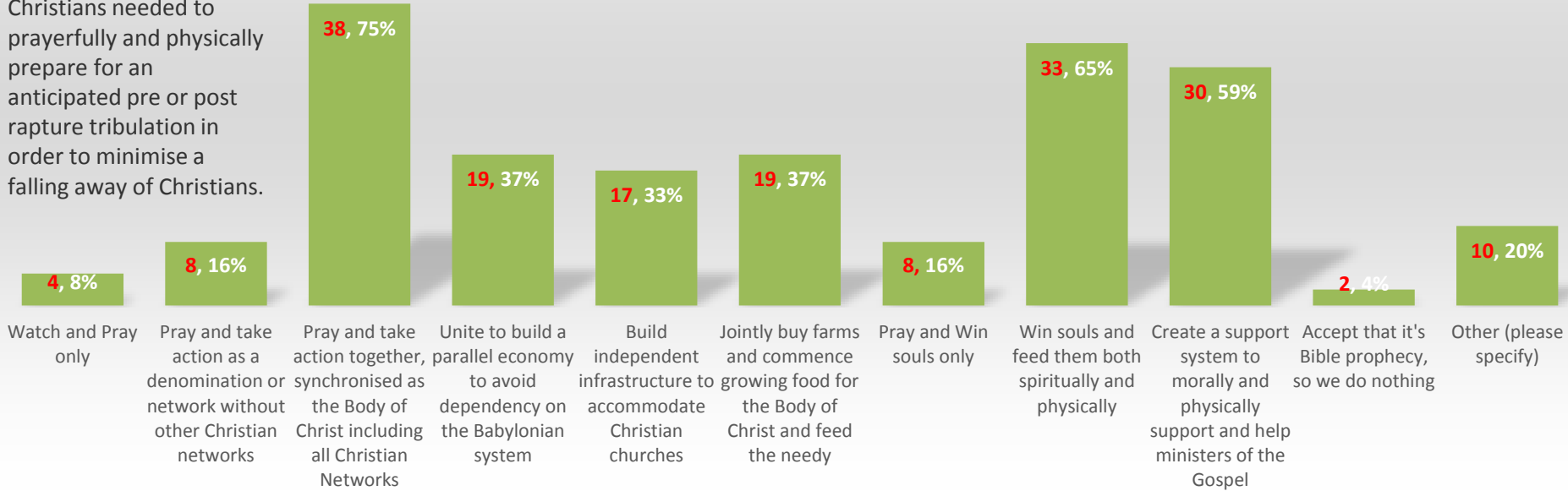
Q28 Reasons stated for/ against Deliverance ministration		
ANSWER CHOICES	%	No.
Salvation is a process, so is deliverance, renewed by the word	8%	4
Are in spiritual warfare/being equipped/can be attacked/ faith challenged	13%	7
Intergenerational curses caused by family rituals	25%	13
The world is spiritually defiled. All can be tempted	13%	7
Satanic attacks are rampant with ministers and believers	13%	7
A number of five-fold members belong to cults/secret societies	2%	1
Previous sin covenants with satanic claims	2%	1
Oppression from habitual sin	8%	4
Enemy is subtle that one thinks are on track yet not	2%	1
As free as revelation of truth obtained	2%	1
Jesus cast out demons. Go make disciples teaching everything command	2%	1
No. Deliverance is already included in salvation. Faith in Word. New creati	4%	2
No, but no reason given	2%	1
Yes. but no reason given	6%	3
Total respondents	100%	53



Q29: In light of the great deception, pestilences, famines, plagues, the hyped Covid-19 and the likelihood of a mandatory vaccine, the plans of the One World Order, Christians need to prepare to cope during great persecution. What do you think should be done as a united Body of Christ, to minimise a falling away and hearts going cold, win and retain souls?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 2

Comment: There was general consensus that Christians needed to prayerfully and physically prepare for an anticipated pre or post rapture tribulation in order to minimise a falling away of Christians.



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Answered: 51

Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Watch and Pray only	7.84%	4
Pray and take action as a denomination or network without other Christian networks	15.69%	8
Pray and take action together, synchronised as the Body of Christ including all Christian Networks	74.51%	38
Unite to build a parallel economy to avoid dependency on the Babylonian system	37.25%	19
Build independent infrastructure to accommodate Christian churches	33.33%	17
Jointly buy farms and commence growing food for the Body of Christ and feed the needy	37.25%	19
Pray and Win souls only	15.69%	8
Win souls and feed them both spiritually and physically	64.71%	33
Create a support system to morally and physically support and help ministers of the Gospel	58.82%	30
Accept that it's Bible prophecy, so we do nothing	3.92%	2
Other (please specify)	19.61%	10
Total Respondents: 51		



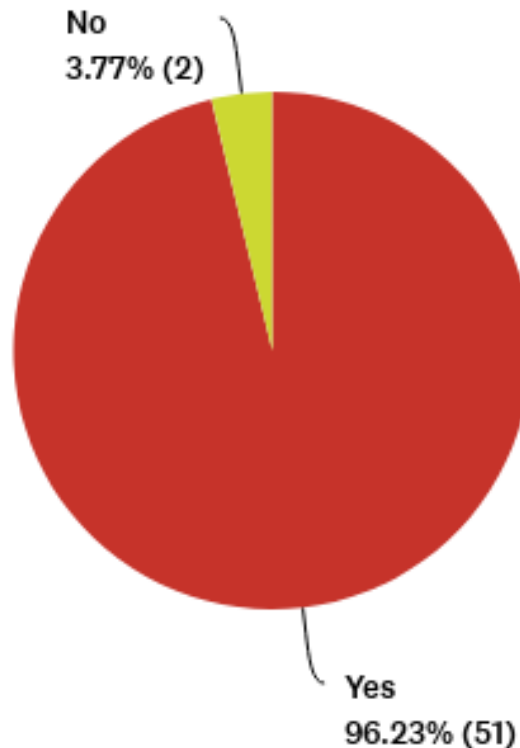
Q30: Probable Christian Unity Programs and Projects There's a plan, God willing, to host the First Annual Global Christian Unity Ministers and Leaders' Conference, 4th Qtr 2021 to empower Ministers of the Gospel during the end times. Inputs from this survey would assist to meet the needs of delegates. Would you be interested in attending the conference?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment:

Most respondents (96%) said they would be interested in attending the conference.

The one who would not said they would not be available, whilst the other said maybe next time.



Q30: Probable Christian Unity Programs and Projects There's a plan, God willing, to host the First Annual Global Christian Unity Ministers and Leaders' Conference, 4th Qtr 2021 to empower Ministers of the Gospel during the end times. Inputs from this survey would assist to meet the needs of delegates. Would you be interested in attending the conference?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.23%	51
No	3.77%	2
TOTAL		53



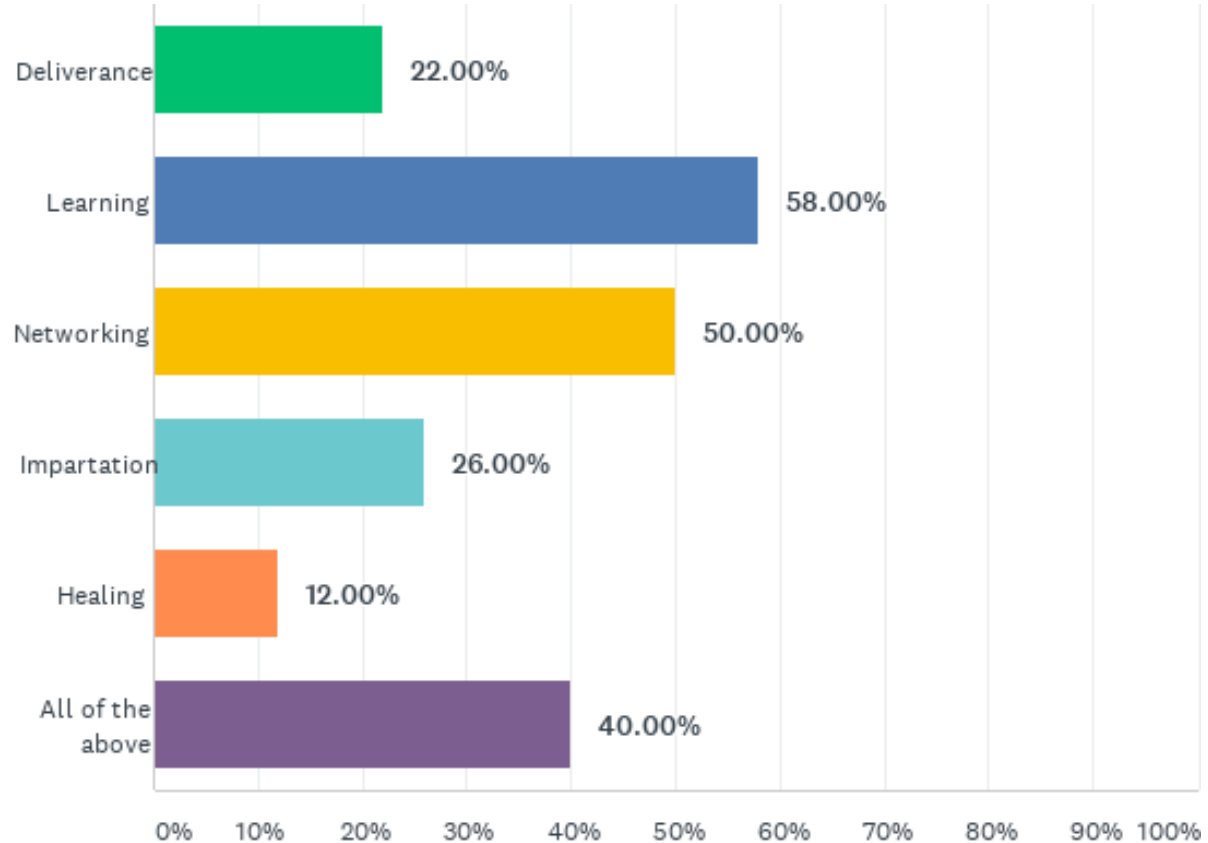
Q31: If yes, what would you expect to benefit from such a Conference?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 3

Comment:

Most (58%) said they expected to learn, whilst 50% mentioned the expectation to network, 40% expected all of the prompted reasons, whilst a combined 60% expected deliverance, impartation and healing.

This helps in planning for the conference.



Q31: If yes, what would you expect to benefit from such a Conference?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 3

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Deliverance	22.00%	11
Learning	58.00%	29
Networking	50.00%	25
Impartation	26.00%	13
Healing	12.00%	6
All of the above	40.00%	20
Total Respondents: 50		



31.(Cont.)Other/additional expectations respondents had about the conference

Comment:

These responses were submitted under 'Other' expectations in addition to the prompted responses.

This helps in planning for the conference.

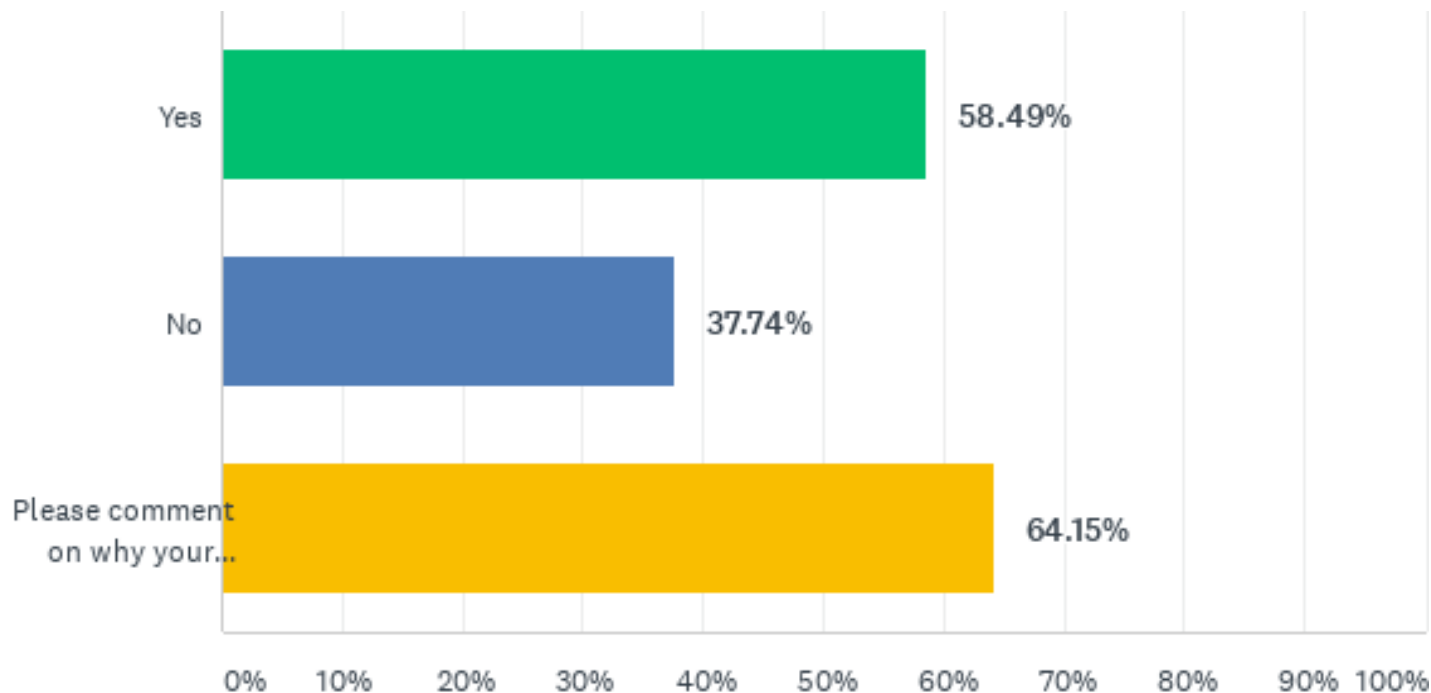
1. Make a contribution to unity
2. Complete unity of the body of Christ
3. Skills development and partnerships
4. Spiritual growth
5. Encouragement
6. Knowing precisely how not to take over from the Holy Spirit
7. How not to "own" the church as it's happening now
8. Skills to lead *ibandla* according to the Holy Spirit
9. Everything God will be doing
10. Oneness
11. Networking/ Building Relationships



Q32: Is there any specific role you would like to take in such a conference considering whatever gifts God has given you?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment:
58% volunteered a
role in the
conference.



Q32: Is there any specific role you would like to take in such a conference considering whatever gifts God has given you?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	58.49%	31
No	37.74%	20
Please comment on why your preference	64.15%	34
Total Respondents: 53		



32.b. Please comment on why your preference

22 out of 31 commented.

Q33 Roles volunteered for the Conference (CONFIDENTIAL)	
Responses	No.
Facilitation of /Panel Discussion on any Religious / Christian Topic	2
Projects initiations/strategy/planning	3
Prophetic utterances	1
Worship	1
Sharing experiences	1
Presenter on discipleship	1
Teaching/discipleship training	3
Intercessory team for the Conference.	4
Networking many different ways	1
Support/Support with deliverance of fellow ministers	2
Awareness on satanic attacks	1
Church Paradigm shift	1
Program Director	1
Total	22



Q34: Some Christian ministers have suggested that a Christian culture needs to be developed, to help unite the body of Christ. Do you agree?

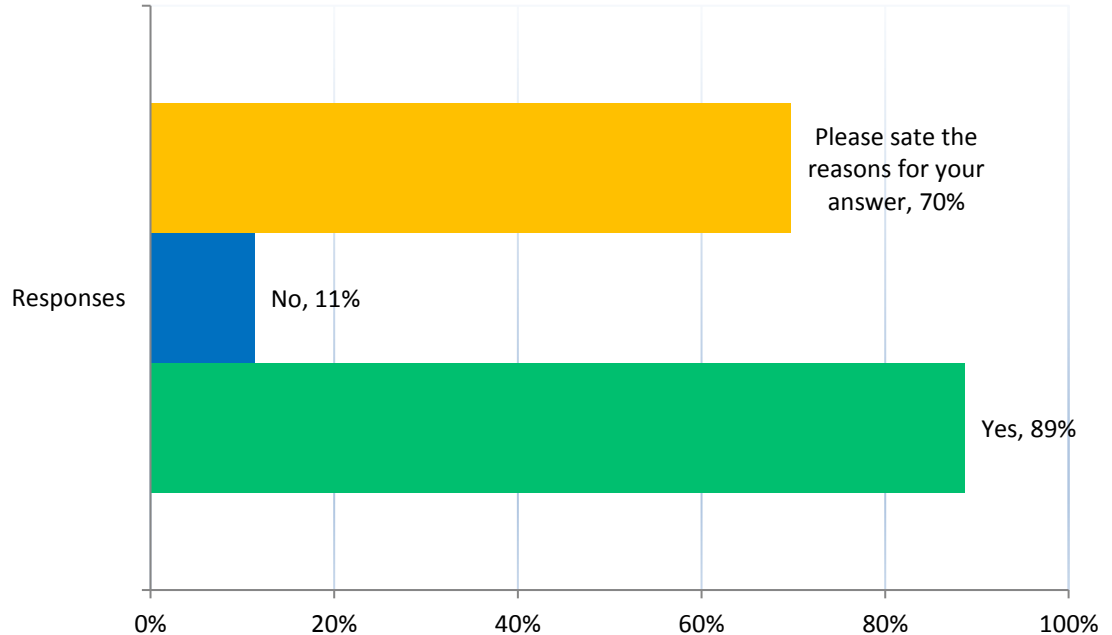
Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment:

Most respondents (89%) said Yes to a Christian culture needing to be developed to help unite the body of Christ.

This needs to be considered with great caution: all of it should be word-based and according to Christianity as taught by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

NB: To be researched further for analysis in a large population representative sample.



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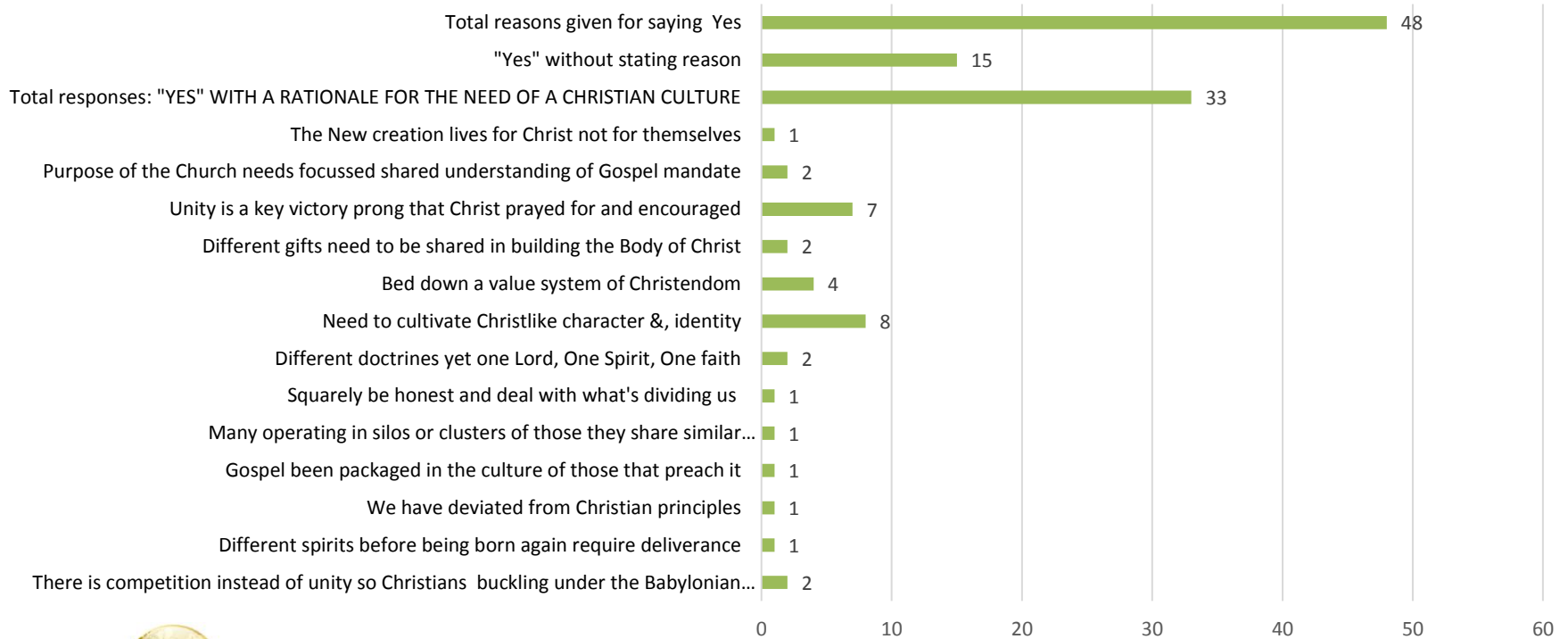
Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.68%	47
No	11.32%	6
Please state the reasons for your answer	69.81%	37
Total Respondents: 53		



Q34. (cont.)YES, Reasons in support of Christian Culture

33 gave reasons.15 not stated

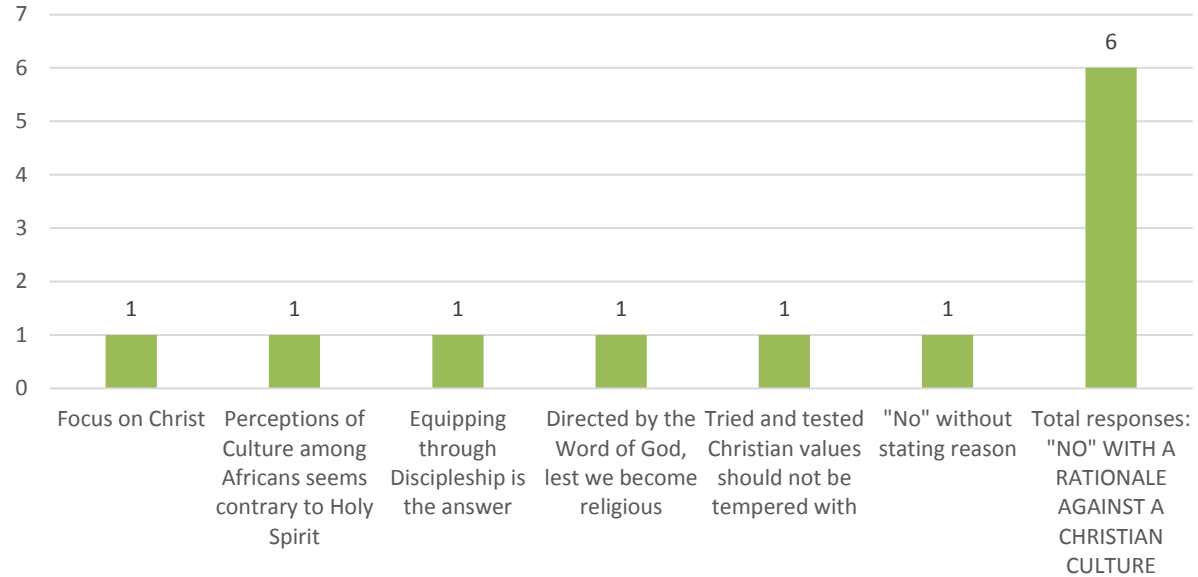


Q34. (cont) NO. Reasons stated against a Christian Culture

6 said No

Comment:

The five reasons stated as reasons against a Christian culture are also the the reasons why there should be.



Q35: Many pastors are reportedly retiring with insufficient resources to sustain their livelihoods. If socio-economic benefits were to be developed, please can you indicate the benefits that would interest you from Christian based services or products (Note: This is only to ascertain needs for the benefit of members of the Body of Christ. Not a promise).

Comment:

Just under 49% (highest #) of the respondents said they would be interested in all of the benefits if offered/availed. Also to note is the same number (49%) interested in financial benefits for business ventures, or Christian business opportunities; thereafter Bible college fees, Bursaries, Medical Aid and Pension. To a lesser extent were the Christian banking, food products and discounts.

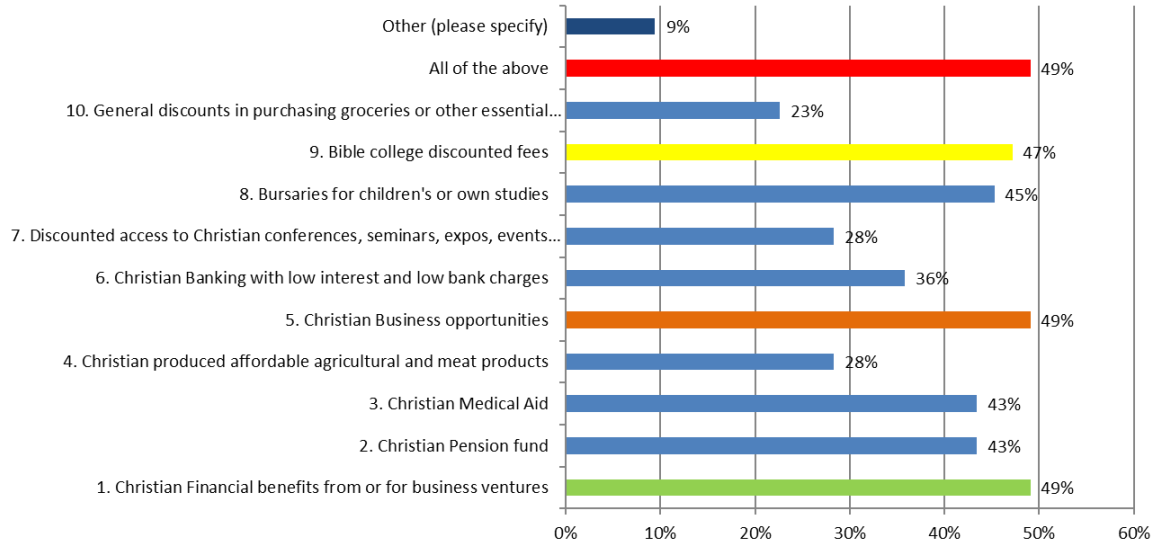
Note: It was not clear as to whether it is psychographic i.t.o reach or access thinking it's impossible, or the lack of interest.

More probing questions in much larger samples in quantitative analysis based on a large population is needed here. RESULTS ARE INCONCLUSIVE AT THIS STAGE.

OTHER responses. One of each stated the following under Other:

1. None of these because we must not separate ourselves from the world.
2. Unable to answer now until the unity priority is met
3. 10 not owned by Christians
4. Education critical whilst people can and working where possible is important

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0



Q35: Many pastors are reportedly retiring with insufficient resources to sustain their livelihoods. If socio-economic benefits were to be developed, please can you indicate the benefits that would interest you from Christian based services or products (Note: This is only to ascertain needs for the benefit of members of the Body of Christ. Not a promise).

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses	
1. Christian Financial benefits from or for business ventures	49%	26
2. Christian Pension fund	43%	23
3. Christian Medical Aid	43%	23
4. Christian produced affordable agricultural and meat products	28%	15
5. Christian Business opportunities	49%	26
6. Christian Banking with low interest and low bank charges	36%	19
7. Discounted access to Christian conferences, seminars, expos, events	28%	15
8. Bursaries for children's or own studies	45%	24
9. Bible college discounted fees	47%	25
10. General discounts in purchasing groceries or other essential products	23%	12
All of the above	49%	26
Other (please specify)	9%	5



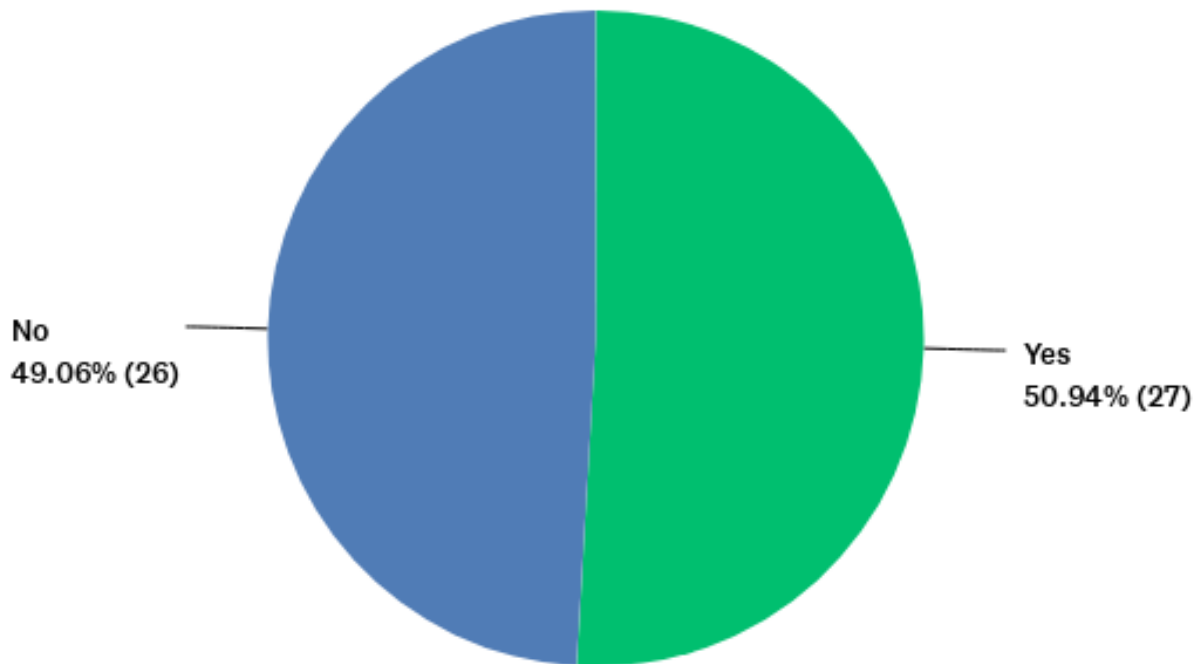
Q36: Do you subscribe to a pension fund or Retirement Annuity?(Note: This is only to establish platforms that could be developed, unique to the Body of Christ. Not for promotional purposes)?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment:

51% (27) of the respondents said they contributed to a pension or RA.

49% (26) of the respondents said they did not subscribe to a pension fund or RA.



Q36: Do you subscribe to a pension fund or Retirement Annuity?(Note: This is only to establish platforms that could be developed, unique to the Body of Christ. Not for promotional purposes)?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.94%	27
No	49.06%	26
TOTAL		53



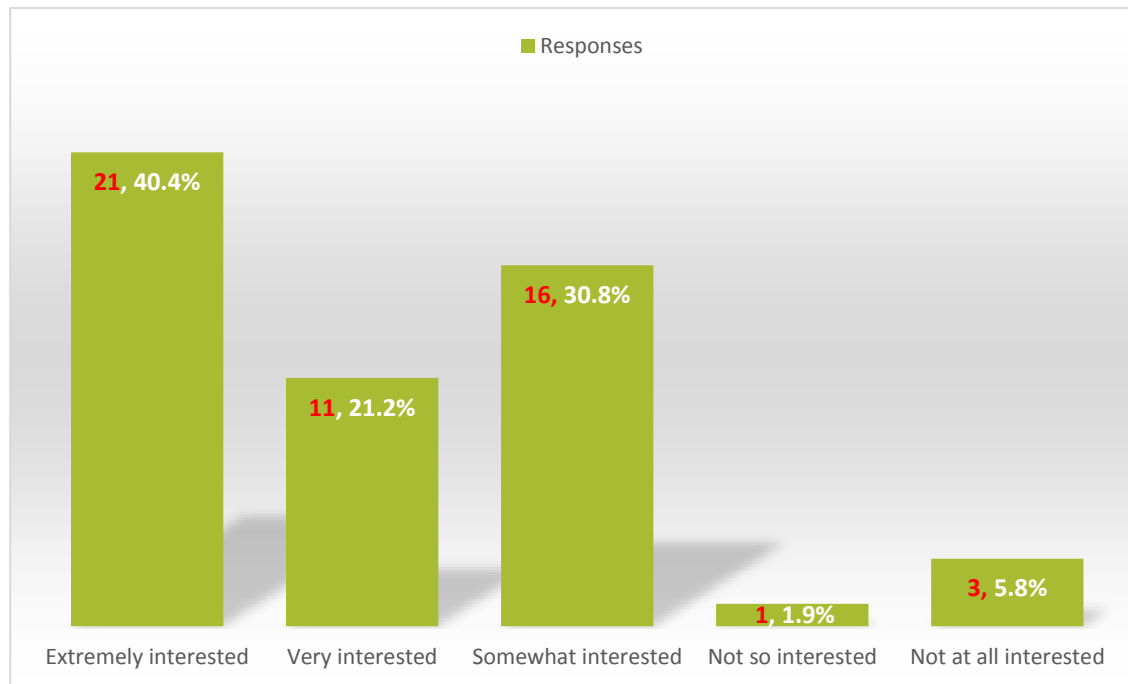
Q37: Would you be interested in a Christian unity pension fund?((Note: This is only to establish platforms that could be developed, unique to the Body of Christ. Not for promotional purposes)?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 1

Comment:

Almost 52% (32) indicated they would either be extremely or very interested in a Christian unity pension fund. Whilst 31% (16) said they would be somewhat interested, 8% (4 respondents said they would not).

Among the over 80% that would be interested includes an overlap of the 51% (27) that said they were contributing to a pension fund or RA in the previous question.



Q37: Would you be interested in a Christian unity pension fund?((Note: This is only to establish platforms that could be developed, unique to the Body of Christ. Not for promotional purposes)?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely interested	40.38%	21
Very interested	21.15%	11
Somewhat interested	30.77%	16
Not so interested	1.92%	1
Not at all interested	5.77%	3
TOTAL		52



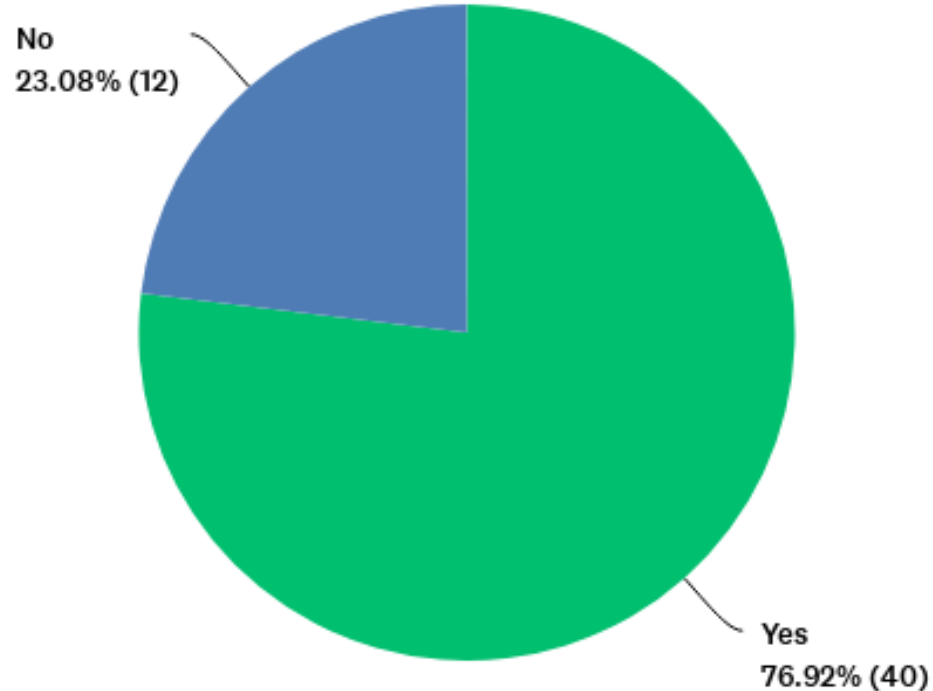
Q38: Are you or your ministry contributing to any charity or have an arm caring for the sick, orphans, the poor or widows?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 1

Comment: Most respondents (77%) said they (either individually or in their ministry) contributed to charity or had an arm caring for the sick, orphans, the poor or widows.

The answers provided could have been referring to one or more of the arms, not necessarily all, and either in their individual capacity or through their church. The frequency is also not covered.

This question will need rephrasing in the national survey.



Q38: Are you or your ministry contributing to any charity or have an arm caring for the sick, orphans, the poor or widows?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.92%	40
No	23.08%	12
TOTAL		52



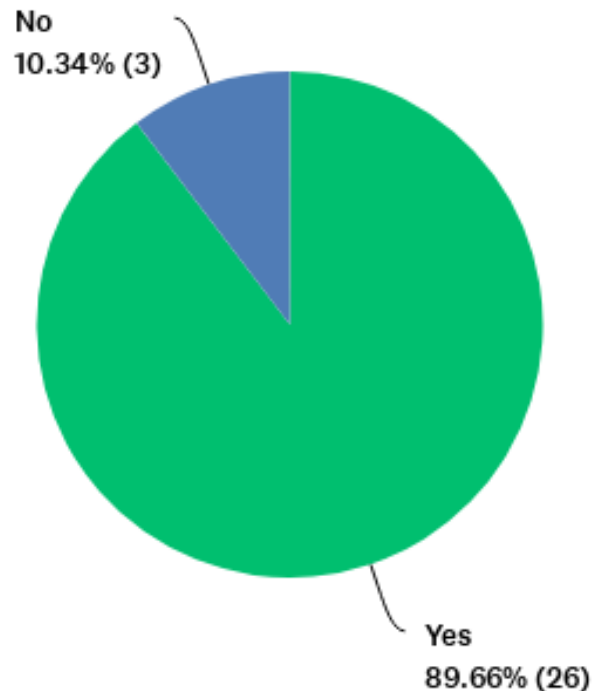
Q39: If not, would you be willing to jointly reach out to orphans, the poor, the sick, widows, etc. with fellow Christian ministers through your forum?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 24

Comment:

Most respondents (90%) of the respondents said they would be willing to jointly reach out to orphans, the poor, the sick and widows, inter alia, with fellow Christians, despite that 77% already contributed to charity (see previous question).

This could be indicative of them knowing that charity can never be enough for those in need and we cannot possibly reach out to everybody but more could be achieved jointly.



Q39: If not, would you be willing to jointly reach out to orphans, the poor, the sick, widows, etc. with fellow Christian ministers through your forum?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 24

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	89.66%	26
No	10.34%	3
TOTAL		29



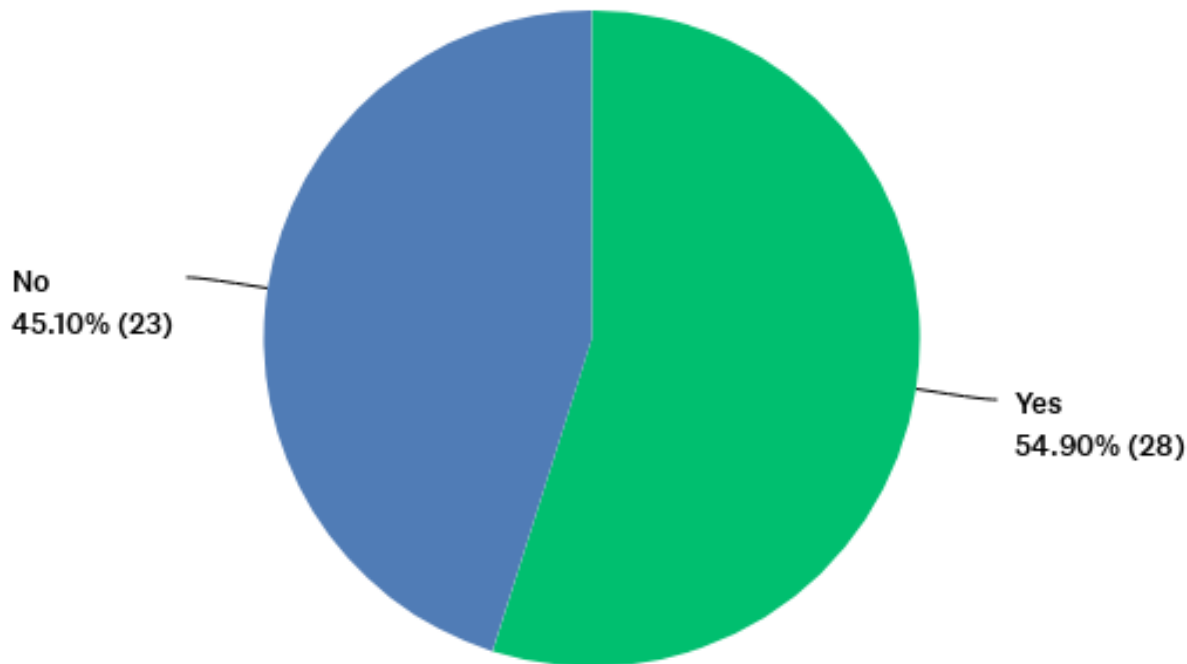
Q40: Do you produce and use/distribute any ministry evangelizing materials e.g. gospel tracts, fliers, t-shirts, etc.

Answered: 51 Skipped: 2

Comment:

55% said they used evangelizing materials.

The question is, who produces and prints the materials for the body of Christ? Could this be a business opportunity for Christians?



Q40: Do you produce and use/distribute any ministry evangelizing materials e.g. gospel tracts, fliers, t-shirts, etc.

Answered: 51 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.90%	28
No	45.10%	23
TOTAL		51



Q41: Do you run a business aside from your ministry work?

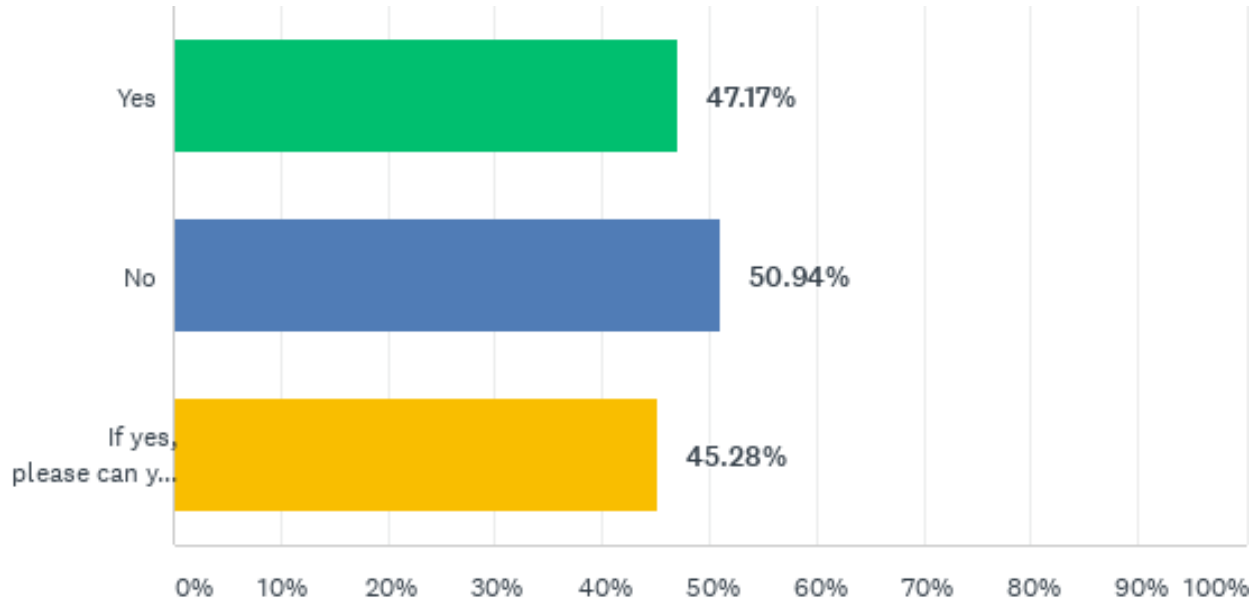
Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

Comment:

51% of the respondents said they did not have a business aside from their ministry work.

47% said they ran businesses, although some indicated financial challenges in their business.

Note: this ties in with the reason why many said they were going through financial challenges and limitations in progress.



Q41: Do you run a business aside from your ministry work?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.17%	25
No	50.94%	27
If yes, please can you tell us more about your business interests or your profession, in the event that the Christian Unity strategies might also support your business?	45.28%	24
Total Respondents: 53		

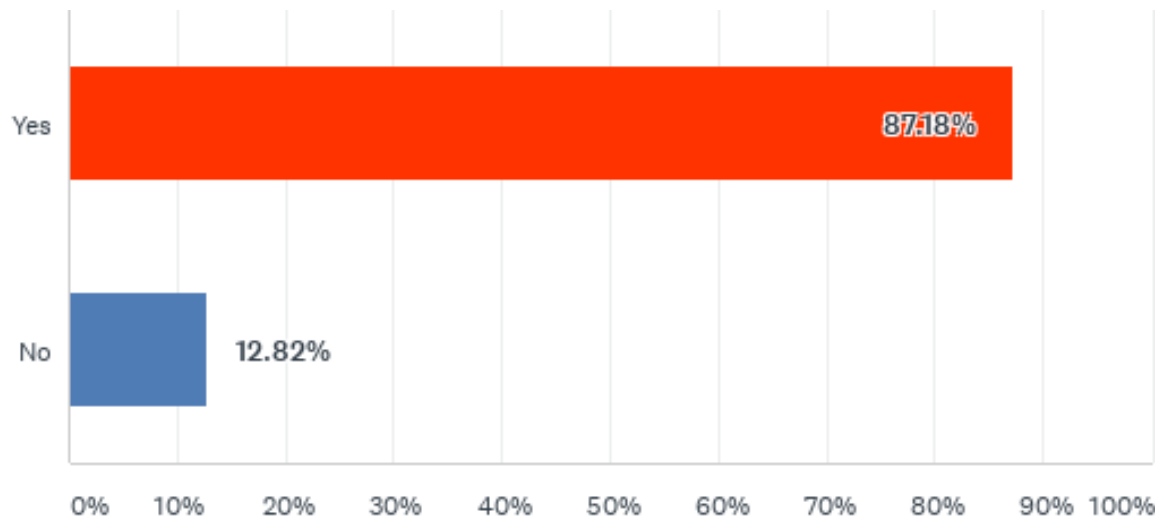


Q42: If you do not run a business, would you be interested in being trained to equip you to use your hands or start an income-generating business to augment your personal or ministry income?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 14

Comment: A high percentage of respondents(87%) indicated that they would be interested in receiving training to equip them to either use their hands or start income-generating businesses to augment their personal or ministry income.

This leads to the need to start income-generating projects from within the Christian community.



Q42: If you do not run a business, would you be interested in being trained to equip you to use your hands or start an income-generating business to augment your personal or ministry income?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 14

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.18%	34
No	12.82%	5
TOTAL		39



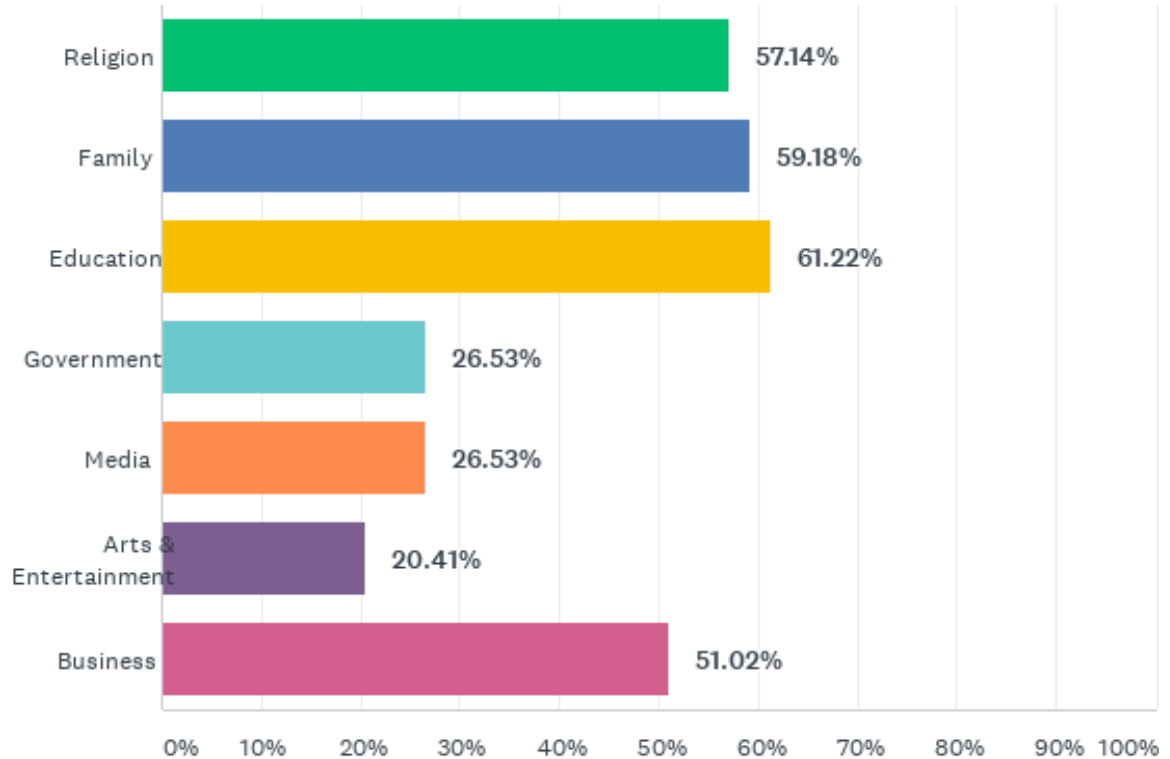
Q43: Should opportunities arise through the strategies to be jointly developed, which fields would you operate in, to "Bring Godly change by reaching out to souls through the seven mountains of societal influence" (Note: in some instances, aspects may overlap. So you may state more than one interest area).

Answered: 49 Skipped: 4

Comment:

Most respondents said they would operate in the spheres /mountains of Education, Family, Religion and Business to bring Godly change.

Far fewer would want to be in government, Media and Arts Entertainment.



Q43: Should opportunities arise through the strategies to be jointly developed, which fields would you operate in, to "Bring Godly change by reaching out to souls through the seven mountains of societal influence" (Note: in some instances, aspects may overlap. So you may state more than one interest area).

Answered: 49 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Religion	57.14%	28
Family	59.18%	29
Education	61.22%	30
Government	26.53%	13
Media	26.53%	13
Arts & Entertainment	20.41%	10
Business	51.02%	25
Total Respondents: 49		



Q44: Questions or Suggestions for Christian Unity Projects Or Programs

Comment:

The column on the left indicates the questions/ comments made by 10 respondents in the last question, Q44.

To the right is the researcher's comments. Some of the inputs will also be used in the strategy development process.

Thank you!



	Q44. QUESTION OR SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS	SHORTNENED ANSWER
1	What are you trying to establish by doing this research? Jesus has already established unity, oneness. It's already there.	It was The Lord's prayer that we may be One, yet we are very divided! Only He knows whether we are united or not. He came to introduce the Kingdom of God, and it is here. But how many are fully and successfully operating in it as we should; and worse still, how many are falling away? NB: This is God's instruction that He gave us in Nov 2009 when He loudly said : 'UNITE CHRISTIANS'. We are only obeying His(Jesus Christ's) instruction by faith.
2	Suggestion: Question 32-44 would have been considered later when unity is well reached	The suggested programs are to help strengthen one another through a support system, to try and ensure true believers will not fall off the bus due to challenges.
3	Let's work together faster	Sure, it depends on the working together/willingness of the members of the body of Christ.
4	Is this only for charismatic churches, or all churches .	Certainly not! Mainline respondents are included in this survey, some of whom responded within this pilot phase. Other Christian believers such as Messianic Jews/Jewish Christians etc. will also be included at a later stage.
5	Promote unity and the love of Christians to one another	Indeed!. That's the whole point of strategising towards unity, because we are not loving one another
6	My concern is the Pastors' wives that seem to be left behind in many things. Please do something in order to bring them along.	Valid concern! Can someone please initiate the cause? Our organisation does not have the capacity for all the roles required to meet the demands of this ministerial calling. We count on volunteers to 'serve' the body of Christ as the Lord will provide.
7	Let's practice Isaiah 60. Come together and help one another and share skills. E.g. I'm good in counselling. One of my son in-laws is farming and daughter in skills and another in development, designing.	Indeed! Hence the need for us to strategise (think and act strategically) after this needs and perceptions assessment as part of a mapping out process.
8	We need to look at creating Christian Schools or institutions for our children	Absolutely important! What is in the pipeline from our side is the setting up of the GCU Academy of Sciences, a Christian values-based school. However, we need more workforce from the body of Christ to assist and lead with many aspects, initially on a voluntary basis until the funds are raised through a board that is in process of being appointed.
9	With things having gotten worse for me, stagnation on all fronts...can the forum assist with groceries?	With time, this will be possible if we work together, not just to raise funds but to work together as we are all called by Christ.
10	Thank you so much! God. God bless you so much!!	Amen! God bless you too!

IMPORTANT! Thank you!

1. This was a pilot study before a national roll out of large-scale research through quantitative statistical methodology, and implementation of strategies towards unity/togetherness/oneness in the body of Christ. Note: It's only for the body of Christ.
2. A margin of error exists at about 2%, albeit accurately applicable in large quantitative samples.
3. A controlled sample of 50 in qualitative studies is large enough to make strategic decisions.
4. This was a Dipstick survey, treated similar to focus group discussions (eliminating group dynamics), for inputs on how the large sample questions should be structured and questions phrased. It also provided useful inputs for the pilot strategy starting with a controlled sample environment.
5. Open-ended questions in this survey provided with useful qualitative inputs for a structured questionnaire targeting larger national, continental and global sample population sizes as the research program progresses.
6. Constructive suggestions or volunteered inputs, as well as any willingness for us to “work together” in attaining the vision of unity in the body of Christ, are welcome.

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