

BUILDING ON YOUR STRENGTHS

To prepare the Pastor Nominating Committee, we are asking each church member to complete this Questionnaire. YOUR PARTICIPATION AND ANSWERS MAY BE VERY HELPFUL IN THE PROCESS. There is no necessity to have your name placed on the request. If more space is needed to complete an answer, write the number of the question on the back of the form and use that space. You may place a completed questionnaire in the COLLECTION PLATE or leave in the church office. Please return by JUNE 1.

1. Westmont Presbyterian Church is (in size and type) a _____ church that is _____ and the future to you appears _____.
2. To you, when was this congregation at its peak in strength and vitality? _____.
3. To you, what is the most important strength or asset of this church? _____.
4. Why are you a member of this congregation? _____.
5. List a few ministries or programs that this church does well. _____.
6. If you could change one or two things at the church, what would they be? _____.
7. A helpful observer of the church, Dr. Lyle Schaller, has said, "There is much evidence that from a long term congregational perspective, the most productive years of pastorate seldom begin before the 4th, 5th, or 6th years of a minister's stay with that congregation." What is that implication for this church?
_____.
8. What 3 "things" does the current preacher do best? _____.
9. What "thing" do you prefer that the current preacher improve upon? _____.
10. What has occurred during the past in the life of this church that remains an influential factor, or that members refer to occasionally? _____.
11. If a 28 year old engineer with a spouse and two young children moved from 1000 miles away and were to visit the church, what are factors that they would cease "church shopping" and remain worshipping at this church? _____.
- 11a. How should we as a congregation respond? _____.
12. What might God be calling us to do today, that 15 years or so from now, others will look back and remark that "that was smart and Holy Spirit led!"? _____.
13. Assume that our church is anticipating beginning something new, but many are doubtful that it will occur, then understand that a few influential members are strongly in favor of this change, you are certain that it will come about. Who might be those persons in the congregation? _____.

14. What are the most significant or urgent issues confronting the congregation today? _____

15. If you had a way and had one or two wishes to come true for the life, program or work of this church, what might they be? _____

16. Your relationship with God right now is: (low)1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10(high).

17. Do you have any other remarks to offer? _____