

Dear Grove Family,

The Pastor Search Team extends its appreciation to all those who participated in the recent survey. More than 350 of you submitted a response and we were very pleased with that level of participation. The answers you provided have been very helpful so far, and we expect a significant benefit as we begin conversations with potential candidates for pastor at Grove.

We felt it important to share as much of the survey data as we possibly could. You will find all the questions on this website with three exceptions. The three that are not included were the freeform, narrative type questions, numbers 26, 27, and 28.. Once we have digested the information you shared, we plan to include much this information on this website. It may take us a few months to work our way through all the information. You will find all the remaining data in chart form which will provide a good snapshot of the Church and what you want to see in a pastor.

There is an additional chart that was constructed after we received the surveys. Thanks to Dr. Julia Lloyd for using her doctoral studies work to analyze and categorize the responses into themes, along with the number of responses for each theme. Julia did a great job and we are extremely grateful for her contribution to our work.

We are most grateful to Ryan Baham who did most of the hard work on the survey. There was a lot of work that went into designing the survey, working with others in the Church to get into an electronic format, and to then compile the data. He did a great job.

We are equally grateful to Mark Jenkins, Mary Crostic, Joy Hughes, and Terry Pedigo for all the work they did to make this a success. Finally, a big thank you to Mathew Cherian, a member of the Search Team, who has been tremendously helpful in getting this survey onto the web for you to see. There were others who assisted in various ways, including Kathy Macon, Heather Howells, and Bonnie Northen. Apologies to anyone that may have been overlooked. It was inadvertent and indicative of forgetfulness.

If you have any observations or questions, please feel free to contact one of the Search Team Members and we will make every effort to get you an answer.

Again, thank you for participating in the survey and for your interest in the results.

Blessings  
Pastor Search Team