

# Leaside United Church Census

With the coming together of LUC and PWUC we have a totally new situation, which opens up exciting new possibilities. Our coming together is an opportunity to think big and spend time discerning our purpose and call in the congregation and the larger community. Together more is possible so we want to spend time finding the best inspiration for the future vitality of our congregation.

This survey is the first step on a journey of discernment and discovery. We want to get a feel for who our members are and how they connect with the community and with their faith.

This is a CONFIDENTIAL survey, you can choose to give your name at the end, or not. Providing your name helps us to encourage and track the participation for our census. Names will not be linked with specific survey responses, or shared elsewhere. We ask that you, please, be honest in your answers so that the results of this survey are a true reflection of our church community.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out Leaside United's Census.

## Section 1: Census Data Collection

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### 1. Age

Mark only one oval.

- Under 20
- 20-34
- 35-49
- 50-64
- 65-79
- 80+

### 2. The gender I most identify with is...

Mark only one oval.

- Female
- Male
- Trans\*
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. How long have you been attending Leaside United Church/ Presteign-Woodbine United Church?

Mark only one oval.

- under 2 years
- 2-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11+ years

### 4. What is your marital/relationship status?

Mark only one oval.

- Single
- Married/ Life Partner/ Long Term Relationship
- Widowed/ Widower
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Do you have children?

Mark only one oval.

- I don't have children
- Yes, most of my children are under 6 years old
- Yes, most of my children are between 6 and 14 years old
- Yes, most of my children are between 15 and 24 years old
- Yes, most of my children are 25 + and live at home
- Yes, most of my children are 25 + and don't live at home

**6. Do you have grandchildren?***Mark only one oval.*

- I don't have grandchildren
- Yes, most of my grandchildren are under 11 years old and live in Toronto
- Yes, most of my grandchildren are under 11 years old but don't live in Toronto
- Yes, most of my grandchildren are between 11 and 24 years old and live in Toronto
- Yes, most of my grandchildren are between 11 and 24 years old but don't live in Toronto
- Yes, most of my grandchildren are 25 + and live in Toronto
- Yes, most of my grandchildren are 25 + but don't live in Toronto

**7. Are you on a committee, council or task group?***Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No

**8. How far is your home from Leaside United Church?***Mark only one oval.*

- Under 2 km away
- Between 2-5 km away
- Between 6-10 km away
- 11+ km away

**9. What type of transportation do you use most often to get to Leaside United?***Mark only one oval.*

- My own vehicle
- Public Transit
- Car pool
- Walk or Cycle
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. What method of payment do you use for your offering?***Mark only one oval.*

- Envelope
- Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. My Sunday worship attendance at Leaside United is ...***Mark only one oval.*

- Regular (2-4 times a month)
- Sporadic (once every month or two)
- Christmas, Easter and other special holidays
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Comments on Section 1: Census Data Collection**


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**Section 2: Community and Spirituality Opinion Survey**

There are many ways each of us experiences community and spirituality in all aspects of our lives. This section has three parts, offering an opportunity to start thinking about how the church does, does not, and could (in the future) support our desire for community and spiritual nurture.

## Connection

These are some ways this church may be offering opportunities for connection and community. Please add other ways or places where you experience community in the comments. You may also wish to comment on whether these are the ways you would like the church to support connection and community, or if there are others.

### 13. Leaside United helps me connect by ...

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	N/A
Making me feel welcome and accepted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing me with opportunities to serve those in need	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Following up with me when I express interest in becoming more involved	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing a community to support me and/or my family in times of need	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Involving me in decisions that affect the future of the church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing transparent information to me about the finances of the church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making information about the church easy for me to find (via bulletin, web, email)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Seeking and Spirituality

These are some ways that churches may offer opportunities to nurture spirituality. Are these happening at Leaside for you (and do you want them to)?

Please add comments about whether these are or are not areas where you would like the church to be nurturing spirituality, ways you experience or seek spirituality in your daily life, and other ways you would like this congregation to nurture spirituality.

### 14. Leaside United helps me grow by ...

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Nurturing spiritual practices such as prayer or meditation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offering vibrant and engaging Sunday services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connecting me with a small group that shares questions and conversations about faith or spirituality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preaching that connects my faith with my everyday life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing retreats, workshops, and other resources to help explore faith and daily life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing youth programs that help me explore my faith	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encouraging me to engage the Bible in meaningful ways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Forming me as a disciple of Jesus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offering a sense of grounding and spiritual renewal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helping me to see God's love in Creation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Thinking of the Future

The following are some very general possibilities for the future direction of the church that have been named by people connected to the congregation or in conversations about the purpose and future of the wider church.

We hope this question will help us see where our congregation's interests and energies lie, since we

cannot do everything. We expect you might feel strong support for some of these areas and disinterest or strong dislike of others. Please add to the comments any general areas and priorities that you think are missing from this list.

**15. I would like the mission and ministry of our church to connect to:**

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
Serving the needs of the present congregation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Serving the needs of the local community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for seniors and those with pastoral care needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attracting newcomers to our worship and programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reaching those who don't attend church and sharing Christian values	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education and intentional welcome as an affirming congregation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accessibility and building an inclusive community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nurturing personal faith	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interfaith dialogue and learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial stability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental action	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Addressing poverty, income inequality, or precarious employment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Right Relations with First Nations communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Continuing traditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Innovative and creative worship and programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**16. Is anything important to you missing from the lists above?**

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**17. Comments on Section 2: Community and Spirituality Opinion Survey**

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**18. Name (Optional)**

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**Thank you! Your participation in this survey will inform LUC's Future Congregational Development Plan and guide us in the direction of active and meaningful ministry.**



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