

CHAT (Church Health Assessment Tool)

As we discussed at our congregational meeting held on May 5, 2019, we are moving into a time of “structured reflection” and the first question we will ask is “what does God want of us as a church or a congregation?” before we move on to ask “who should be our next pastor?”

As part of this time of reflection, we are engaging in a *listening exercise* provided by Leadership Transformations, Inc. From May 5, 2019 to June 5, 2019, we’ll be conducting an all-church survey called the Church Health Assessment Tool (CHATSM).

This web-based survey will allow us to collect valuable feedback from both the congregation and the leadership team regarding their views on our church health. This tool is based on the “10 Traits of Vital Ministry” from the book *Becoming a Healthy Church* (Dr. Stephen A. Macchia, Baker Books, 1999). For more information about the CHAT survey, see the next two pages of this PDF.

We welcome all congregants 16 years old and up to participate in the survey. Please take this opportunity to share your thoughts with us. Your feedback is vital to help us discern what God desires of us as a congregation as we look to the future.

To participate in the survey before June 5, 2019:

1. Get on the internet and go to www.HealthyChurch.net
2. Click on the button that says “Take the Survey” on the left side of the screen.
3. Use the following information to log in:

Login: FEFC_CONG
Password: R3d33m3d

4. Give us your honest feedback. Be assured that your responses will be kept strictly confidential and at no point will your name be associated with your responses and/or remarks. With your help, we can identify our strengths as well as our soft spots and pursue all that Christ intends for His church.

The survey takes 20-25 minutes to complete, so please aside enough time to complete it. However, once you register you'll be emailed a link to come back and complete the survey in case you start and get interrupted.

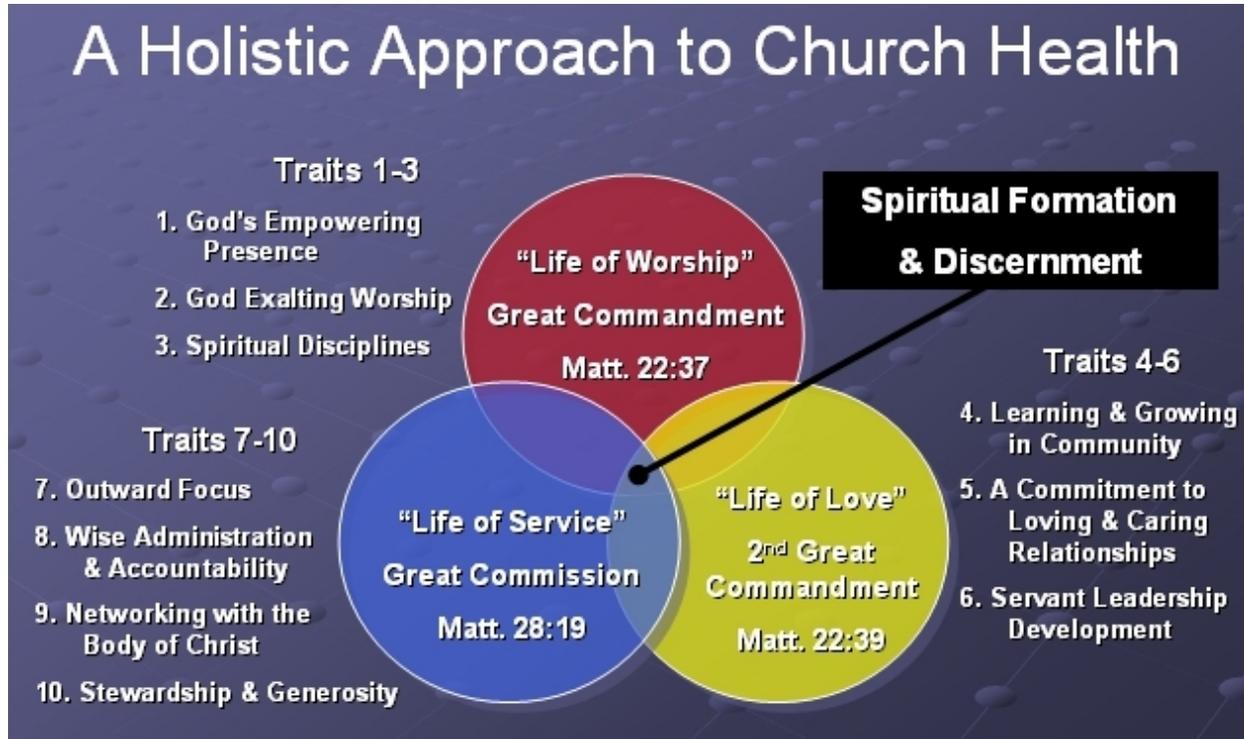
If you don't have a computer or internet access, contact Dorie Sproul at 207.873.0343 or transition@fefchurch.org and we can arrange for you to fill out a paper version of the survey.

Gratefully in Christ,

The Discernment Team

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Based on the book entitled *Becoming a Healthy Church* by Stephen A. Macchia. For a video describing the survey, see <https://vimeo.com/165653736>



LIFE OF WORSHIP – MATT 22:37

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind."

1. God's Empowering Presence

The healthy church actively seeks the Holy Spirit's direction and empowerment for its shared life and ministry.

Romans 8:16, "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."

2. God-Exalting Worship

The healthy church gathers regularly as the local expression of the Body of Christ to worship God in ways that engage the heart, mind, soul, and strength of the people.

John 4:23, "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."

3. Spiritual Disciplines

The healthy church provides training, models, and resources for members of all ages to develop their daily spiritual disciplines.

James 3:17, "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure, then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

LIFE OF LOVE – MATT 22:39

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself”

4. Learning & Growing in Community

The healthy church encourages believers to grow in their walk with God and with one another in the context of a safe, affirming environment.

Romans 14:19, "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."

5. A Commitment to Loving & Caring Relationships

The healthy church is intentional in its efforts to build loving, caring relationships within families, between members and within the community we serve.

1 John 3:16, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."

6. Servant-Leadership Development

The healthy church identifies and develops individuals whom God has called and given the gift of leadership and challenges them to be servant-leaders.

Ephesians 4:16, "From Him (Christ) the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

LIFE OF SERVICE – MATT 28:19

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”

7. An Outward Focus

The healthy church places high priority on communicating the truth of Jesus and demonstrating the love of Jesus to those outside the faith.

Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

8. Wise Administration & Accountability

The healthy church utilizes appropriate facilities, equipment, and systems to provide maximum support for the growth and development of its ministries.

Luke 16:11, "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"

9. Networking with the Body of Christ

The healthy church reaches out to others in the Body of Christ for collaboration, resource sharing, learning opportunities, and united celebrations of worship.

John 17:23, "May they (the church) be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

10. Stewardship & Generosity

The healthy church teaches its members that they are stewards of their God-given resources and challenges them to be sacrificially generous in sharing with others.

2 Corinthians 9:6, "Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."