



COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY SCAN

Is Our Church Ready?



Are we serious about planning a holistic (word and deed) community ministry?

Before any church begins a Community Opportunity Scan (COS) and any of the planning involved, it may help them to take stock of their congregation's views and skills involved in community ministry.

Please respond individually to the following as honestly as you can.

Your Church Council will review the responses to determine next steps.

Church Council Section

1. As a church, we know and believe that community ministry is an important responsibility of our congregation. (Your church's vision statement may help you answer this.)

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

2. Our church council as a group is motivated and wants to be involved in community ministry.

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

3. I personally support the efforts our congregation makes / will make to serve those in our community through holistic ministry, including conducting a Community Opportunity Scan.

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

4. Our church council has (or is expecting) the support of a large portion of our congregation to explore new opportunities for engaging our community.

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

5. Our church has the following **SKILLS** to do community ministry:

a. Willingness to partner with the community to enhance or develop new projects which are effective and well-planned.

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

b. Leadership (council) that involves and leads members of our congregation in community ministry

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

c. Support and encouragement for members of the congregation to do community ministry effectively

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

6. Our church members have the following characteristics and skills needed to do community ministry:

a. Humility and Listening skills

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

b. Counseling / mentoring / encouraging people to become more self-sufficient

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

Diaconate Section

1. Our church has an organizational structure (or 'system') in place which allows...:

a. Tangible opportunities to serve in our community to be identified.

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

b. Opportunities for service to be addressed effectively.

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

c. Any assistance offered to bring about sustainable change in peoples' lives, and not lead to dependency on the help provided.

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

d. Those being supported to take an active role in improving their circumstances, including considering ways to give back to the community

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

e. Us to partner with others in our community so that we can build on what God is already doing here (through other churches, agencies, clubs, etc)

Strongly disagree – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 – Strongly agree

