

One Size Doesn't Fit All

McIntosh Survey:

Determine if your church is a single cell, stretched cell, or multiple cell. Check the statements that seem to describe your church the best.

1. Most persons in my church know each other by name and have several opportunities to make contact beyond church.
2. Persons in my church know quite a few members but by no means all; there are a few opportunities to make contact outside of church.
3. Persons in my church know very few members beyond their class or particular group; they have almost no contact outside of church.
4. Most members of my church live near the church building or within easy driving distance. Most live in the same community or share a common geographical identity.
5. Some members live near my church and others live some distance away. A few people drive to church from other communities and pass several other churches along the way.
6. Few members live near my church and most drive in from other communities, passing lots of other churches. A large number of the members identify with communities other than where the church is located.
7. The church sees itself as an extended family where many people are related or have been friends for many years.
8. The church has experienced growth as newcomers have joined, but the leadership core of the church still comes predominantly from a few key families or individuals.
9. The church is composed of persons who have few family ties to other members, and the leadership core represents a broad range of people and groups within the church.
10. There are regular meals held for the entire church to celebrate friendship and family ties to other members.
11. There are meals held primarily for select groups in the church to plan, conduct business, or introduce newcomers to the church.

- _____ 12. There is an occasional meal, which is usually catered, held around large events for introducing new directions, such as building programs, or to honor people, such as volunteers.
- _____ 13. A few key people seem to hold most of the leadership positions, and decisions appear to be made somewhat informally.
- _____ 14. There are many newcomers working as volunteers or leading programs, but the core administrative board continues to be comprised of long-term trusted members; decisions seem to be made in committees or commissions.
- _____ 15. Leadership roles are distributed among many persons who represent several different groups in the church; decisions are made in formal settings, such as board meetings.
- _____ 16. Church workdays or projects are completed by the entire church, and a representative of each family is almost always on hand.
- _____ 17. Church projects are completed by small groups of persons but do not usually involve the entire church.
- _____ 18. Church projects are completed by paid personnel or by outside contractors.

Place an "X" in the box below corresponding to the questions you checked above.

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