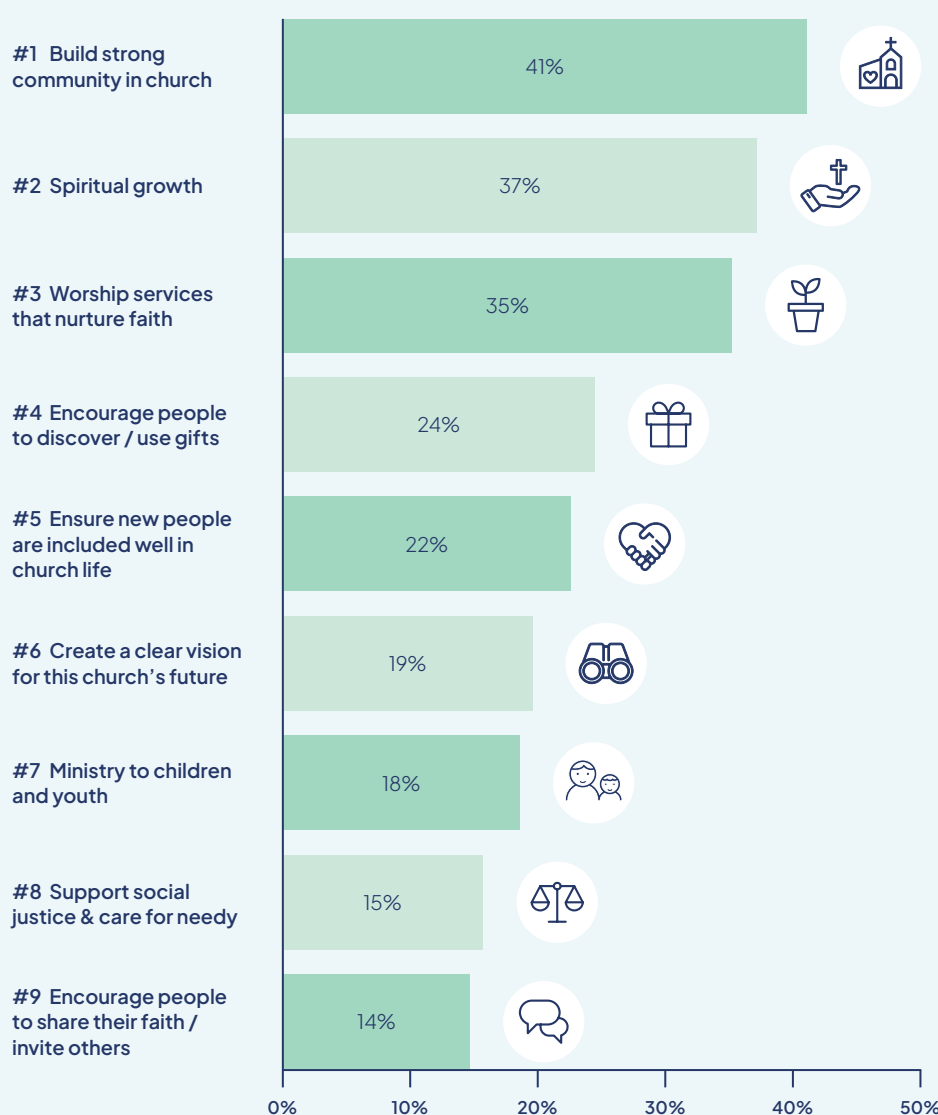


Highlights of the 2023 Church Life Survey New Zealand

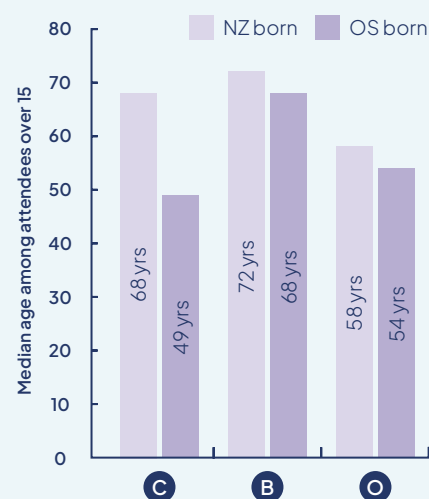
- C** Catholic
- B** Broad Protestant: Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Uniting
- O** Other Protestant: Baptist, CCCNZ, Confessing Anglicans, Independent, Salvation Army, Wesleyan Methodist
- Y** Young, 15–29 yrs **NZ** New Zealand
- M** Middle, 30–64 yrs **OS** Overseas
- S** Senior, 65+ yrs **Ch** Church

What do attendees want to prioritise next year?

Attendees could select 3 priorities

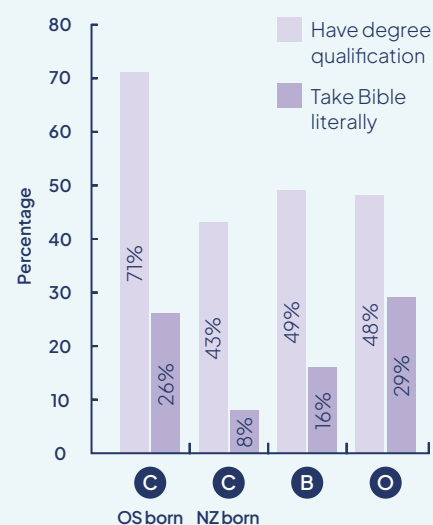


A church getting older revitalised by immigration



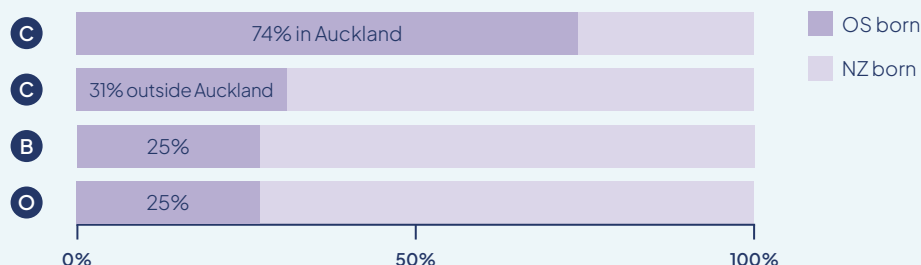
Highly educated but believing

95% believe Bible is the Word of God



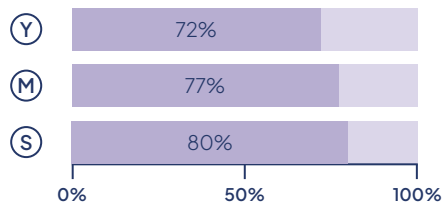
Ethnically diverse, particularly in Auckland

Māori underrepresented 4%
Pacific churches mostly did not participate 6%
Asian 21% / European and other 70%



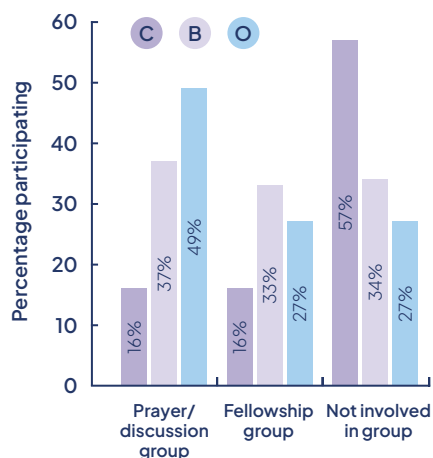


Sense of belonging is strong / growing or stable

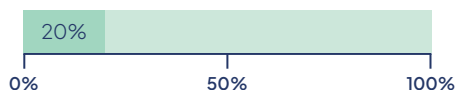


Mixed success with small group participation (%)

64% of 15–29 yr olds involved in groups



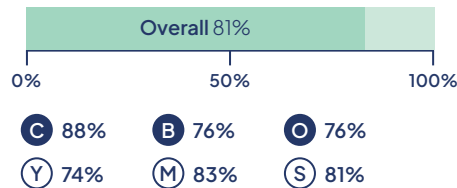
Look for opportunities to share their faith



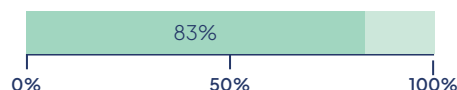
- 55% at ease to talk about faith if it comes up
- 73% have invited friends or family to church (34% in last year)



Feel sense of God's presence in church usually or nearly always



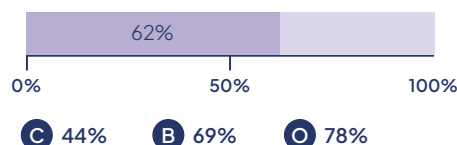
Feel church is resourcing my spiritual journey well



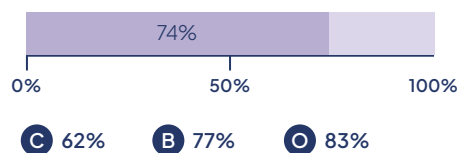
- 81% say sermon/homily is usually or nearly always helpful to my life
- 80% church is usually or nearly always helping me grow in understanding of God
- 63% feel usually or nearly always challenged to take action



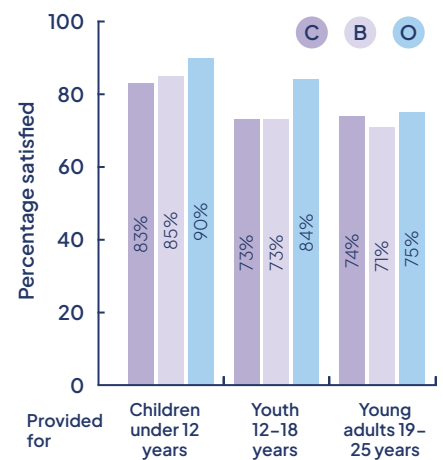
Church has clear vision / direction for ministry and mission and I am committed to it



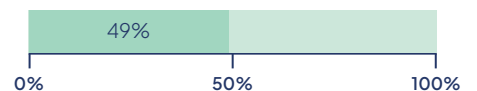
Fully or partly confident the church can achieve its vision / goals



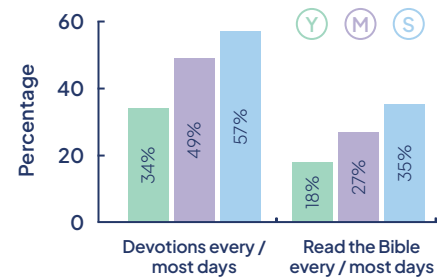
Partly satisfied with what is provided for young people



Feel much growth in Christian faith in last 12 months



Less frequent devotions and Bible reading in the young



Top aspects attendees value about their church – strong differences by denomination and age

Attendees could select 3 aspects

	C	B	O	Y	M	S		C	B	O	Y	M	S
#1 Sermons / preaching / Bible teaching (38%)	24	43	53	37	41	35	#6 Contemporary worship (17%)	14	18	21	17	18	17
#2 Communion (36%)	51	37	15	23	32	44	#7 Social activities (17%)	15	19	17	26	16	16
#3 Traditional worship (28%)	37	33	13	19	25	34	#8 Bible study and prayer groups (16%)	6	16	27	20	15	16
#4 Wider community care (27%)	25	26	30	26	28	25	#9 Children / youth ministry (13%)	9	11	19	23	16	6
#5 Practical care (21%)	15	25	25	14	19	25	#10 Openness to social diversity (13%)	17	11	10	17	15	10