



Dear Church,

## **It's time to complete and return your NCLS Surveys.**

Thank you for signing up to participate in the 2021 National Church Life Survey.

Despite the challenges of the past few years for churches, we're encouraged that over 3,000 churches—including yours—have signed up to take part in the National Church Life Survey.

*If you haven't already done so, it's time now to do the surveys and send them in!*

### **Even though it's 2022, it's still not too late to be part of the 2021 Survey!**

All survey kits were posted last year, with some churches starting the survey in November. However, because of Covid disruptions, we extended the survey period to allow more time for churches to participate.

Your church survey kit should have arrived and contains everything you need to run the surveys including surveys, a co-ordinators guide and other helpful information. More resources can be found online at <https://www.2021ncls.org.au/run-the-survey>

**Contact NCLS at [surveys@ncls.org.au](mailto:surveys@ncls.org.au) or phone the office (02) 9139 2525 if you have not received your kit.**

### **How to do the Survey with your congregation**

Taking part is easy. Your church attenders and leaders can do it on paper or online. If you haven't already done so, please arrange for the following surveys to be completed:

- Church attenders: Adult (15+) and Child (if requested)
- Leader Survey: for all ministry leaders including paid staff and volunteers
- Church Census: information about your church, to be completed by one person

*Please schedule time to do the surveys with your church attenders, staff teams and leadership groups in the next couple of weeks or as soon as possible.*

Please return any completed paper surveys as soon as possible in February and early March. The target date for churches to return their surveys is 31 March 2022.

### **Special note for Leaders**

The Leader Survey is an opportunity for you and your church leaders to take part in a significant personal reflective exercise and to be part of creating a national picture of church leaders. Please allow at least 90 minutes to complete the survey.

### **Complete and send your surveys back now**

*Please do your surveys now and send them back as soon as possible.* The National Church Life Survey provides you with a snapshot of your church's vitality and strengths, and helps you make effective decisions to connect with your community. We need your church's responses to add to the whole picture for your denomination or movement. You will also add to the broader picture of the national Christian church.

We value your participation and look forward to bringing you results that are relevant, current, and actionable.

Yours sincerely,



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**It is not too late for more churches to sign up at [2021ncls.org.au](https://2021ncls.org.au) or to order community surveys.**

**Send your completed paper surveys to Locked Bag 2113, North Ryde BC, NSW 1670**

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