Dear Church,

**Tips to increase your responses and have successful National Church Life Survey**

As churches across the country take part in the National Church Life Survey, we offer some resources and tips to help your church have a successful survey…

**Already returned survey? If your church has already completed and returned your surveys… thank you!  You don’t need to do anything further.**

**Yet to return surveys?**

Please return any paper survey forms in the envelopes provided as soon as possible.  *If your church only completed online surveys, you do not need to return anything.*

**Less responses than hoped?**

If your church has not received as many responses as hoped for **it is not too late to encourage more people to participate**. We want a good picture of your church life at this time. Even if you have sent back your surveys, you still have a few weeks to add more responses.

Here are some ways that you can remind and encourage more people to participate:

* Include a reminder announcement during your services and gatherings - there are resources on our website
* Continue to promote the survey in your newsletter or email newsletter - adding the QR code or web link is an easy way for people to access the survey even if they are unable to attend in person
* Make the survey available at services over a number of weeks for those who have not yet completed the survey
* Send out or deliver paper surveys to those people unable to attend services
* Use social media to promote the survey
* Share the video about the survey with your church

You can find resources that you can download and use to help you promote the survey on our website: [2021ncls.org.au/run-the-survey/attender-survey](https://www.2021ncls.org.au/run-the-survey/attender-survey/)

**Yet to complete the survey?**

There are great resources in the Survey Coordinator's Guide and on our website that can help you promote and run the survey here:  [2021ncls.org.au/run-the-survey](https://www.2021ncls.org.au/run-the-survey)

We suggest you announce the survey ahead of time, promote the date(s) widely and be well organised on the day.

Thank you again for your involvement in this national collaboration across churches. Please check out all of the resources in your Survey Kit and on our website [2021ncls.org.au](http://www.2021ncls.org.au) to help you and your church have a great survey experience.

If you need additional surveys, please email surveys@ncls.org.au or phone the office on (02) 9139 2525.

Yours sincerely,



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**It is not too late for more churches to sign up at 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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