



## The Leader Survey is a vital part of the 2021 NCLS

Dear church,

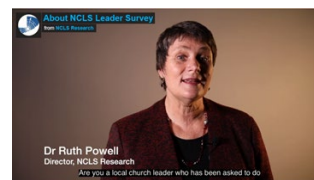
If you are one of the churches impacted by the significant floods and rain events in the past few weeks, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We acknowledge that you have important work to be doing in your local community at this time and anything related to the 2021 National Church Life Survey can be deferred to a later time.

**The Leader Survey is an important part of the 2021 National Church Life Survey.  
We want to share with you why it is important and some clues to getting it completed.**

In addition to the surveys for church attenders and children, the Leader Survey is a vital part of the project for you and other leaders from within your church to complete. The purpose of the Leader Survey is to support the development of effective and sustainable leadership in Christian ministry. We believe learning how to better support church leaders is essential to the ongoing health and vitality of churches in Australia.

[View video from Dr Ruth Powell about the Leader Survey](#)

We know that the survey is long and requires at least an hour and thoughtful reflection to complete. It is because of the significant value of the Leader Survey that we ask you and your team to invest this time – and it is only once every five years.



You don't have to do the Leader Survey in one sitting. We suggest you treat it as a reflective exercise and take the time to save and continue later.

We have invited all local church leaders –senior ministers, pastors, priests, and anyone in a significant position of ministry (staff or non-staff) – to complete the survey. We know some questions may be tricky if you are a lay leader. However, there are many churches where lay leaders are serving in roles that may be done by paid or ordained leaders elsewhere – and so we want to learn what we can about the experience of everyone.

All answers in the Leader Survey are strictly confidential and no individual results are released to denominations.

Thank you again for your involvement in this national collaboration across churches. You can find out more about running the Leader Survey here [www.2021ncls.org.au/run-the-survey/leader-survey/](http://www.2021ncls.org.au/run-the-survey/leader-survey/).

You can also find more resources in your Survey Kit and on our website [www.2021ncls.org.au](http://www.2021ncls.org.au) to help you and your church have a great survey experience.

Thank you to the increasing number of churches who have completed the 2021 NCLS, either online or returning your paper surveys to our logistics centre.

If you are yet to conduct or complete the survey, please continue your efforts and we ask that you aim to have it completed by our target completion date of 31 March 2022.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Powell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R'.

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