

**THE PRESBYTERIAN PANEL**  
**1001 NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES**  
**FEBRUARY 2014**  
**Survey Questions and Responses**

	<b>Members</b>	<b>Ruling Elders</b>	<b>Teaching Elders</b>
Number of survey invitations sent .....	480	859	1045
Number of surveys completed .....	253	447	591‡
Response rate .....	52%	52%	56%
‡ 416 pastors; 175 specialized ministers			

**A New Worshiping Community is:**

*New:*

- Taking on varied forms of church for our changing culture
- Seeking to make and form new disciples of Jesus Christ

*Worshipping:*

- Gathered by the Spirit to meet Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament
- Sent by the Spirit to join God’s mission for the transformation of the world

*Community:*

- Practicing mutual care and accountability
- Developing sustainability in leadership and finances

<b>Familiarity with the 1001 NWC Initiative</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Ruling Elders</b>	<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Specialized Ministers</b>
Q1. At the 2012 General Assembly, PC(USA) leaders encouraged Presbyterians to create 1,001 new worshiping communities (NWCs) between 2012 and 2022. The definition of a “worshiping community” is deliberately broad, to include traditional new church developments and also immigrant fellowships, house churches, and a variety of other possibilities, including experimental ones. Were you previously aware of this “1001 New Worshiping Communities” (1001 NWC) initiative?				
Yes .....	13%	33%	90%	69%
No ———→ <i>(If filled in, skip to Q6)</i> .....	81%	61%	8%	29%
Not sure —→ <i>(If filled in, skip to Q6)</i> .....	6%	6%	2%	2%
Q2. If yes, how familiar are you with this 1001 New Worshiping Communities (1001 NWC) initiative?				
	n=34	n=147	n=372	n=120
Very familiar .....	3%	4%	22%	21%
Familiar .....	29%	29%	40%	33%
A little familiar .....	68%	67%	38%	47%

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	Members	Ruling Elders	Pastors	Specialized Ministers
Q3. Which of the following have helped you become more familiar with the 1001 NWC initiative? ( <i>Fill in all that apply.</i> )	n=34	n=147	n=372	n=120
	◆	◆	◆	◆
1001 NWC videos.....	3%	8%	21%	19%
1001 NWC website.....	6%	3%	17%	19%
2012 General Assembly.....	12%	18%	34%	34%
A previous Panel survey.....	15%	28%	7%	12%
Big Tent event.....	—	2%	5%	8%
Bulletin insert.....	—	10%	5%	4%
Camp or retreat.....	—	1%	1%	2%
Evangelism and Church Growth Conference.....	—	3%	5%	5%
Facebook.....	3%	2%	11%	7%
“Get in the Game” event at a presbytery.....	—	2%	4%	2%
Guest speaker at a congregation.....	9%	4%	4%	3%
News story.....	6%	11%	37%	25%
PC(USA) website.....	12%	17%	43%	33%
Presbytery meeting.....	21%	32%	54%	51%
The <i>Starting New Churches</i> resource, available in both print and downloadable formats.....	3%	1%	9%	8%
Starting New Worshiping Communities workshop.....	—	2%	4%	3%
Synod meeting.....	—	—	2%	1%
<i>The following are coded from written responses:</i>				
<i>Presbyterians Today</i> magazine.....	9%	3%	2%	—
PC(USA) staff or leadership.....	—	1%	3%	4%
Friends, family, colleagues, and/or acquaintances.....	3%	1%	5%	8%
Through church.....	12%	6%	1%	2%
Other conference or gathering.....	—	1%	1%	4%
Through presbytery, more generally.....	3%	4%	3%	5%
Other ( <i>please specify</i> ):.....	3%	1%	5%	5%
Not sure/Don’t remember.....	21%	15%	4%	4%

### Awareness of New Worshiping Communities

Q4. Please list the name, city, state, presbytery, and leader for each PC(USA) new worshiping community you are familiar with:

[Listed NWCs tabulated separately]

[Percentage of respondents that listed at least one NWC]:

	n=34	n=147	n=372	n=120
Listed at least one NWC.....	15%	13%	35%	35%
Did not list any NWC’s.....	85%	87%	65%	65%

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Q5. In the past year, have you had any of the following connections or experiences with a PC(USA) new worshipping community (NWC)? ( <i>Fill in all that apply.</i> )	n=34	n=147	n=372	n=120
	◆	◆	◆	◆
A close friend or family member attends a NWC.....	3%	4%	9%	9%
Given a financial donation directly to one or more NWCs.....	—	4%	8%	6%
Prayed for one or more NWCs.....	9%	9%	28%	16%
Regularly attended one or more NWCs.....	—	1%	3%	3%
Helped one or more NWCs in some other way (such as serving on a support committee, helping them develop a class or event, leading a class or event, helping them design or carry out a worship service, helping them with another ministry, etc.).....	—	6%	14%	13%
Other ( <i>please specify</i> ): .....	3%	3%	9%	9%
I haven't had any connections or experiences with a PC(USA) NWC in the past year.....	88%	81%	64%	70%

### Partnering with NWCs

Q6. Is your congregation involved in any way with a new worshipping community?				
Yes .....	11%	10%	14%	15%
No —————→ ( <i>If filled in, skip to Q9</i> ).....	43%	66%	79%	53%
Not sure —→ ( <i>If filled in, skip to Q9</i> ).....	45%	24%	3%	11%
I am not part of a congregation —→ ( <i>If filled in, skip to Q11</i> ).....	1%	1%	4%	21%

Q7. If yes, in which of the following ways is your congregation involved? ( <i>Fill in all that apply.</i> )	n=28	n=43	n=57	n=27
	◆	◆	◆	◆
Participates in events intentionally organized to build relationships between the church and new worshipping community .....	48%	40%	47%	42%
Partners in service work with the new worshipping community (local or international missions, volunteering, activism, etc.).....	41%	40%	42%	27%
Provides financial support.....	41%	40%	61%	42%
Provides session oversight.....	7%	26%	30%	12%
Shares its staff.....	15%	16%	19%	15%
Shares office space.....	11%	5%	23%	19%
Shares space for studies/small groups.....	30%	28%	35%	23%
Shares worship space.....	33%	35%	28%	42%
Shares other resources with them besides money, staff, or space (i.e., musical instruments, Bibles, other print materials, etc.) .....	15%	19%	37%	19%
We pray for one another .....	41%	49%	65%	54%
Other ( <i>please specify</i> ): .....	19%	9%	21%	15%

Q8. How much, if any, has your congregation's relationship with the NWC:	n=28	n=43	n=57	n=27
a. Energized your congregation?				
Very much .....	4%	5%	25%	19%
Somewhat .....	36%	23%	27%	23%
Slightly .....	25%	40%	32%	23%
Not at all.....	21%	18%	9%	12%
Don't know/No opinion.....	14%	15%	7%	23%

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Q8. How much, if any, has your congregation's relationship with the NWC:				
[cont]	n=28	n=43	n=57	n=27
b. Helped your congregation to grow numerically?				
Very much .....	—	—	9%	4%
Somewhat .....	11%	8%	11%	12%
Slightly .....	18%	15%	16%	12%
Not at all .....	50%	60%	54%	46%
Don't know/No opinion.....	21%	18%	11%	27%
c. Increased your congregation's engagement with the community?				
	n=28	n=43	n=57	n=27
Very much .....	11%	2%	21%	12%
Somewhat .....	36%	32%	20%	31%
Slightly .....	29%	29%	30%	8%
Not at all .....	14%	24%	16%	23%
Don't know/No opinion.....	11%	12%	13%	27%

### Level of Support for Partnering with NWCs

Q9. If your congregation were to partner with a NWC, do you expect that you would do each of the following? (If your congregation currently partners with a NWC, answer based on whether you have done each of the following.)				
a. Include the NWC in my personal prayers				
	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Yes.....	70%	78%	91%	83%
No .....	12%	7%	3%	8%
Not sure .....	18%	14%	5%	10%
b. Make a personal financial contribution to support the NWC				
	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Yes.....	18%	27%	43%	39%
No .....	35%	28%	16%	21%
Not sure .....	47%	45%	41%	40%
c. Make a personal commitment to attend services at the NWC				
	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Yes.....	18%	29%	38%	36%
No .....	32%	25%	31%	25%
Not sure .....	50%	46%	31%	39%
d. Make a personal commitment to help the NWC in some other way (such as serving on a support committee, helping them develop a class or event, helping them design or carry out a worship service, helping them with another ministry, etc.)				
	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Yes.....	24%	37%	66%	50%
No .....	27%	19%	11%	17%
Not sure .....	49%	44%	23%	33%

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Q10. How supportive would you be if your congregation was to partner with a NWC in each of the following ways? (If it already partners with a NWC in any of these ways, answer about how supportive you are of this type of partnership.)

a. Allowing the NWC <b>at no cost</b> to use part of your congregation's building for worship space when your congregation does not normally meet for worship	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Very supportive .....	35%	45%	58%	65%
Somewhat supportive .....	27%	27%	21%	18%
Slightly supportive .....	16%	13%	7%	3%
Not at all supportive .....	8%	6%	5%	2%
Don't know/no opinion .....	14%	10%	9%	12%
b. Allowing the NWC <b>at no cost</b> to use some part of your congregation's building for office space	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Very supportive .....	20%	27%	42%	47%
Somewhat supportive .....	23%	26%	25%	25%
Slightly supportive .....	21%	17%	12%	6%
Not at all supportive .....	16%	15%	10%	4%
Don't know/no opinion .....	21%	15%	11%	19%
c. Allowing the NWC <b>at no cost</b> to use some part of your congregation's building for small groups and/or meetings during the week	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Very supportive .....	36%	44%	60%	67%
Somewhat supportive .....	24%	27%	23%	16%
Slightly supportive .....	13%	13%	6%	4%
Not at all supportive .....	11%	5%	4%	2%
Don't know/no opinion .....	16%	10%	8%	11%
d. Sharing space with the NWC if the NWC <b>paid rent</b> to use space in your congregation's building	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Very supportive .....	33%	41%	49%	53%
Somewhat supportive .....	23%	24%	21%	22%
Slightly supportive .....	15%	12%	10%	4%
Not at all supportive .....	8%	11%	8%	5%
Don't know/no opinion .....	21%	13%	12%	16%
e. Sharing your congregation's pastor with the NWC <b>at no cost</b> to the NWC	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Very supportive .....	13%	11%	25%	19%
Somewhat supportive .....	18%	18%	25%	24%
Slightly supportive .....	22%	25%	21%	21%
Not at all supportive .....	25%	29%	13%	14%
Don't know/no opinion .....	23%	18%	17%	22%

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Q10. How supportive would you be if your congregation was to partner with a NWC in each of the following ways? (If [cont] *it already partners with a NWC in any of these ways, answer about how supportive you are of this type of partnership.*)

f. Sharing other staff in your congregation with the NWC *at no cost* to the NWC

	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Very supportive .....	12%	9%	21%	22%
Somewhat supportive .....	18%	18%	23%	27%
Slightly supportive .....	21%	25%	21%	19%
Not at all supportive .....	26%	29%	13%	10%
Don't know/no opinion .....	23%	18%	23%	23%

g. Sharing your congregation's pastor or other staff with the NWC if the NWC *paid part of their salaries*

	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Very supportive .....	20%	17%	31%	31%
Somewhat supportive .....	18%	27%	24%	25%
Slightly supportive .....	21%	19%	16%	13%
Not at all supportive .....	17%	21%	10%	13%
Don't know/no opinion .....	24%	16%	19%	18%

h. Setting aside a portion of your congregation's budget to support the NWC for a two-year period

	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Very supportive .....	8%	7%	18%	32%
Somewhat supportive .....	17%	22%	26%	21%
Slightly supportive .....	19%	22%	26%	21%
Not at all supportive .....	34%	28%	12%	8%
Don't know/no opinion .....	22%	21%	18%	18%

i. Including the NWC in regular prayers

	n=249	n=441	n=398	n=139
Very supportive .....	55%	62%	77%	78%
Somewhat supportive .....	14%	17%	12%	13%
Slightly supportive .....	10%	7%	3%	1%
Not at all supportive .....	5%	3%	2%	1%
Don't know/no opinion .....	16%	10%	5%	7%

### Opinions about the 1001 NWC Initiative

Q11. How realistic is the goal for Presbyterians to create 1,001 new worshipping communities between 2012 and 2022? (Note that about 200 new worshipping communities have been formed between 2012 and early 2014.)

Very realistic .....	4%	5%	12%	15%
Realistic .....	33%	38%	44%	43%
Not too realistic .....	36%	35%	25%	24%
Not at all realistic .....	5%	6%	9%	7%
Not sure .....	22%	16%	9%	12%

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Q12. How important is the creation of new worshiping communities for reaching the next generation of Presbyterians?

Essential .....	15%	25%	49%	45%
Important.....	43%	41%	30%	32%
Somewhat important.....	25%	19%	12%	17%
Not important.....	3%	4%	4%	1%
Not sure.....	14%	12%	4%	5%

Q13. In your opinion, how effective an evangelism tool is the creation of new worshiping communities?

Very effective.....	5%	10%	25%	19%
Effective.....	31%	29%	36%	32%
Somewhat effective.....	34%	30%	22%	27%
Not effective.....	5%	7%	7%	5%
Not sure.....	25%	23%	10%	17%

Q14. Suppose you had \$100 to donate to help existing congregations, start new worshiping communities, or both. Indicate how you would split that amount between the two options:

Assistance to existing congregations

\$0.....	7%	7%	17%	13%
\$1-25.....	3%	6%	15%	14%
\$26-50.....	36%	42%	36%	42%
\$51-75.....	20%	19%	14%	12%
\$76-99.....	15%	9%	9%	8%
\$100.....	20%	18%	9%	11%
Mean.....	\$64.00	\$60.00	\$47.00	\$50.00
Median.....	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00

Development of new congregations or other new worshiping communities

\$0.....	20%	18%	9%	11%
\$1-25.....	24%	21%	20%	17%
\$26-50.....	43%	44%	35%	38%
\$51-75.....	6%	8%	13%	15%
\$76-99.....	1%	3%	6%	7%
\$100.....	7%	7%	17%	13%
Mean.....	\$36.00	\$40.00	\$53.00	\$50.00
Median.....	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00

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Q15. In general, what part of the PC(USA) is *best* equipped to start new worshiping communities? (*Fill in only one.*)

The Presbyterian Mission Agency (the national mission and ministry agency of the PC(USA), formerly called the General Assembly Mission Council) .....	◆	◆	◆	◆
Synods.....	22%	15%	3%	9%
Presbyteries.....	2%	3%	*	1%
Seminaries.....	29%	44%	38%	41%
Existing congregations.....	5%	4%	2%	3%
Individual Presbyterians.....	32%	27%	42%	33%
Other ( <i>please specify</i> ):.....	8%	8%	17%	16%
Not sure/Don't know [volunteered] .....	2%	2%	2%	5%
	3%	3%	1%	—

[Note: Although Q15 asked respondents to choose only one response, multiple responses were accepted when checked on paper surveys. The web version did not allow for multiple responses. ]

### Opinions about Different Forms of Church

Q16. In general, do you think that young adults are more likely or less likely to participate in a congregation that meets in a typical church building, as compared to a congregation that meets in a coffee shop, bar, or other location not normally associated with church and worship?

Much more likely to participate in a congregation that meets in a typical church building.....	9%	9%	3%	4%
Somewhat more likely to participate in a congregation that meets in a typical church building.....	23%	20%	13%	12%
Neither more likely nor less likely to participate in a congregation that meets in a typical church building.....	43%	38%	46%	44%
Somewhat less likely to participate in a congregation that meets in a typical church building.....	19%	27%	28%	29%
Much less likely to participate in a congregation that meets in a typical church building.....	5%	5%	10%	11%

Q17. In general, do you think that young people are more likely or less likely to participate in a congregation that uses traditional church language and music, compared to a congregation that uses language and music more typical of the larger culture?

Much more likely to participate in a congregation that uses traditional church language and music .....	5%	5%	2%	1%
Somewhat more likely to participate in a congregation that uses traditional church language and music .....	19%	13%	9%	8%
Neither more likely nor less likely to participate in a congregation that uses traditional church language and music .....	27%	28%	38%	31%
Somewhat less likely to participate in a congregation that uses traditional church language and music .....	39%	39%	36%	45%
Much less likely to participate in a congregation that uses traditional church language and music .....	10%	15%	15%	16%

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Q18. In general, do you think that new immigrants are more likely or less likely to participate in an established American congregation, as opposed to a new worshiping community that reflects their language and culture?

Much more likely to participate in an established American congregation .....	4%	4%	3%	3%
Somewhat more likely to participate in an established American congregation .....	8%	7%	6%	6%
Neither more likely nor less likely to participate in an established American congregation .....	20%	16%	13%	11%
Somewhat less likely to participate in an established American congregation .....	46%	37%	38%	42%
Much less likely to participate in an established American congregation .....	23%	36%	39%	38%

**Other Types of PC(USA) Faith Communities**

Q19. Are you aware of any PC(USA)-affiliated faith communities that are not currently chartered PC(USA) congregations *and* that do not identify themselves as part of the 1001 NWC initiative? (This could include worshiping communities, immigrant fellowships, Bible study fellowships, and new church developments.)

Yes .....	2%	3%	9%	10%
No ———→ (If filled in, skip to Q20).....	73%	79%	75%	71%
Not sure → (If filled in, skip to Q20).....	25%	19%	16%	20%

Q19a. If yes, please list the name, city, state, presbytery, and leader of each of these PC(USA)-affiliated faith communities: *(Please provide as much of this information as you can.)*

[Tabulated separately]

Q20. Please use the space below for any additional comments about the 1001 NWC initiative or new worshiping communities in general.

[Tabulated separately]

Responses received from:

Paper .....	72%	56%	34%	46%
Web.....	28%	44%	66%	54%

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