

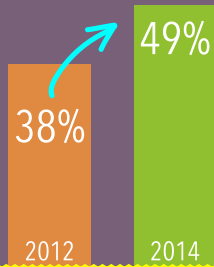
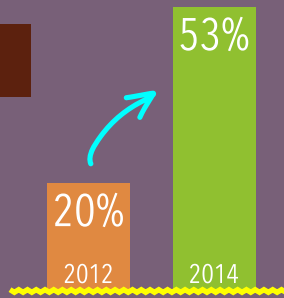
1001 initiative is a hit!

SURVEY ON THE NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE



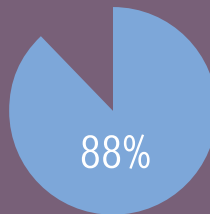
BUILDING MOMENTUM

In 2012, only 20% of survey participants had heard of the 1001 Worshiping Communities initiative. In just two years, this awareness grew to 53%.



As the 1001 initiative builds steam, a growing number see its goal—creating 1,001 new worshiping communities in 10 years—as realistic.

Survey participants strongly believe the 1001 initiative is an important way to reach the next generation of Presbyterians.



Congregations actively involved with new worshiping communities have overwhelmingly found that their churches have been **ENERGIZED** and **BETTER ENGAGED IN THEIR COMMUNITY**.

If you hear people using terms like *innovative* and *creative* to describe Presbyterians, don't do a double take. The denomination's 1001 New Worshiping Communities initiative, which seeks to empower Presbyterians to start 1,001 new worshiping communities in 10 years, has been inspiring the imaginations of Presbyterians nationwide. And research shows that awareness of the initiative, which was approved at the 220th General Assembly (2012), is growing.

The 1001 initiative is responsible not only for encouraging the development of new communities but also for transforming existing Presbyterian congregations. In particular, established congregations that partner with new worshiping communities—spiritually, financially, and relationally—are discovering a new passion for ministry and developing a stronger presence in the community. In turn, these budding ministries discover—in established congregations' breadth of experience and love—a vital support system.

By becoming part of the 1001 initiative, Presbyterians gain structure and support as they discern new ways to share the love of Christ with others. If you or your congregation is interested in becoming involved in this initiative, visit the 1001 website at onethousandone.org. There you will find stories of new worshiping communities, identify resources to help you with your mission, and locate other new worshiping communities in your area.

In addition, each issue of *Presbyterians Today* features a new worshiping community. Just flip to the Spotlight department.

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