

# Church Life Profile

Berg-En-Dal (Bloemfontein) Dutch Reformed Church

The people of this local church...

## Most VALUE:



Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching



Sharing in Holy Communion/the Eucharist/Lord's Supper



Traditional style of worship or music



Ministry to children or youth



## Want to give ATTENTION to:



Encouraging people here to discover/use their gifts



Ensuring new people are included



Building a sense of community



Don't know



*Note: Attenders could select up to three options so percentages may not add up to 100%.*

# The People of This Church



## DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



59% of all people are female and 41% are male

61% of all people have a university degree



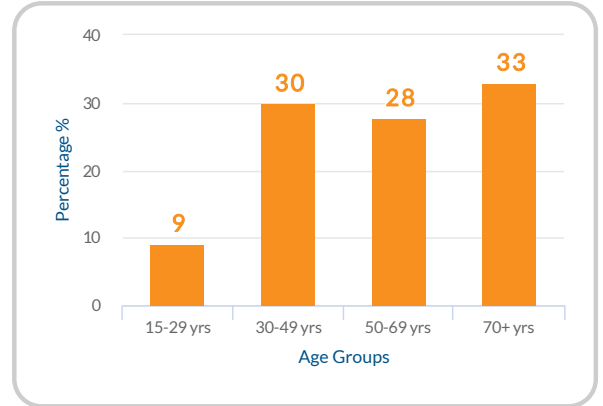
18% have a trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma



22% have primary or secondary school education



The AVERAGE AGE of people is 56 years



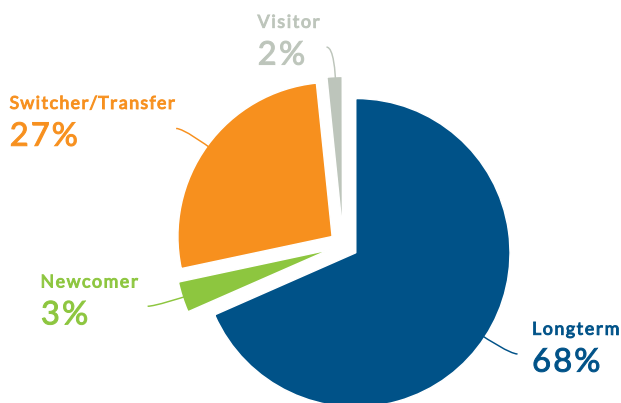
The language most commonly spoken at home by attenders is Afrikaans (98%)

Race of attenders in this church %

White	97
Black	0
Asian	0
Coloured	1
Other	0
Not applicable	2



## CHURCH BACKGROUND and ATTENDANCE



31% of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past five years.

93% attend church worship services at least monthly



Estimated CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

538 in 2013

477 in 2018

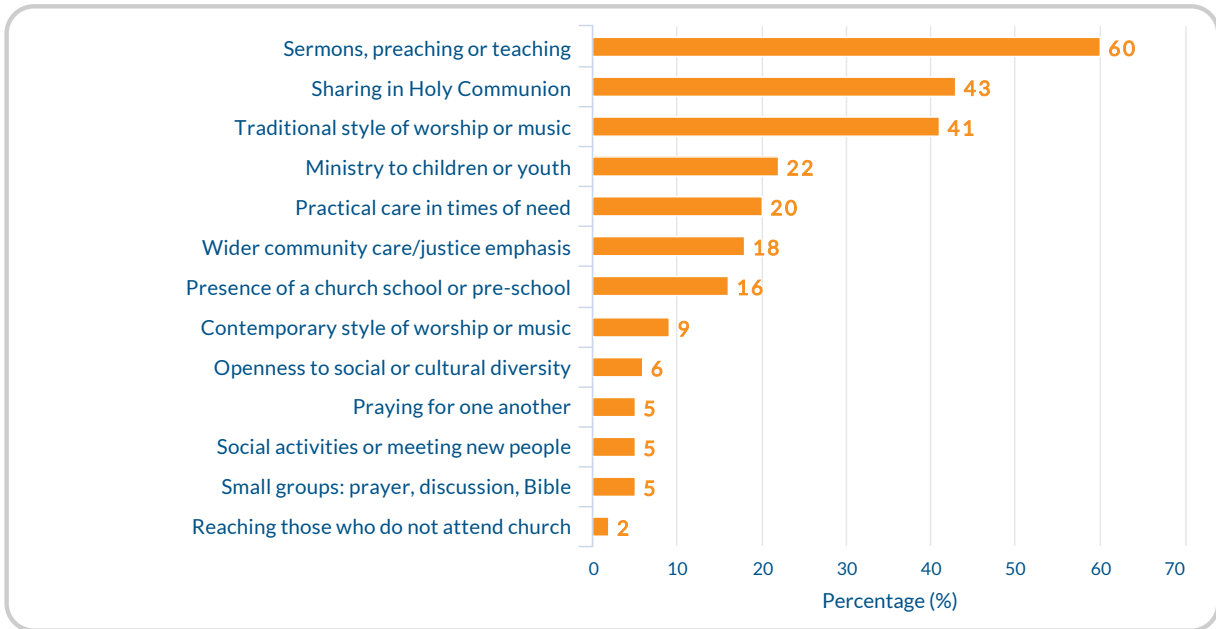
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# What People Value and Prioritise



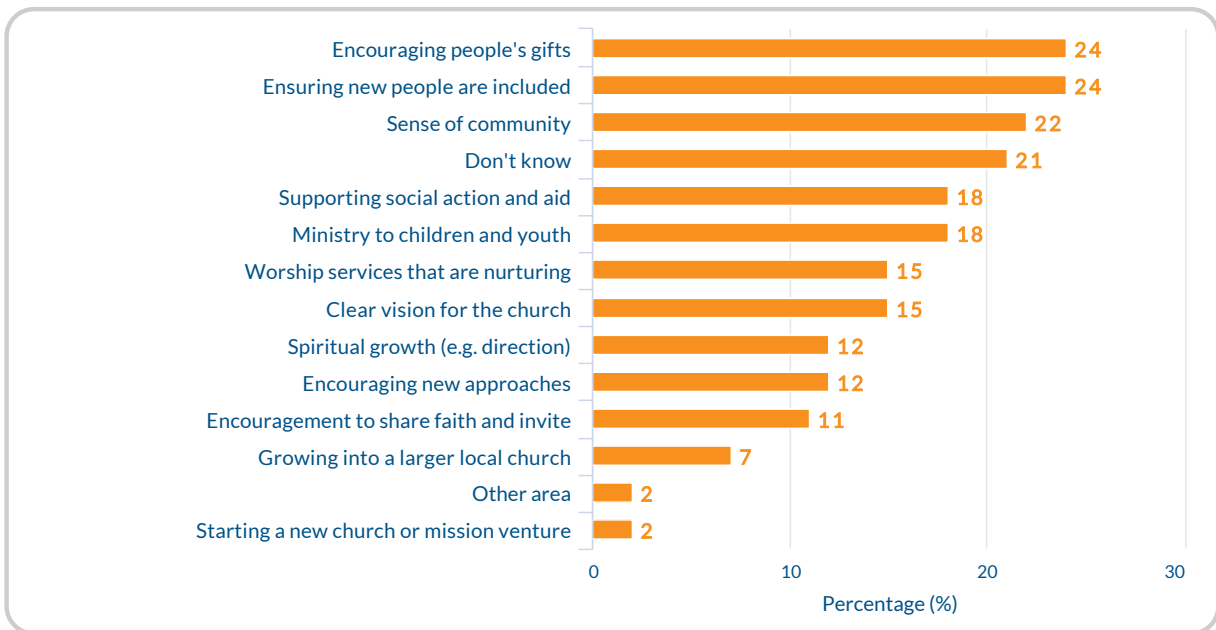
## WHAT PEOPLE VALUE ABOUT THIS CHURCH

Attendees of this local church most value 'Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching' and 'Sharing in Holy Communion/the Eucharist/Lord's Supper'



## FUTURE PRIORITIES

Over the next 12 months most attendees would like priority given to: 'Encouraging people here to discover/use their gifts' and 'Ensuring new people are included'.



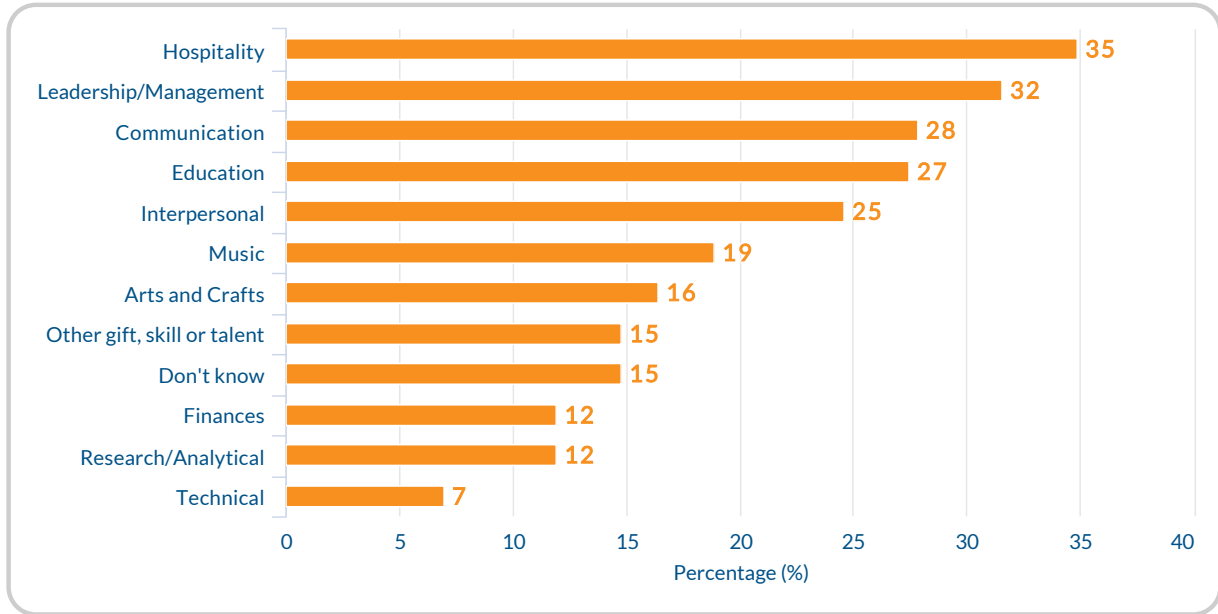


# People's Gifts and Skills



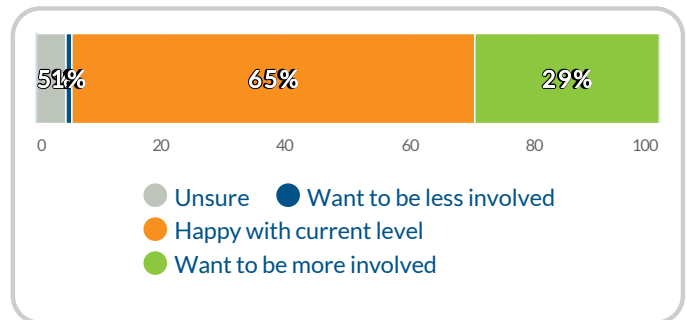
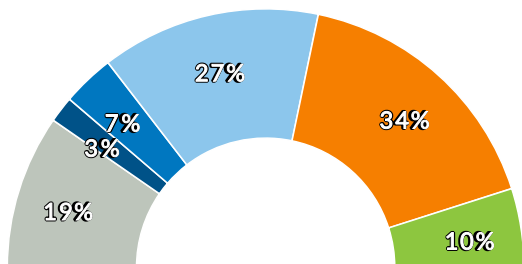
## USE OF GIFTS and SKILLS

Attendees most commonly identified their gifts or skills as "Hospitality: welcome, host, provide food" and "Leadership/Management: lead, manage, plan, organise"



**43%** of attendees agree that their GIFTS, SKILLS AND TALENTS ARE BEING USED WELL at this local church

**29%** want to be MORE INVOLVED at this local church



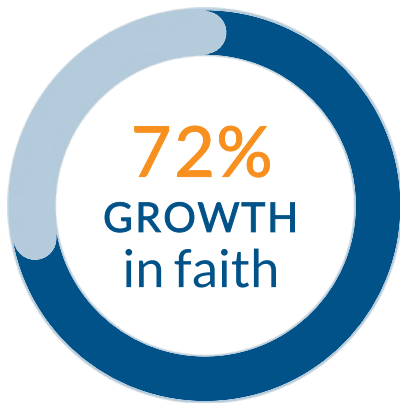
- Don't Know
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral/Unsure
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

# How People Relate to God

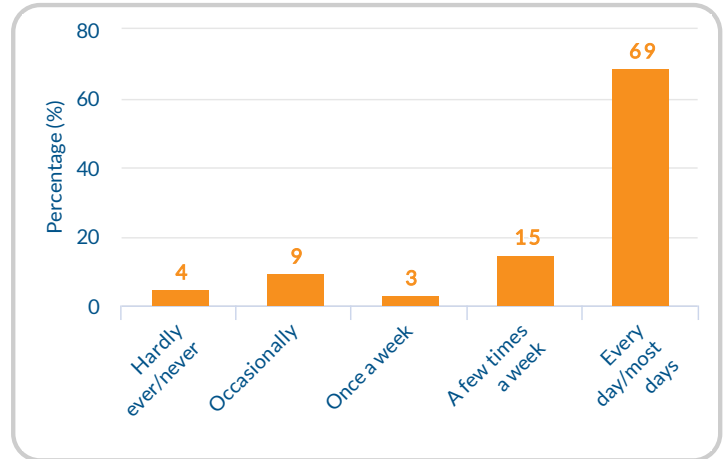


## PERSONAL FAITH

**72%** of attenders said that they had experienced much **GROWTH IN FAITH** in the previous 12 months



**69%** spend time in **PRAYER, BIBLE READING, MEDITATION** every day or most days



## IMPORTANCE of GOD in people's lives:

"God is more important to me than almost anything else" **20%**

"God is the most important reality in my life" **76%**



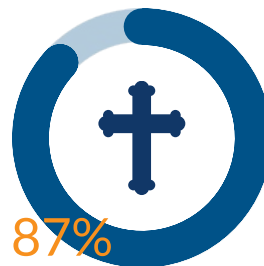
## CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES

During church worship services here, attenders always or usually experience:

**MUSIC**  
they appreciate



**GROWTH**  
in understanding of God



Being challenged to  
**TAKE ACTION**



# How People Relate to Each Other

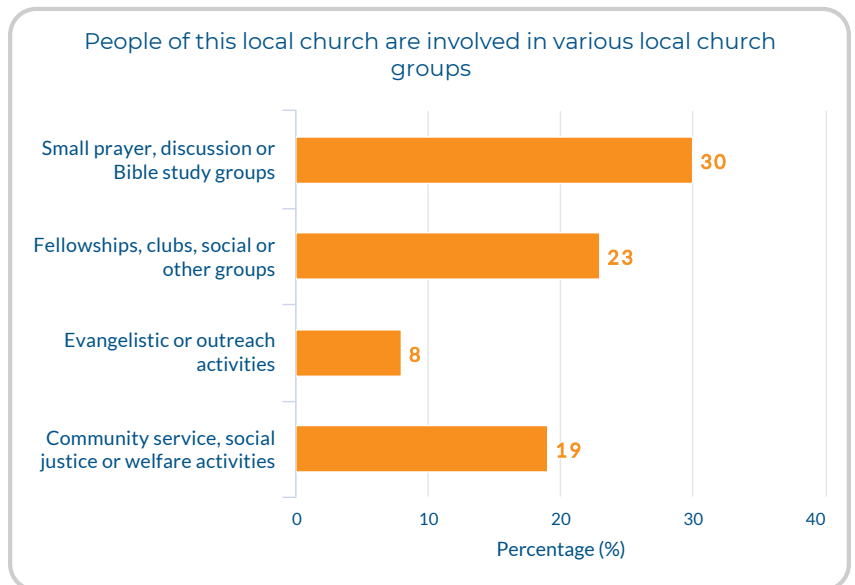


## BELONGING and INVOLVEMENT



**83%** of people have a strong sense of belonging to this local church

**70%** found it easy to make friends within this local church



## SATISFACTION with LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

People shared how satisfied they are with what is offered by this local church:

For their own age

**82%**

For children aged under 12 years

**74%**

For youth aged 12 to 18 years

**65%**



**SATISFIED**

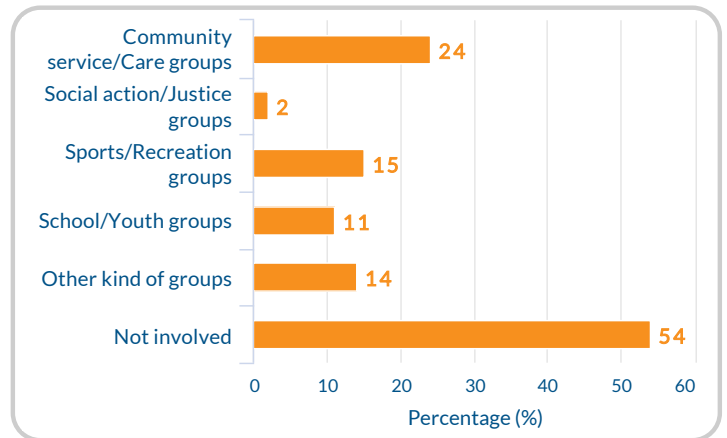
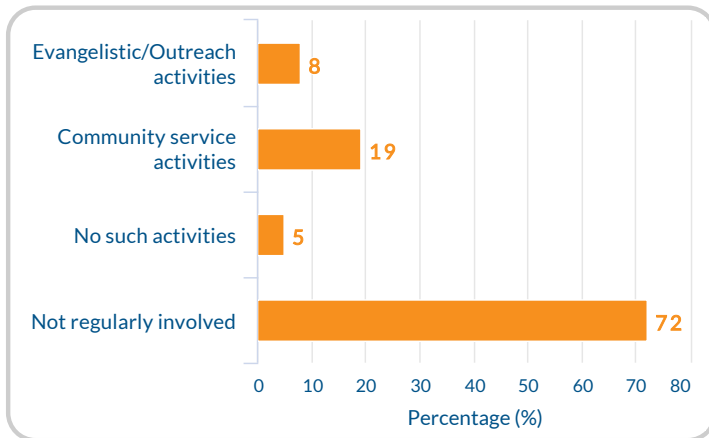
# How People Relate to the Wider Community



## INVOLVEMENT IN GROUPS

**24%** of people reach out to the wider community through activities of this local church

**46%** of people participate in wider community groups



Note: Attenders could choose more than one option, so percentages will not add to 100%



## WORDS and ACTIONS

**13%** feel at ease TALKING ABOUT FAITH with others and look for opportunities to do so



**31%** INVITED friends and relatives to a church service in this last year



Attenders have made OFFERS OF HELP to others in a range of informal ways



Informal action in last 12 months	%
Visited someone in hospital	55
Donated money to a charitable organisation	50
Helped someone through a personal crisis (not sickness)	49
Given some of your possessions to someone in need	47
Cared for someone who was very sick	36
Lent or gave money to someone outside your family	33
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	9
Contacted a parliamentarian/councillor on a public issue	7

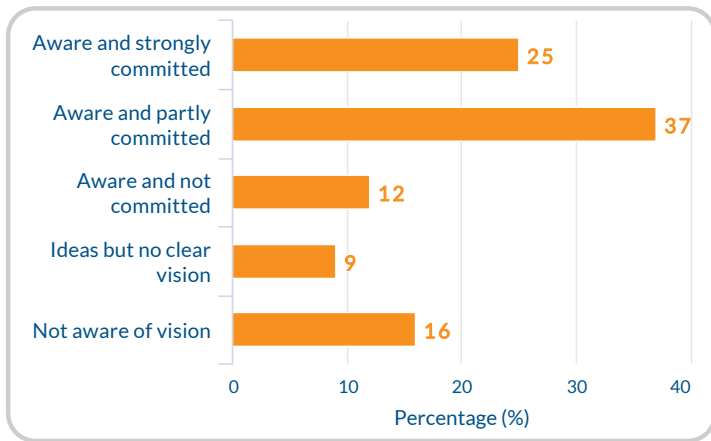


# Vision, Innovation and Leadership Culture

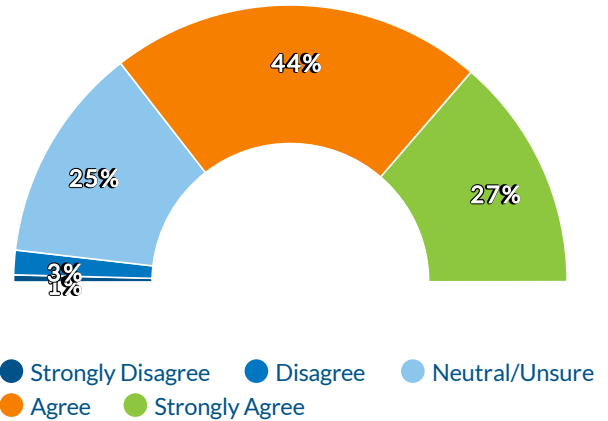


## VISION and INNOVATION

**25%** of people are both aware of and strongly COMMITTED TO THE VISION and goals or directions for this local church



**71%** agree that they would SUPPORT the development of new initiatives in the ministry and mission of this local church

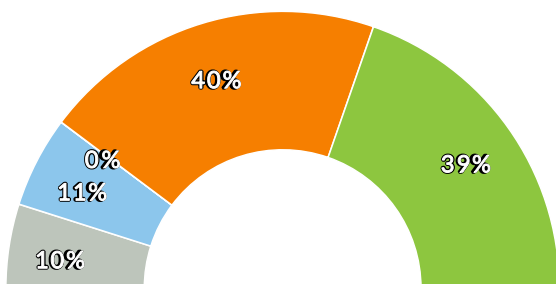


**57%** agree that this local church is always ready to TRY SOMETHING NEW



## LEADERSHIP CULTURE

**39%** are fully confident that this local church CAN ACHIEVE THE VISION, goals or directions set



Legend: Vision Not Clear (Grey), Don't Know (Light Blue), Not Confident (Dark Blue), Partly Confident (Orange), Fully Confident (Green)

**30%** of attenders perform a LEADERSHIP OR MINISTRY ROLE

**87%** agree that this local church has good and CLEAR SYSTEMS for how it operates

### Attenders agree:

**49%** Leaders encourage me to find and use my gifts and skills to a great or some extent

**69%** Leaders take into account ideas of people here to a great or some extent

**68%** Leaders here inspire me to action