

Circle of Strengths

Core Qualities Overview

Over 30 years of research in Australian churches, the NCLS has highlighted key indicators for each of the nine Core Qualities of church health and vitality. This Circle of Strengths is a simple 'broad brush' view of your church's survey results in each Core Quality of church life.

A single indicator of responses has been chosen for each Core Quality area. The order of the Core Qualities in the Circle of Strengths is based on ranking the indicator scores from highest to lowest.



Headline Indicators

In Rank Order	Quality	Indicator	Score out of 10
1	Worship	Always experience inspiration in church worship services	9.6
2	Faith	Much growth in faith in the past year, through this church	8.0
3	Innovation	Strongly agree this church is always ready to try something new	7.6
4	Service	Number of different ways attenders have helped others in the last 12 months	6.0
5	Vision	Aware of and strongly committed to the vision of this church	5.0
6	Faith Sharing	Have invited someone in the last 12 months	4.3
7	Belonging	Sense of belonging is strong and growing	4.2
8	Inclusion	Attenders certain they would follow up someone drifting from church	4.0
9	Leadership Culture	Agree that leaders encourage attenders to find their gifts and skills to a great extent	3.4

How do these scores work?

For each indicator question the percentage of the people in the church who selected a given response is converted into a score between 1 and 10. A score of 5 is the average across a representative sample of Australian local churches. See more at ncls.org.au/church-vitality