

Olivet Congregational Survey Results

Thank you to all who completed the Congregational Survey. The results are important in helping guide the Olivet Church Leadership in addressing the many issues associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The results shown below are those of that responded to the survey. **(Note: Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number)**

1. Before the closure of Olivet in-person services due to COVID-19, did you regularly attend worship services at Olivet? 43 Responses

Yes.....	91%
No.....	7%
No Answer.....	2%

2. What is your age? 43 Responses

Less than 18.....	0%
18 to 29.....	0%
30 to 49.....	2%
50 to 69.....	26%
70+.....	66%
No Answer.....	6%

3. Since in-person services stopped, have you been watching Olivet services online through Facebook or YouTube? 42 Responses

Yes.....	88%
No.....	12%

4. If you did not watch services online, what is the reason? 6 Responses (One response was written)

Do not have access to the internet.....	33%
I have access to the internet but do not have a device.....	0%
I have a device but do not choose to watch or do not know how to use Facebook or YouTube...	33%
Other.....	33%

5A. If you have been watching services online, what device do you use? 34 Responses- **Some responded they used more than one device.**

Smartphone.....	18%
Tablet.....	29%
Laptop Computer...	32%
Desktop Computer...	21%
Smart TV.....	32%

5B. Which streaming service do you use to view the service?

34 Responses

Facebook.....	12%
YouTube.....	62%
Have Used Both.....	26%

6. After reading the "OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP," how DO you feel about attending in-person services at Olivet if we strictly adhere to the guidelines?

39 Responses

Very Comfortable.....	31%
Somewhat Comfortable...	38%
Somewhat Uncomfortable	23%
Very Uncomfortable...	8%

7. Several written responses were received explaining why they answered Question #6 with Somewhat or Very Uncomfortable and were shared with the church leadership. **21 Written Responses Received but not included here**

8. When our local government lifts its ban or guidance against in-person church services, which best describes your attitude when the ban is lifted?

	39 Responses
I will return the first opportunity we have.....	20%
I will return at the first opportunity but with some concerns and precautions...	44%
I will wait several additional weeks before I return.....	13%
It may be quite a while before I return.....	13%
Not sure.....	10%

9. In addition to our government lifting its ban or guidance on public gatherings, are there other signals that you would want to see before you return to a worship service at church?

	39 Responses Note:
	More than 1 response could be selected.
Local businesses are opening again.....	36%
Restaurant indoor seating is open again.....	31%
Schools are fully open again.....	44%
The number of coronavirus cases near me is very small.....	59%
A vaccine is available to all.....	54%
Social distancing recommendations have been lifted.....	28%
Masks are no longer required.....	41%
None of these.....	10%
Not sure.....	8%
No Answer.....	0%

10. Based on the guidelines established for in-person worship at Olivet, are there any precautions listed below that you would not be willing to take when returning?

	39 Responses Note:
	More than 1 response could be selected.
Wearing a face mask at all times.....	8%
Social distancing by staying 6 feet from others, other than my own family...	5%
Avoiding shaking hands.....	5%
Avoiding any physical contact.....	3%
Using hand sanitizer.....	3%
None of these.....	51%
No Answer.....	33%

Note: This question was not well written and therefore the last two responses could be taken to mean the same thing.

11. The guidelines established for in-person worship at Olivet list a number of ways of doing things that will change from past practices. Are there any listed below that you personally feel we should not be doing in response to COVID-19?

	31 Responses.
	More than 1 response could be selected.
Eliminating the use of paper products (i.e. bulletins, hymnals, Bibles, etc.)...	0%
No singing.....	3%
No recitation.....	5%
Providing pre-packaged Communion elements in the pews.....	0%
Not collecting tithes and offerings during the service.....	0%
Seating spaced 6 feet apart (other than family seating).....	0%
Usher directed seating rather than self-selected seating.....	3%
Propping doors open or having a person open door to limit touching surfaces...	0%
Limiting entrances to the church.....	0%

Providing hand sanitizer stations.....	0%
Discouraging touching such as hand shaking, hugging, etc.	3%
Wearing a face mask at all times.....	0%
Having your temperature taken when entering.....	5%
No childcare provided.....	3%
No hospitality table.....	0%
Water fountains closed.....	0%
Designated restroom usage.....	0%
We should not be doing any of the above.....	3%
No Answer.....	77%

12. Which of the following describes the attendance level at which you would be comfortable attending a worship service?

	39 Responses
Filled to capacity with every seat taken.....	0%
Mostly filled with some seats open but every row being used if necessary...	0%
Somewhat filled with empty seats in each row and empty rows.....	14%
Limited capacity with socially distanced seating and empty rows.....	62%
None of these (at least for right now).....	21%
No Answer.....	3%

13. Would you be willing to attend a worship service in an overflow room, such as Benner Hall, with projected video and sound, to allow everyone to attend but still maintain social distancing.

	39 Responses
Yes.....	28%
No.....	56%
Not Sure.....	13%
No Answer...	3%

14. Would you be willing to attend worship at a different time so that we could hold several services in the sanctuary on Sunday to accommodate all who want to attend and still maintain all required precautions.

	39 Responses
Yes.....	32%
No.....	44%
Not Sure.....	21%
No Answer.....	3%

15. Would you be willing to attend worship or Sunday School in small groups (less than 25) in someone's home prior to resuming in-person worship services?

	39 Responses
Yes.....	0%
No.....	77%
Not Sure.....	20%
No Answer.....	3%

16. Is there anything else you want to convey to the church leadership?

Several written responses were received explaining why they answered Question #16.

Responses were shared with church leadership

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