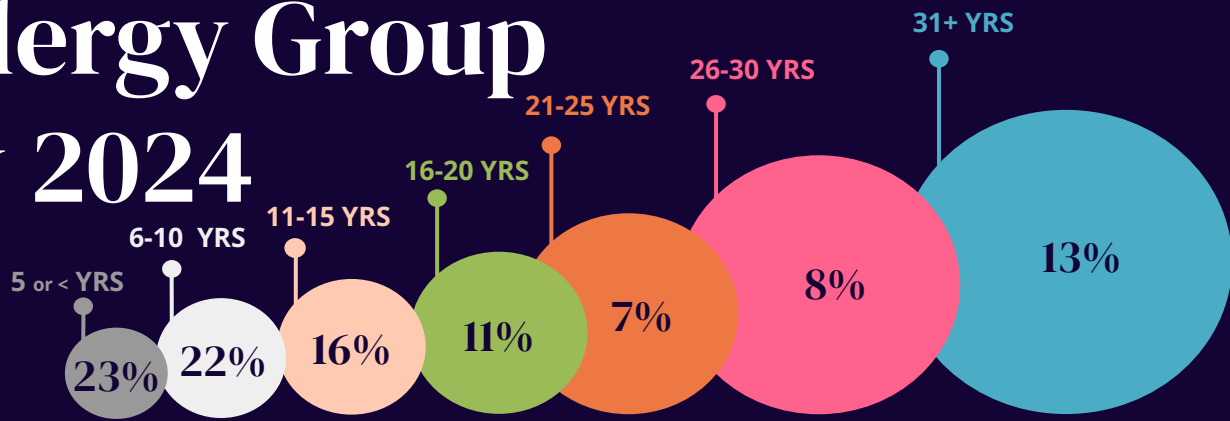


BWC Clergy Group Survey 2024



74% Response Rate

390 out of 527 people actively serving in local churches or in Extension Ministry completed survey

The experience of the respondents ranged from less than one year to 67 years of pastoral leadership in the United Methodist Church. The data above shows the percentage of those who responded per years of service.

COVENANT GROUP ATTENDANCE

92 respondents indicated that they are currently a member of a covenant group with other UM pastors.

24%

Question 3: "YES" to Active participant in a covenant group with other UM pastors (at least 80% attendance)

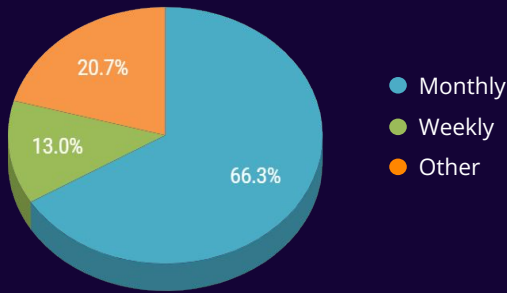


34%

Question 4: "YES" to Active participant in a covenant group with other faith leaders

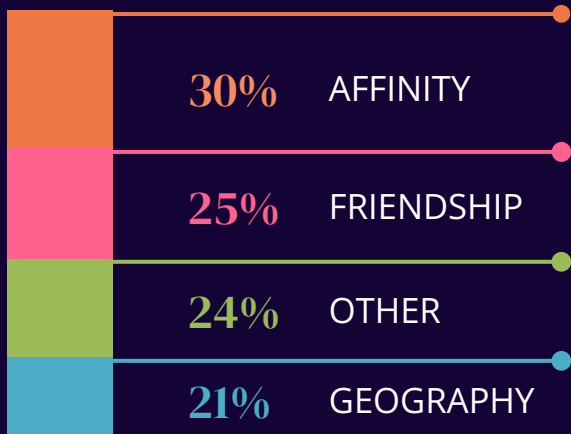


Question 4d: Frequency of covenant group meetings:



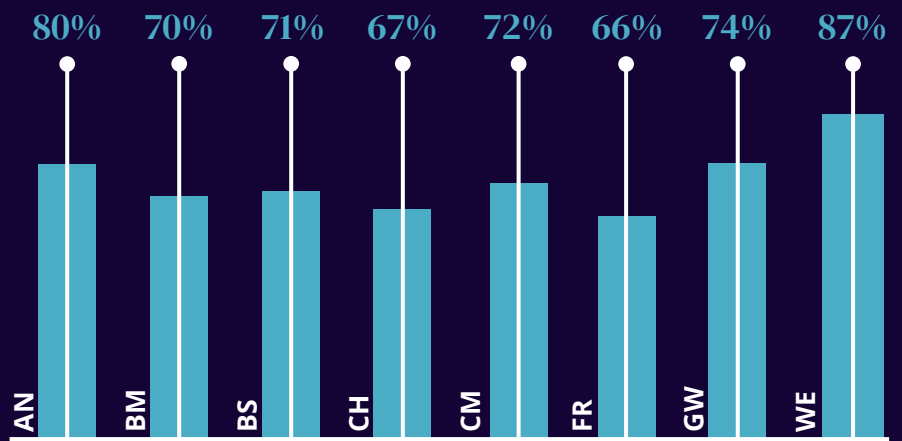
ORGANIZING PRINCIPLE

Question 4e: Of the 92 respondents in covenant groups, the following represents what they report as their organizing principle:



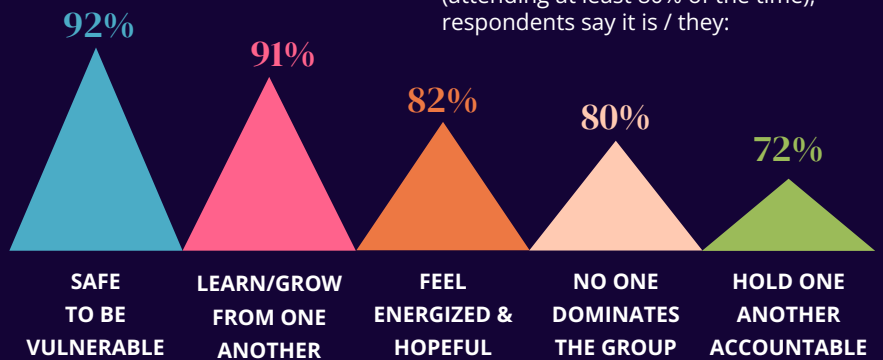
RESPONSE BY DISTRICT

Response rate per district.



CURRENT COVENANT GROUP DYNAMICS

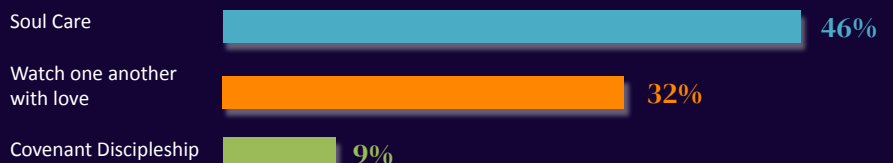
Question 4b (select all that apply): Of the 92 pastoral leaders who indicated that they are an active participant in a covenant group with other UM pastors (attending at least 80% of the time), respondents say it is / they:



66% say there is little to no complaining

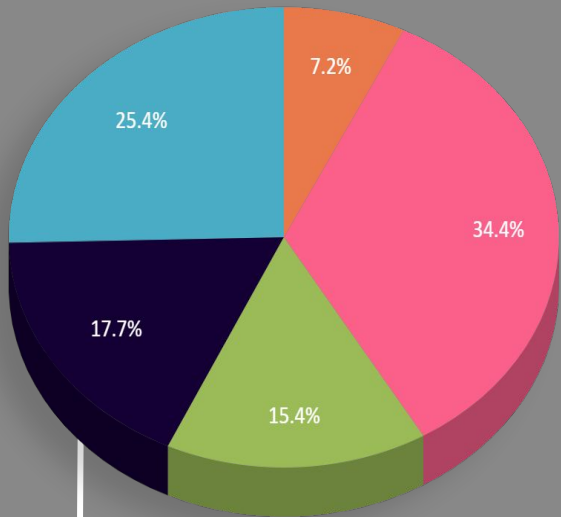
COVENANT GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

Question 4f: Select the description that best describes your covenant group



AFFINITY TYPE TO GUIDE CONFIGURATION OF COVENANT GROUPS

Question 5: Of the 390 respondents, the majority selected "context of church" as their preference for configuring the BWC's new covenant groups. Number of years in ministry yielded the lowest percentage of preference.



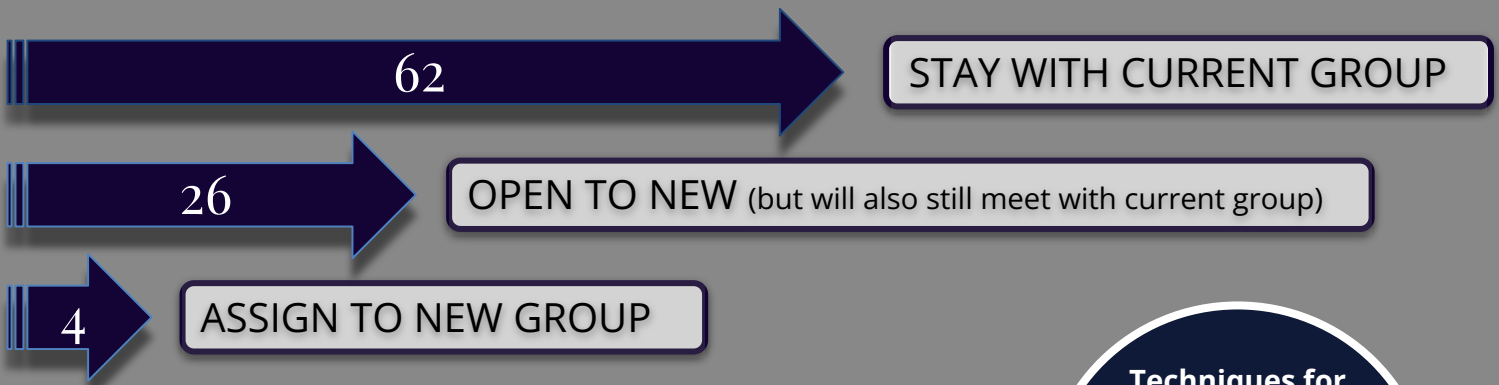
- Context of Church
- Size of Church Serving
- Number of Years in Ministry
- None
- Other

Freeform responses to question 5 yielded the most results in the areas of (in order of preference):

- Geography
- Call/Passion
- Authentic Ministerial Leadership / Support
- Racial/Cultural and Clergywomen (tied)
- Community Outreach

STAYING W/ CURRENT COVENANT GROUPS

Question 4g: Of the 92 respondents currently participating in a covenant group with other UM pastors



LEARNING and CONTINUING EDUCATION

Question 6:

390 respondents indicated interest in exploring more around these topics within a covenant group.

"Other" produced several areas of additional thought. The most energy was around allowing peer-led, authentic discussion on:

- mentorship and leadership,
- fellowship and genuine care,
- discipleship and focus on youth, and
- fostering diversity

