
VUU Congregational Survey Report

Conducted by the VUU Board
May 2006

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Purpose of the Survey

- To assess the overall health of the VUU community
- To gain a sense of members' and friends' attachment, sense of belonging, commitment, shared accomplishment, and spiritual well being
- To be conducted approximately annually to “take the pulse” of the community
- The purpose is not to evaluate specific church programs which is done through other means

Respondents and Demographics

- 129 total respondents
- 114 members
 - length of membership 9.2 years
- 14 friends
 - length of attendance as a friend 2.8 years
- 33 respondents have children in RE
 - 1.8 children on average
- 70 females; 37 males
- Average age 50.8; range 21-83.

How is VUU Doing?

	Mean Score* 05/06
■ Likelihood of continued membership	4.66/ 4.74
■ Achieving our goals as set forth in our mission statement	4.40/ 4.40
■ Member engagement	4.28/ 4.31
■ Loyalty to VUU	
■ Confidence in VUU	
■ VUU's integrity	
■ Pride in VUU	
■ Passion for VUU	
■ Opportunities for Involvement	4.20/ 4.37
■ Help in living a better balanced, more effective and loving life	4.30/ 4.38

*respondents evaluated VUU on a scale of 1-5 where 1=strongly disagree and 5=strongly agree

Top 10 Questions

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| ■ How likely are you to continue to be a member of VUU (very unlikely/very likely)? | 4.74 |
| ■ I feel proud to be a member of VUU | 4.61 |
| ■ VUU treats me with respect | 4.56 |
| ■ VUU is a welcoming community that honors diversity in all its forms | 4.56 |
| ■ I feel accepted at VUU | 4.56 |
| ■ VUU is a place of compassion and fellowship | 4.53 |
| ■ At VUU children and adults have opportunities to learn and explore the spiritual dimensions of their lives | 4.51** |
| ■ VUU is the perfect religious community for people like me | 4.51** |
| ■ VUU creates a place of peace and celebration as we encounter the mystery of life | 4.49 |
| ■ VUU consistently offers a message of hope and love | 4.46 |

**new top-rated question for 2006

Bottom 5 Questions

- I am satisfied with the way VUU initiates community involvement 3.57
- VUU is engaged in important work of transforming a broken world and supporting the larger community 3.60
- VUU is engaged in important aspects of the larger community 3.79
- At VUU conflicts are resolved with candor and in ways that allow people to maintain integrity and self respect 3.80
- If a problem arises I can always count on VUU to reach a fair and satisfactory resolution 3.87

Underlying Dimensions of VUU Engagement 05/06

- **Personal Involvement and Friendships**
 - Q5, Q6, Q10, Q32, Q33, Q34, Q35
 - Mean = 4.23/4.34
- **Spiritual Wellbeing**
 - Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q17, Q18
 - Mean = 4.28/4.36
- **Social and Community Responsibility**
 - Q11, Q12, Q14, Q16
 - Mean = 3.91/3.78
- **Welcoming, Respectful Community**
 - Q7, Q8, Q9, Q13, Q15
 - Mean = 4.19/4.21

Personal Involvement and Friendships (4.34 average)

- VUU is a place of compassion and fellowship (5), 4.53, 0%, 61%
- I feel accepted at VUU (6), 4.56, 0%, 68%
- I have good friend(s) at VUU (10), 4.29, .8%, 53%
- This last year at VUU I have had opportunities to volunteer, learn, and grow (32), 4.37, 2%, 52%
- VUU's mission and purpose make me feel my participation is important (33), 4.37, 2%, 47%
- At VUU my opinions seem to count (34), 4.04, 3%, 38%
- At VUU I have the opportunity to contribute, in satisfying ways (35), 4.34, 2%, 51%

*(question number), average score, percent "1", percent "5"

Spiritual Wellbeing

(4.37, average)

- VUU consistently offers a message of hope and love (1), 4.46, 1%, 55%
- At VUU people are helped to share in the deeper dimensions of their lives (2), 4.22, 0%, 41%
- At VUU people are encouraged to articulate what their spiritual beliefs mean to them (3), 4.23, 0%, 40%
- At VUU children and adults have opportunities to learn and explore the spiritual dimensions of their lives (4), 4.51, 0%, 54%
- VUU nurtures each person's lifelong spiritual journey (17), 4.35, 0%, 47%
- VUU creates a place of peace and celebration as we encounter the mystery of life (18), 4.49, 0%, 59%

*(question number), average score, percent "1", percent "5"

Social and Community Responsibility (3.79, average)

- VUU is engaged in important aspects of the larger community (11), 3.79, 2%, 22%
- VUU is engaged in important work of trans-forming a broken world and supporting the larger community (12), 3.6, 2%, 17%
- I am satisfied with the way VUU initiates community involvement (14), 3.57, 2%, 16%
- At VUU we strive for social justice and environmental responsibility (16), 4.18, 2%, 40%

*(question number), average score, percent "1", percent "5"

Welcoming, Respectful Community (4.21, average)

- At VUU members are taught to be more compassionate, welcoming and affectionate toward each other (7), 4.25, 0%, 41%
- VUU treats all people with respect and courtesy (8), 4.28, 0%, 46%
- At VUU conflicts are resolved with candor and in ways that allow people to maintain integrity and self respect (9), 3.80, 3%, 26%
- VUU welcomes newcomers warmly and immediately when they step inside the door (13), 4.11, 1%, 38%
- VUU is a welcoming community that honors diversity in all of its forms (15), 4.56, 0%, 64%

*(question number), average score, percent "1", percent "5"

Which of the four dimensions best predicts engagement with VUU?

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■ Personal Involvement and Friendships	.509	.000
■ Spiritual Wellbeing	.138	.033
■ Social and Community Responsibility	.013	.817
■ Welcoming, Respectful Community	.354	.000

Which of the four dimensions best predicts engagement with VUU?

The strongest predictor of engagement with VUU is
Personal Involvement and Friendships

Followed by

Welcoming Respectful Community

and next

Spiritual Wellbeing