WOODLANDS CHURCH
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Congregational Assessment Results

NL Moore & Associates and HC!C recently administered the Congregational Assessment Tool in your church. Your average adult Sunday attendance is 1,546 people, and 1,012 adults, or 65% of your average adult attendance took the assessment. Woodlands met the threshold of validity and reliability of results at 99% +/-3. Well done! A complete readout of the results was delivered to your church leadership. An Executive Summary of those results is offered here.

In more than 30 years of assessment, we have learned the general health and vitality of a congregation can be discerned by measuring its overall satisfaction (think: fulfilled contentment) and energy (think: level of engagement).

WHAT THIS MEANS

We hope every church is thriving with high energy and high satisfaction. We call this healthy church posture: "Transformation." Woodlands Church finds itself high in Transformation (green star above), meaning it is a healthy and vital congregation. This is great news! We encourage churches in Transformation to stretch, expand, replicate or even serve as mentors to other churches. As Woodlands looks to the future, it should explore ways to continue to improve and optimize its current ministries while considering new opportunities to advance its mission to make an even greater Kingdom impact.

TOP PRIORITIES

Where would this congregation like additional energy placed to expand or improve its ministries?

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
2. Strengthen the process by which attenders are called and equipped for ministry and leadership.
3. Develop ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances.
4. Expand outreach ministries that provide direct services to those living on the margins of society.
5. Create more opportunities to form meaningful relationships, for example, small groups, nurtured friendships, shared meals, etc.

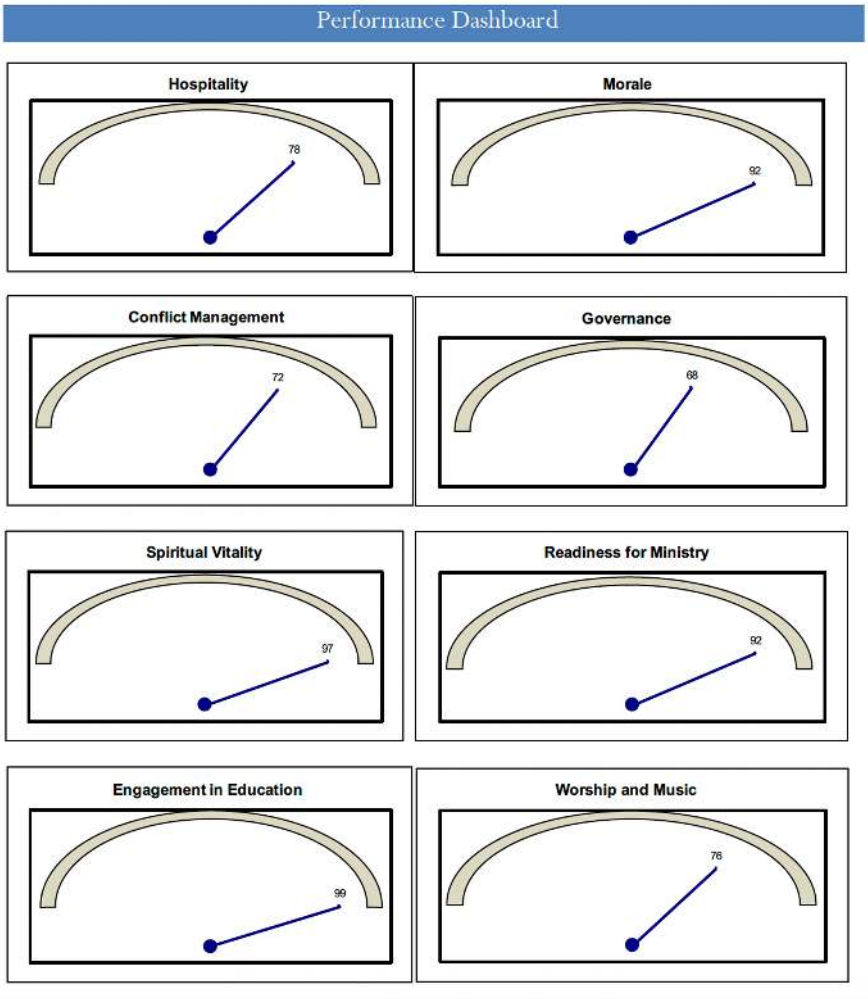
The top shared priorities of a congregation are part of what distinguishes it from the other churches. Often, a congregation will share two or three priorities across all age groups, but Woodlands shares these five priorities across all age groups (under 35 years, 35 to 64, and 65+). This internal unity is an excellent strength and one the church can build upon! Woodlands is united in the desire to create a meaningful blueprint to reach new people. It is also clear the people desire to understand and deploy their gifts in ministry and leadership, and want to be on the front lines of coming alongside and helping hurting people. Relationships are important here; ensuring there are opportunities to gather together to create and strengthen relational bonds is vital, particularly to those who are younger or new to Woodlands. Placing energy toward these priorities will further unify and align the church.

THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE & FLEXIBILITY INDEX

Woodlands Church is a theologically conservative congregation with a high view of Scripture and very low internal diversity in its theological perspective. People enjoy engaging in biblical learning so depth in biblical teaching is important here. With regard to flexibility, Woodlands Church is flexible and willing to adapt its mode of ministry in order to meet the needs of its members or to reach others in the community. However, the church responds best when clear communication and rationale is provided in advance of suggested changes. **An important note:** A direct correlation exists between the flexibility of a congregation and its ability to achieve its stated goals and priorities. Continued flexibility, not in biblical or theological essentials, but in the practical implementation of ministry will enhance Woodlands' potential.

WOODLANDS CHURCH'S PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD

The performance dashboards below display how the church is doing compared to 2,900 other churches in a comparative dataset. The number represents where the church landed as a percentile rank within that benchmark data. Like a gas gauge, if the line is pointing closer to the right, the fuller the tank and indicates an area of strength. If the line is pointing toward the left, it indicates an area for potential improvement or attention. *Please note: Spiritual Vitality is the only measure that is a personal indicator and not corporate or shared measure of health. While personal spiritual vitality does not correlate to organizational health, it does measure the degree to which individuals believe their faith is central to their lives rather than peripheral or episodic.*



SUMMARY

Woodlands Church is thriving as a healthy and spiritually vibrant faith community. While there are always areas where a church can improve, so much of what happens at Woodlands resonates with those who call this their church home. Woodlands is encouraged to invest its health, and draw upon the spiritually vital experiences of its people to do even more for the Kingdom. By God's grace and with his guidance, exciting days are ahead!