

# Pastors' Views on Single Adults Ministry

A SURVEY OF 1,000 PROTESTANT PASTORS

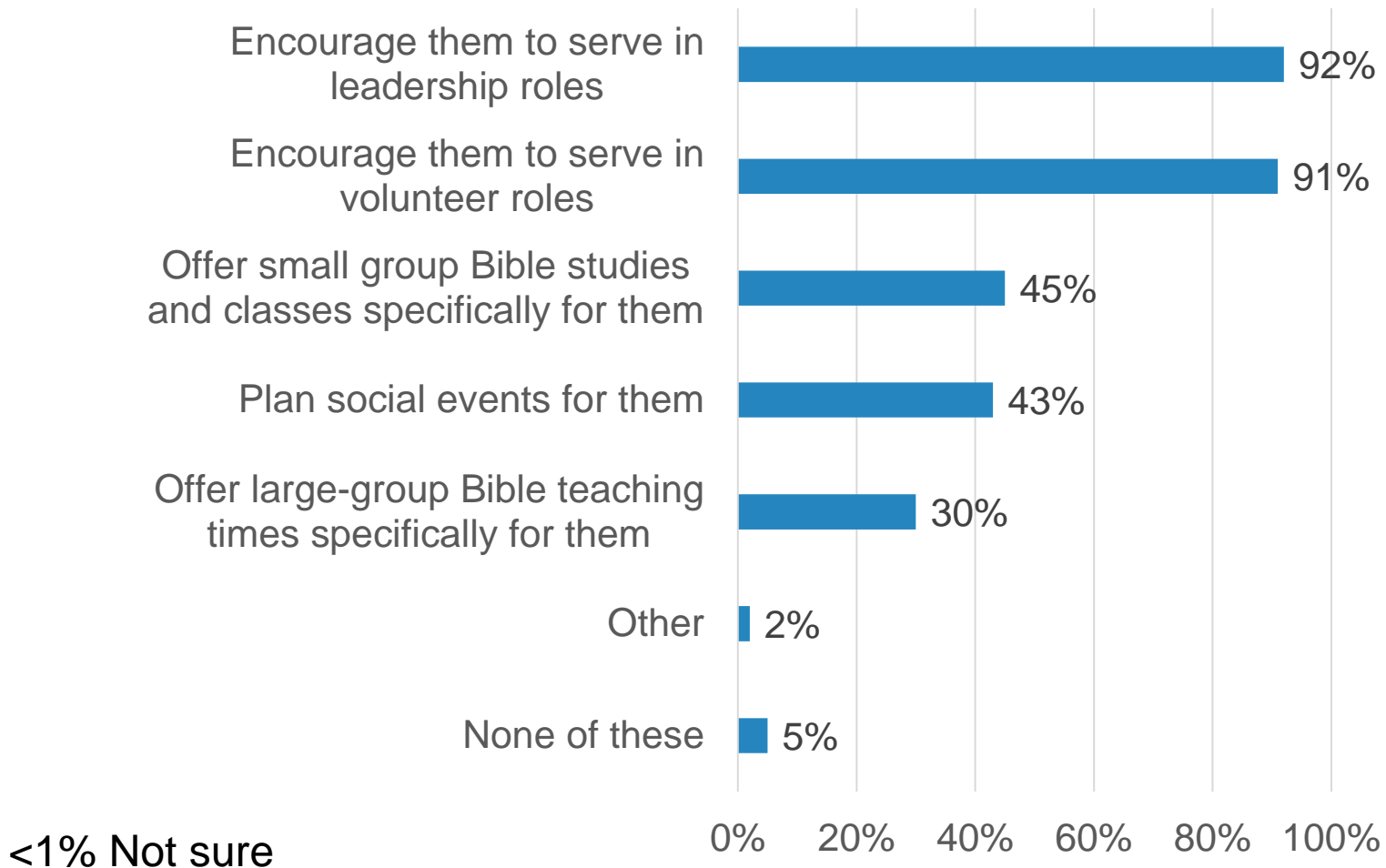
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# Methodology

- The phone survey of 1,000 Protestant pastors was conducted September 1-29, 2021
- The calling list was a stratified random sample, drawn from a list of all Protestant churches. Quotas were used for church size
- Each interview was completed by the senior or sole pastor or a minister at the church
- Responses were weighted by region and church size to more accurately reflect the population
- The completed sample is 1,000 surveys
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed  $\pm 3.2\%$  This margin of error accounts for the effect of weighting
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

# “How does your church specifically minister to single adults aged 30 and older?”

Among Protestant Pastors



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# Significant Differences

Pastor

Ethnicity

Age

Gender

Education Level

Self-identified Evangelical/Mainline

Church

Region

Denomination

Average Attendance

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# Significant Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among the pastor's ethnicity, age, gender, education, self-identified Evangelical or Mainline.

AGE	GENDER	ETHNICITY	EDUCATION	Self-Identified
18-44	Male	White	No College Degree	Evangelical
45-54	Female	African American	Bachelor's Degree	Mainline
55-64		Hispanic	Graduate Degree	
65+		Other Ethnicities	Doctoral Degree	

# Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among the church's region, denomination, and attendance.

REGION	DENOMINATION GROUP	ATTENDANCE
Northeast	Baptist	0-49
South	Lutheran	50-99
Midwest	Methodist	100-249
West	Pentecostal	250+
	Presbyterian/Reformed	
	Christian/Church of Christ	
	Non-Denominational	

Note: Region is defined by the US Census locations

# “How does your church specifically minister to single adults aged 30 and older?”

## Offer small group Bible studies and classes specifically for them

- Pastors age 65+ (52%) are more likely to select than pastors age 55-64 (42%)
- White pastors are the least likely to select (42%)
- Pastors with no college degree (51%) or a Bachelor’s Degree (50%) are more likely to select than those with a Master’s Degree (40%)
- Evangelical pastors are more likely to select than Mainline pastors (51% v. 38%)
- Pastors in the South (52%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (31%) and Midwest (40%)
- Baptists (50%), Pentecostals (66%), and Non-denominational (57%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (27%), Methodists (41%), and Presbyterian/Reformed (38%)
- Pastors at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (68%) followed by churches with attendance of 100-249 (53%), 50-99 (38%), and 0-49 (29%)

# “How does your church specifically minister to single adults aged 30 and older?”

## Offer large-group Bible teaching times specifically for them

- White pastors are the least likely to select than (26%)
- Pastors with no college degree (41%) or a Bachelor’s Degree (34%) are more likely to select than those with a Master’s Degree (24%)
- Pastors in the South are the most likely to select (38%)
- Pentecostals (49%) and Non-denominational (41%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (25%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (21%)
- Pastors at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (47%)
- Pastors at churches with attendance 0-49 are the least likely to select (19%)



# “How does your church specifically minister to single adults aged 30 and older?”

## Plan social events for them

- African American pastors are the most likely to select (70%)
- Pastors with no college degree (49%) or a Bachelor’s Degree (54%) are more likely to select than those with a Master’s Degree (36%)
- Pastors in the South (47%) and West (48%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (33%)
- Baptists (48%), Pentecostals (65%), and Non-denominational (55%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (33%), Methodists (39%), Presbyterian/Reformed (34%), and Christian/Church of Christ (30%)
- Pastors at churches with attendance 250+ are the most likely to select (65%)

# “How does your church specifically minister to single adults aged 30 and older?”

## Encourage them to serve in volunteer roles

- Pastors age 18-44 (93%) and 55-64 (93%) are more likely to select than pastors age 45-54 (86%)
- Pastors at churches with attendance 100-249 (94%), 250+ (98%) are more likely to select than those at churches with attendance of 0-49 (85%) and 50-99 (89%)

# “How does your church specifically minister to single adults aged 30 and older?”

## Encourage them to serve in leadership roles

- Pastors age 55-64 (94%) are more likely to select than pastors age 45-54 (88%)
- Pentecostals (96%) are more likely to select than Christian/Church of Christ (86%)

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