

## Covid and Worship Attendance Final Survey Questionnaire

Today's survey covers some current topics regarding faith and religious practise today. It will take 7 or 8 minutes of your time. Let's start with a few questions to make sure the survey is relevant for you.

### **Q1.**

**Base=All**

**[Single choice]**

Which one of the following best describes your religion?

Roman Catholic

United Church

Anglican

Lutheran

Presbyterian

Baptist

Pentecostal

Other evangelical Christian

Other Christian

Muslim

Hindu

Jewish

Sikh

Buddhist

Other (please specify:)

None/No religious identity – **[Thank and terminate]**

### **Q1b.**

**Base="Other Christian" at Q1**

**[Open end]**

You mentioned you are another denomination of Christian. Could you please specify which denomination?

**Q2.****Base=All except “None/No religion” at Q1****[Single choice]**

In recent years – before the Covid-19 pandemic – how often, if at all, were you attending regular worship services at [Pipe-in based on Q1 ID: church, a mosque, synagogue, temple, place of worship] (not counting weddings and funerals)?

A few times a week/Daily

Once a week

Two or three times a month

Once a month

A few times a year **[Thank and terminate]**Less than that **[Thank and terminate]**Never attend **[Thank and terminate]**

**For rest of questionnaire, “Base=All” includes only those who qualify on above screener questions**

**Q2b.****Base=All****[Single choice]**

And what about now? How often, if at all, do you attend regular worship services at [Pipe-in based on Q1 ID: church, a mosque, synagogue, temple, place of worship] (not counting weddings and funerals)?

A few times a week/Daily

Once a week

Two or three times a month

Once a month

A few times a year

Less than that

Never attend

**Q3.****Base=All****[Single choice]**

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

My personal faith is a very central and fundamental part of who I am

Agree strongly

Agree moderately

Disagree moderately

Disagree strongly

**[Text screen]**

Canadians have been living with the Covid-19 pandemic for a year now. It's brought changes to many aspects of life, including religious worship practises. We want to ask some questions about this.

**Q4a.****Base=All****[Single choice grid]**

Has your own participation in any of the following activities changed over this past year of Covid?

**[Columns - randomize]**

Praying at home alone

Praying at home with family

Community outreach/volunteering with your faith group

Giving financial support to your own faith group/religious congregation

**[Rows – keep this order]**

Now doing more of that/started doing it

Now doing less of that/stopped doing it

Same as before/No change

**Q4b.****Base=All****[Single choice]**

During the pandemic, have you been keeping in contact with people that you know through your faith group and place of worship?

Yes, have kept in contact with many/all of them

Yes, have kept in contact with at least one/some of them

No, have not been in contact much/at all with them

**Q5.****Base=All****[Single choice]**

Overall, thinking about the Covid restrictions that have been put in place in the community where you live, do you think these restrictions go too far, don't go far enough, or are about right?

Go too far

Don't go far enough

Are about right

**Q6.**

**Base=All**

**[Single choice]**

How would you describe your province's public health restrictions on places of worship compared to other public venues where people gather? Would you say:

Restrictions have been unfairly harsh on places of worship compared to other public venues

Restrictions have been fairly balanced between places of worship and other public venues

Restrictions have been too relaxed for places of worship compared to other public venues

Don't know/Can't say

**Q7.**

**Base=All**

**[Single choice]**

Over the last year, tell us about the situation at your usual place of worship in terms of Covid restrictions and in-person group worship? Has it been:

Entirely closed throughout

Closed most of that time, but open for some of it (perhaps with reduced capacity allowed)

Open most of that time (perhaps with reduced capacity allowed), but closed for some of it

Stayed open throughout

**Q8.**

**Base=All**

**[Single choice]**

If it were entirely up to you, would Covid restrictions on in-person attendance at your own place of worship have been:

**[Randomize order]**

The same as they have been

More relaxed/Allowed to open more

Tighter than they have been

**Q9.**

**Base=All**

**[Single choice]**

Had more opportunities for traditional in-person worship been offered during this past year of the Covid pandemic would you have attended?

Yes, definitely would have

Probably

Probably not

No, not during Covid

**Q10a.**

**Base=All**

**[Single choice]**

How much, if at all, do you miss attending religious worship in person the way you did before Covid-19? (If you have recently been able to resume attending worship again, please answer for how you felt back when you could not go.)

Miss it greatly

Miss it a fair amount

Only miss it a little bit

Don't miss it at all

**Q10b.**

**Base=Roman Catholics (code 1) at Q1**

**[Single choice]**

You've indicated you are Roman Catholic. Do you miss having the opportunity to receive holy communion? (If you have recently been able to resume attending mass again, please answer for how you felt back when you could not go.)

Miss it greatly

Miss it a fair amount

Only miss it a little bit

Don't miss it at all

**Q11.****Base=All****[Single choice]**

If you have been able to attend in-person worship during the pandemic, have the Covid health precautions (such as wearing masks, social distancing, etc.) had a negative impact on your experience? (Setting aside your views on how necessary or not these precautions may be.)

Yes, a small but noticeable negative impact on the experience

Yes, a significant negative impact on the experience

No, not really

Not applicable – have not been attending in-person worship during the pandemic

**Q12.****Base=All****[Single choice]**

As you may know, there are several important holy days coming up for people of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths. People of these faiths will be marking Easter, Passover and Ramadan in the near future. To what extent will this upcoming holy period be more or less meaningful for you given the Covid-19 pandemic and the public health restrictions in place?

More meaningful

The same as always

Less meaningful

(Not applicable to my own faith)

**Q13.****Base=All****[Single choice]**

During the pandemic, as far as you're aware, has your own local place of worship stayed active in other ways – for example, still offering counselling services, or food bank support, or some groups meeting online, etc.

Yes, very much so

Some offerings/activities continuing, others not

No, pretty much closed down

Don't know/Can't say

**Q14.****Base=All****[Single choice]**

As far as you are aware, does (or did) your own local church or other place of worship offer online worship/prayer that the congregation could stream and attend at home?

Yes

No

Don't know/Can't say

**Q15.****Base=All****[Single choice]**

Have you yourself been streaming/attending any online religious worship/prayer during Covid (whether offered by your own local place of worship or coming from somewhere else)?

Yes

No

**Q16.****Base="Yes, have streamed/attended online" at Q15****[Single choice]**

How often have you streamed/attended online worship during Covid?

Regularly, once a week or more

Regularly, once a month or more

Less often than that but at least a few times

Just tried it once or twice

**Q17a.****Base="Yes" at Q15****[Single choice]**

Are you streaming worship from your own regular (pre-Covid) place of worship, or those offered from somewhere else?

Only my own place of worship

Mostly my own

A mix/roughly half and half

Mostly a different place

Only from a different place of worship than my own

**Q17b.****Base=Watches from another PoW (codes 3, 4, or 5) at Q17a****[Single choice]**

You mentioned that you have streamed worship from somewhere other than the place of worship you were regularly attending before the pandemic. Which of the following best describes that other place you've been streaming worship from?

Another local/community place of worship which offers worship online

A larger place of worship or religious organization with national/international reach

An online-only website, one that does not also have a physical building for congregants

Don't know/Can't say

**Q18.****Base="Yes" at Q15****[Multi choice]**

Are you typically streaming worship alone, or with others? (select all that may apply)

Alone **[Exclusive]**

With immediate family

With other relatives

With close friends

With other people from the faith group

**Q19.****Base="Yes" at Q15****[Single choice]**

Overall, have you found online, streamed worship a good alternative for in-person worship?

Yes, a good alternative

Yes, not ideal but good

No, but better than nothing

No, definitely not an alternative

**Q20.**

**Base=All**

**[Multi choice]**

What, if anything, do (or did) you miss most about attending worship in-person? (Select up to two)

**[Randomize]**

The chance to run into/interact with people

The feeling of community from being around others of my faith

The religious ceremonies/rituals are better/more meaningful in-person

Social activities and other events before or after

The sense of being in a sacred place of spiritual significance

Other (specify):

Nothing **[Fixed, exclusive]**

**Q21.**

**Base=All**

**[Multi choice]**

What, if anything, do (or did) you not miss about in-person attendance at your place of worship? (Select up to two)

**[Randomize]**

Having to dress up

Getting there/the trip to and from

Pressure to socialize when I would rather not

Pressure to stay for longer/things I'd rather skip

Having to bring children who don't want to go or find someone to watch them

Other (specify):

Nothing **[Fixed, exclusive]**

**Q22.**

**Base=All**

**[Single choice]**

Generally speaking, what kind of impact, if any, has Covid-19 had on your own personal spiritual state?

Overall positive impact

Overall negative impact

Mixed impact – about as much good as bad

No impact

**[Text screen]**

Let's think ahead to having Covid and its restrictions behind us. For these next questions, let's say that by this coming September things are back to at least a new normal and public places like houses of worship can be fully open again.

**Q23.****Base=All****[Single choice]**

How would you describe your own personal feeling about being able to attend in-person worship again?  
(If you are already back, please answer for how you felt before you were able to return.)

Very keen to get back

Just one of many things I look forward to

Not sure – will have to see

Not really interested in attending in-person now

**Q24.****Base=All****[Single choice]**

How would you guess your future post-pandemic attendance at your place of worship will compare to how often you were attending in recent years pre-pandemic?

Will probably attend more than before

About the same as before

Will probably attend less than before

**Q25.****Base=All****[Single choice]**

Would you hope your place of worship, or ones like it, will continue to offer online religious worship even after Covid?

Yes, should keep doing this/good option

Don't care much either way

No, online can stop once in-person is okay

**Q26.**

**Base=All**

**[Single choice]**

Do you think you will use/attend online worship after COVID-19 restrictions end?

Yes, will mostly use online instead of attending in-person

At least sometimes

Rarely/certain circumstances

No, will always opt for in-person and not online

Don't know/Can't say