



## ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LONG BEACH, CA

As our church plans for the future, the vestry invites ALL members to share their expectations for our mutual ministry and their perceptions on how these expectations can best be carried out. All responses will be held in strictest confidence; we ask that you answer as honestly as you can. If you are uncomfortable answering any particular question, simply leave it blank.

You may freely write comments on the back of any page or use additional pages. All comments will be duly considered.

**SECTION ONE: "I AM...":** Characteristics of this respondent. For each question, please check the box that best describes you.

1. I am under 20\_\_\_, 21-30\_\_\_, 31-40\_\_\_, 41-55 \_\_\_\_, 56-65 \_\_\_\_, 66-75\_\_\_, over 75\_\_\_.
2. I am male \_\_\_\_, female \_\_\_.
3. I am a member of the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community (LGBT) \_\_\_.
4. I am Caucasian \_\_\_\_, African American \_\_\_\_, Hispanic/Latino \_\_\_\_, Asian/Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_, Other \_\_\_\_, Mixed Race \_\_\_.
5. My education extends through high school\_\_\_, college\_\_\_, graduate or professional school\_\_\_.
6. I am single\_\_\_, married\_\_\_, in a committed relationship \_\_\_\_, divorced\_\_\_, widowed\_\_\_.
7. I am a student \_\_\_\_, employed part-time \_\_\_\_, employed full-time \_\_\_\_, unemployed \_\_\_\_, retired \_\_\_\_, at home \_\_\_.
8. I have a disability \_\_\_.
9. Someone in my household has a disability \_\_\_.
10. My annual household income level is less than \$50,000 \_\_\_\_, \$50-100,000 \_\_\_\_, \$100-200,000 \_\_\_\_, over \$200,000 \_\_\_.
11. I contribute financially to other charities each year \_\_\_.
12. I volunteer my time to other charities in the community rarely or never \_\_\_\_, sometimes \_\_\_\_, regularly \_\_\_.
13. I have children or dependents living at home \_\_\_.

14. If yes, how many children are under the age of: 5 \_\_\_\_, 5-12 \_\_\_\_, 13-18 \_\_\_\_, 18-21 \_\_\_\_.
15. My children regularly participate in services \_\_\_\_, Christian education (Sunday school), \_\_\_\_, youth groups \_\_\_\_.
16. I have a dependent adult over the age of 65 living at home: \_\_\_\_.
17. I have close friends at St. Gregory's \_\_\_\_.
18. I would like to cultivate more friendships at St. Gregory's \_\_\_\_.
19. I personally pray: rarely or never \_\_\_\_, Sundays only \_\_\_\_, a few times a month \_\_\_\_, a few times a week \_\_\_\_, daily \_\_\_\_, several times a day \_\_\_\_.
20. My activity at St. Gregory's can be categorized as: none \_\_\_\_, services only \_\_\_\_, services and other church functions \_\_\_\_, services, church functions and participation in church programs \_\_\_\_.
21. I usually attend: Sunday at 8 AM \_\_\_\_, Sunday at 10 AM \_\_\_\_, midweek \_\_\_\_.
22. I attend services rarely/never \_\_\_\_, holidays only \_\_\_\_, once a month \_\_\_\_, 2-3 times a month \_\_\_\_, weekly \_\_\_\_.
23. If living with another: my partner is active in this church \_\_\_\_, another church \_\_\_\_, not active at all \_\_\_\_.
24. I have attended St. Gregory's for fewer than 3 years \_\_\_\_, 3-10 years \_\_\_\_, 11-20 years \_\_\_\_, over 20 years.
25. My travel time to St. Gregory's is less than 10 minutes \_\_\_\_, 10-20 minutes \_\_\_\_, over 20 minutes \_\_\_\_.
26. I live in Long Beach \_\_\_\_, Lakewood/Bellflower \_\_\_\_, another L.A County city \_\_\_\_, ` Los Alamitos/Rossmoor/Cypress \_\_\_\_, another Orange County city \_\_\_\_, elsewhere \_\_\_\_.

27. I have participated in the following activities and ministries (check all that apply):  
 Acolytes \_\_\_\_, Altar Guild \_\_\_\_, Lay Eucharistic Ministry \_\_\_\_, Lector \_\_\_\_, Greeters \_\_\_\_,  
 Coffee Hour \_\_\_\_, Prayer Guild \_\_\_\_, Usher Corps \_\_\_\_, Vestry \_\_\_\_, Men's Fellowship  
 \_\_\_\_, Episcopal Church Women \_\_\_\_, Christian Cove (book store) \_\_\_\_, Food Bank \_\_\_\_,  
 Feed My Lambs \_\_\_\_, Choir \_\_\_\_, Adult Education \_\_\_\_, Christian Education for youth  
 (Sunday School) \_\_\_\_, Outreach \_\_\_\_, parish work parties \_\_\_\_, Buildings and Grounds  
 Committee \_\_\_\_, Finance Committee \_\_\_\_, Convention Delegate \_\_\_\_, Other  
 \_\_\_\_\_.
28. I volunteer for church volunteer/leadership opportunities regularly \_\_\_\_, sometimes  
 \_\_\_\_, never \_\_\_\_.
29. I am a pledging member of St. Gregory's \_\_\_\_.  
 If not pledging, it is because of financial hardship \_\_\_\_, uncertainty about commitment  
 to the parish \_\_\_\_, disagreement with priorities or positions \_\_\_\_,  
 I give but do not pledge \_\_\_\_.
30. I visit the St. Gregory's web site often \_\_\_\_, occasionally -----, never \_\_\_\_.
31. I find the web site informative, useful, and helpful in keeping abreast of church  
 activities: yes \_\_\_\_, no \_\_\_\_, no opinion \_\_\_\_.
32. I am willing to receive church communication via US Mail \_\_\_\_, e-mail \_\_\_\_, text  
 messages \_\_\_\_, social media sites (Facebook, etc.) \_\_\_\_.

## SECTION TWO: WORSHIP AND MUSIC

For each of the following statements, circle the number which indicates how important the statement is to you by circling the numbers on the right, with 1 being of low or low importance and 5 being of very high importance.

<b>It is important to me that:</b>	Low					High				
33. The congregation sings hymns and includes music in the service.	1	2	3	4	5					
34. The music is based on the Episcopal hymnal	1	2	3	4	5					
35. The music includes varying styles	1	2	3	4	5					
36. The choir processes and sings traditional seasonal music	1	2	3	4	5					
37. The sermons illuminate the weekly Bible readings	1	2	3	4	5					
38. The worship services nurture spiritual growth	1	2	3	4	5					
39. The sermons speak to contemporary issues	1	2	3	4	5					
40. The sermons apply the scriptures to daily living	1	2	3	4	5					
41. The sermons use inclusive language	1	2	3	4	5					
42. The church offers a variety of musical styles during worship	1	2	3	4	5					
43. The church offers a variety of preaching styles	1	2	3	4	5					
44. The order of service is easy to follow	1	2	3	4	5					
45. Incense is used	1	2	3	4	5					
46. Parishioners assist in the service	1	2	3	4	5					
47. There are opportunities for individual prayer	1	2	3	4	5					
48. Children return to the service for the Eucharist	1	2	3	4	5					
49. Children participate in church services	1	2	3	4	5					
50. A third worship service time is added	1	2	3	4	5					

**SECTION THREE: EDUCATION/FORMATION**

For each of the following statements, circle the number which indicates how important the statement is to you by circling the numbers on the right, with 1 being of low or low importance and 5 being of very high importance.

**It is important to me that:**

51. The parish provides adult Christian Education 1 2 3 4 5
52. Theological discussion of personal, ethical and moral issues are sponsored regularly. 1 2 3 4 5
53. The Sunday School emphasizes Episcopal traditions and doctrine 1 2 3 4 5
54. There are opportunities for quiet days, retreats, personal renewal and revitalization (work, marriage, family) 1 2 3 4 5
55. The church offers Bible study for adults and children 1 2 3 4 5
56. Acolytes, Lay Readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Guild, and Ushers receive regular training 1 2 3 4 5
57. St. Gregory's provides intellectually challenging adult forums and book studies 1 2 3 4 5
58. Renewal programs like Faith Alive, Marriage Encounter, Cursillo, etc. be promoted. 1 2 3 4 5
59. Adult Christian education emphasize Episcopal traditions and doctrine. 1 2 3 4 5
60. Bible studies be provided. 1 2 3 4 5
61. Acolytes, lay readers and altar guild members receive regular training. 1 2 3 4 5

**SECTION FOUR: PARISH LIFE**

**It is important to me that:**

62. Clergy provide support in time of crisis and major life events 1 2 3 4 5
63. Clergy are available for pastoral counseling 1 2 3 4 5
64. Lay leaders are available for pastoral support 1 2 3 4 5

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| 65. A parish-wide system exists to support each other in times of crisis<br>and major life events                      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 66. Communion is available to the hospitalized or home-bound   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 67. A variety of activities is offered to participate in church activities   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 68. The church provides a variety of fun social activities (potlucks, events<br>in private homes, trips, etc.)         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 69. The church offers opportunities that honor and engage the the<br>wisdom, expertise and experience of its members   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 70. The church offers opportunities to engage our youth in activities that<br>are enriching and fun                    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 71. The church offers a program that helps youth, parents and the<br>congregation mark the transition to teenage years | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 72. The church encourages opportunities for lay ministry   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 73. Our current approach to the annual stewardship campaign helps me<br>decide on the level of my pledge               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 74. Opportunities are available to understand our budget and funding   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 75. The church makes the campus and worship services hospitable to<br>those with disabilities                          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 76. Child care is provided during services   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 77. Child care is provided during other events on the campus   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 78. The shared thinking of the parish and clergy helps shape church policy<br>on a Diocesan and National level         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

**SECTION FIVE: ADMINISTRATION**

**It is important to me that:**

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| 79. The facilities and grounds are maintained in good repair         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 80. The facilities are made available for use by community groups    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 81. The program and worship schedule are publicized in the community | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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| 82. Growth in membership is encouraged   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 83. Relationships within the community are purposefully fostered               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 84. Announcements are made during the service by clergy and laity              | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 85. The weekly tri-fold insert provides useful information and is easy to read | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 86. The weekly parish e-mail provides useful information and is easy to read   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 87. The parish web site is an important source of information                  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

**SECTION SIX: INTER-CHURCH RELATIONS**

**It is important to me that:**

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| 88. The parish maintains appropriate relationships with the Deanery, the Diocese, and the National Church | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 89. The parish maintains a relationship with other denominations in the community                         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 90. The parish maintains a relationship with other Episcopal churches in the area                         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

**SECTION SEVEN: ST. GREGORY'S MISSION**

**It is important to me that:**

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| 91. We should welcome all to find a spiritual home at St. Gregory's   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 92. We support the Episcopal Church of the USA in its work toward full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Episcopalians | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 93. St. Gregory's should support the right to same-sex marriage   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 94. St. Gregory's should represent a mix of socially liberal and conservative views   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

## **SECTION EIGHT: THE MINISTRY OF OUR PRIEST**

Twenty categories are used by the clergy to designate their pastoral specialties. Please number in order of importance from one to five the FIVE aspects of a priest's ministry that are most important to you.

\_\_\_ **Youth Work:** Ability to inspire youth and incorporate them in the full life and ministry of the church.

\_\_\_ **Teaching:** Ability to help persons of all ages understand and live the Christian Faith.

\_\_\_ **Christian Education:** Ability to lead in the design and implementation of comprehensive programs of Christian Education.

\_\_\_ **Home Visitation:** Ability to provide regular pastoral care through visiting church members in their homes.

\_\_\_ **Pastoral Care:** Ability to care for people so that they are nurtured and equipped for growth within the community of faith.

\_\_\_ **Crisis Ministry:** Ability to provide pastoral care by responding to people at significant points in their lives, e.g., death, dying, sickness, birth, trauma, success.

\_\_\_ **Counseling:** Ability in a counseling setting to assist persons facing problems or decisions. (This specialty should only be used by or for those who are trained and certified.)

\_\_\_ **Administration:** Ability to manage the affairs of the congregation, diocese, or other institution, including programs, organizations, finances, etc.

\_\_\_ **Evangelism:** Ability to train and lead persons to proclaim by word and action the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to invite others into Christian fellowship.

\_\_\_ **Ecumenism:** Ability in programs sponsored inter-denominationally or jointly by a number of churches.

\_\_\_ **Social / Community Ministry:** Ability to enable persons within the congregation to become aware of and participate in community concerns.

\_\_\_ **Outreach Ministry:** Ability to equip and serve the community of faith in ministry to persons in need within and beyond the congregation.

\_\_\_ **Stewardship:** Ability to lead in the development and use of individual and congregational resources.

\_\_\_ **Theology:** Ability to demonstrate and impart a disciplined understanding of biblical and historical revelation and the perception of God's activity in the world.

\_\_\_ **Preaching:** Ability to preach with clarity and to make the Gospel relevant in people's lives.



\_\_\_ **Liturgics:** Ability to plan and conduct liturgical services of corporate worship.

\_\_\_ **Music Ministry:** Ability to support congregational ministry through music, e.g. lead, inspire, perform, compose, train, coordinate.

\_\_\_ **Spiritual Guidance:** Ability to lead and encourage others in the formation and development of a deeper spiritual life.

\_\_\_ **Church Growth / Development:** ability to reshape or restart existing congregations or to plant new congregations.

\_\_\_ **Transition Ministry:** Ability to provide trained leadership to congregations or organizations in change or at critical points in their life and ministry.

**SECTION NINE: OUR FUTURE RECTOR**

Please indicate how comfortable you would be with a Rector who is:

	No opinion	Not Comfortable	Slightly Comfortable	Comfortable	Very Comfortable
Male					
Female					
Married					
Divorced					
Widowed					
Single					
A person of color					
Lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender					
Physically disabled					
A parent with children					
Younger than 35					
Older than 60					
A naturalized citizen					
Actively interested in social justice					
Politically active					

**SECTION TEN: COMMENTS**

Please use the space below to provide your general comments on anything of special importance to you. Please address your views on the improvements you would like, the programs that are most meaningful to you, and the greatest challenge currently facing St. Gregory's