

# The Clerk's Annual Questionnaire 2016 (CAQ)

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This copy is designed to assist you in gathering the information that is asked on the CAQ 2016. Every effort has been made to keep this copy identical to the online form. Online submission is the preferred way to receive this information. If you need to mail the CAQ 2016, please send it to: Research Services, 100 E. Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202.

Deadline for submission: January 31, 2017

<b>Information on the Clerk or person completing the CAQ</b>	
First Name	
Last Name	
E-mail Address	
<b>Church Information</b>	
Name of Congregation	
Phone	
Fax	
Mailing address	
Church PIN	
Presbytery	
Synod	
Website	
What is the membership?	
What is the average attendance?	
<b>Who in your congregation can Research Services contact about participating in web-based surveys?</b>	
First Name	
Last Name	
E-mail Address	

# Belhar Confession

The Belhar Confession was added to the Book of Confessions in 2016 by action of the presbyteries and final adoption of the 222 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The following questions concerning the Belhar Confession may be best answered by the pastor.

Are you familiar with the Belhar Confession?

- Yes                       No

Prior to this survey, were you aware that the Belhar Confession had been added to the Book of Confessions?

- Yes                       No

How likely are you to include The Belhar Confession in your congregation's ministry, such as a worship and/or Christian Education programming?

I have included it in a previous service, Christian education program or activity

**Now that you have included The Belhar Confession in your worship service, Christian education program or other ministry event, would you be willing to share what you have done as resource for others?**

***Check all that apply.***

- Yes, I would be willing to share my written outline  
 Yes, I would be willing to speak with other congregations in my presbytery  
 Yes, I would be willing to have national staff share my plan  
 Yes, I would be willing to share my experience  
 No, I am not able to serve as a resource

I am currently planning a service, program or event to include it

I do not know when, but I plan to do so at some future date

I do not expect that it will be included in our services, programs or events

Would it be helpful to you to learn how others have included The Belhar Confession?

- Yes                      If Yes, please list your contact information:

- No

Name	
Email	

## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterians have a long tradition of ministering with refugees and welcoming newcomers. There were several General Assembly 2016 overtures that emphasized the important role of churches in assisting refugees and to advocate on their behalf. Which of the following activities is your congregation currently doing? *Check all that apply.*

- Nothing at this time
- Refugee Resettlement
- Providing basic needs (housing, food, clothing) for asylum seekers
- Sponsoring educational events on refugees and/or immigration
- Participate on Presbytery or Synod committee or task force
- Participate with local ecumenical or interfaith coalition
- Donate to overseas refugee emergencies
- Other - Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Would your congregation be interested in receiving information about different opportunities in your area?

- Yes                       No

Please comment about your participation with refugees, immigration and/or overseas relief support.

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If the congregation is not currently involved with ministering to refugees, would you be interested in receiving information about opportunities in your area?

- Yes                       No

Does your congregation currently participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering?

- Yes                       No

Has your congregation participated in any of the special appeals for specific disasters?

- Yes      If Yes, for which special disaster has your congregation responded?

- No      \_\_\_\_\_

## World Mission

List the name and email of the pastor or staff member in your congregation who is responsible for congregational mission activity.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

List the name and email for the contact person of any committee in your congregation that focuses some or all of its attention on world or international mission.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your congregation engaged or interested in engaging in mission outside of the U.S.?  
 Yes                       No

**If YES**, in what geographic area(s) outside of the U.S. is your congregation currently engaged or interested in engaging in mission? You have the option to write-in a specific country or countries. *Check all that apply.*

	<b>Engaged</b>	<b>Interested</b>
Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Latin America/Caribbean/Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middle East	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Europe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central Asia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please name the specific countries in which your congregation is engaged or interested in engaging in mission?

Engaged: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested: \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following mission-related topics would be of interest to your congregation?  
*Check all that apply.*

- Becoming a Young Adult Volunteer for young adults ages 19-30
- Supporting a Young Adult Volunteer
- Developing cross-cultural competency in mission and outreach
- Developing a strategic mission focus
- Bringing our church's mission work into Christian education and/or worship
- Increasing your church members' mission involvement
- Bringing an international mission worker to speak in your church
- Learning long-term mission partnership best practices
- Joining a mission network (churches focused on specific regions or issues)
- Learning short-term mission trip best practices
- Supporting a long-term PC(USA) mission worker (serving three or more years)
- None of the above
- Other - Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

Presbyterian World Mission is working with others to create free resources for congregations to equip them for global mission. **Select up to three** of the following topics that would be of greatest interest to your church.

- Care for vulnerable children
- Christian-Muslim relations
- Environmental stewardship
- Quality education for children
- Frontier mission
- Human trafficking
- Immigration
- Maternal/infant health
- Racial reconciliation
- Theological education
- Trauma healing
- Microfinance
- None of the above
- Other - Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your congregation's specific mission passion?

\_\_\_\_\_

*If a passion is listed, does your congregation need guidance to begin or continue this particular mission work?*

- Yes                       No

What are the most effective ways for Presbyterian World Mission to reach out to congregations? *Check all that apply.*

- Electronic newsletters
- Missions Crossroads magazine, a free publication about global mission
- Personal phone calls to learn about congregational mission involvement
- Mission speakers
- Opportunities to network with other congregations on global mission experiences
- Not interested in connecting with Presbyterian World Mission
- Other - please list your suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

Would your congregation like to receive the *Mission Crossroads* magazine- a free publication with stories about Presbyterians involved in international mission that is mailed three times a year?

- Yes                       No                       Already receive *Mission Crossroads*

## Congregational Ministries Publishing

Does your congregation use denominational curriculum?

- Yes                       No

Which of the following denominational curriculum have you ordered and used? Check all that apply.

- The Present Word -adult Bible studies
- Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding
- Faith Questions for youth
- Growing in Grace & Gratitude for children
- Feasting on the Word lectionary-based curriculum

Does your congregation order its educational materials through the [pcusastore.com](http://pcusastore.com)?

- Yes                       No

How likely are you to recommend PCUSA denominational curriculum to other congregations?

- Definitely Yes
- Very Probably
- Probably
- Possibly
- Probably Not
- Definitely Not

## Presbyterian Foundation

Does your congregation have one or more programs in place to encourage each of the following types of giving?

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Giving to a capital campaign or other special projects of the congregation	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Making a planned or other major gift to the congregation	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Remember the congregation in a will	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Accepts donations via the internet	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

***If internet donations are accepted,*** describe a typical month of internet receipts. What ***percentage*** of the gifts and offerings to your congregation are made online? \_\_\_\_\_%

Has your congregation received any gifts from an estate or will this year (2016)?

( ) Yes                      ( ) No

**If Yes,** describe the gifts from wills and estates that the congregation has received so far this year?

Number of gifts: \_\_\_\_\_

Total value of these gifts: \_\_\_\_\_

List the name and address of the contact person who leads your congregation's stewardship efforts?

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address or Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

List the name and address of the contact person who champions your congregation's Special Offerings efforts?

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address or Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program

The Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program asks these questions to determine which churches might benefit from the loan and investment products.

	<b>Yes, Definitely</b>	<b>Yes, Possibly</b>	<b>No</b>
Does your congregation plan to expand or renovate its facilities within the next two years?	( )	( )	( )
Is your congregation considering ways to make your campus more energy efficient in the next two years?	( )	( )	( )
Is your congregation considering ways to make your campus more accessible to those with disabilities in the next two years?	( )	( )	( )

If **Yes, Definitely** or **Yes, Possibly**, what is the estimated cost of the project(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your congregation have loan balances that total more than \$50,000?

( ) Yes                      ( ) No

**If Yes**, the congregation has loan balances that total more than \$50,000 with one or more of the following groups or institutions. Indicate the approximate balance and interest rate on loans in each category. If your congregation, has multiple loans with any of these please report the average interest rate for the category.

	<b>Approximate Balance</b>	<b>Interest Rate %</b>
Banks or financial institutions		
Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program		
General Assembly		
Other:		



## Theological Education Fund

In this year (2016), has your congregation contributed to the Theological Education Fund(TEF) in support of all PC(USA) seminaries?

Yes                       No

IF Yes, how much has your congregation contributed to the Theological Education Fund in support of **all PC(USA) Seminaries**? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In this year (2016), has your congregation contributed to the Theological Education Fund(TEF) in support of **any PC(USA) seminaries** directly including any scholarships?

Yes                       No

Please list the amount that your congregation *has given directly to a specific* seminary's scholarship, special projects or general funds accounts.

Amount for:	Scholarships	Special Projects	General Fund
Austin Presbyterian Seminary Austin, Texas			
Columbia Theological Seminary Decatur, Georgia			
University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Dubuque, Iowa			
McCormick Theological Seminary Chicago, Illinois			
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary Louisville, Kentucky			
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Pittsburg, Pennsylvania			
Princeton Theological Seminary Princeton, New Jersey			
San Francisco Theological Seminary San Anselmo, California			
Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary Atlanta, Georgia			
Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, Virginia and Charlotte, North Carolina)			
Auburn Theological Seminary New York, New York			
Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico San Juan, Puerto			

On a scale from 1-10 with one being lowest and 10 being the highest, how valuable do you believe your congregations feels it is for:

- A. Your congregation to be served by a pastor with a master's level theological education? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Other congregations in the PC(USA) to be served by a pastor with master's level theological education? \_\_\_\_\_

## Office of the General Assembly

The 1999 General Assembly encouraged congregations to extend sermon invitations to pastors of different races or ethnicities than that of its congregation. Did your congregation invite a pastor of a different race/ethnicity to preach this year?

- Yes                       No

IF Yes, how many Sundays did the pastor who accepted the invitation preach?

- 0    1    2    3    4    5    6 or more times

IF No, how many years has it been since a pastor of a different race or ethnicity preached at your church?

- More than 1 but less than 2
- 2 to 3 years
- 4 to 5 years
- 6 or more years
- Not sure
- Never

How many different individuals (nonmembers) do you estimate that your congregation served or ministered this year through its various ministries (events, programs, outreach and visitors)? \_\_\_\_\_

## Office of Research Services

Research Services tracks the number of same-sex marriages following the vote of the 221 General Assembly. The data provided here will be reported in aggregate. No information about an individual congregation or pastor will be shared.

Have there been any marriage ceremonies conducted at your church or on your church property this year?

Yes                       No

How many ceremonies have been conducted in or on your church property this year?

*If none, enter "0."* \_\_\_\_\_

How many marriages have been conducted for couples of the same-sex this year?

*If none, enter "0."* \_\_\_\_\_

Has your pastor conducted any marriage ceremonies at locations *other than* at your church property this year?

Yes                       No

How many marriage ceremonies have been performed at locations other than church properties?

*If none, enter "0."* \_\_\_\_\_

How many of those marriage ceremonies were of couples of the same sex? If none, enter "0."

*If none, enter "0."* \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You!**