

Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast Parish Survey 2009

The following responses are from 60 parishes/missions in the diocese.

Which of the following Hispanic ministries does your church have in place (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
0%	0%	0%	Hispanic language worship
0%	5%	3%	English as a second language class for Hispanics
0%	0%	0%	Child care services for Hispanic families
0%	9%	7%	Please specify other Hispanic services your church provides:

Please estimate the number of Hispanic people served by the ministries/programs at your church:

Mission	Parish	All	
88%	70%	75%	None
12%	23%	20%	1-15
0%	5%	3%	16-30
0%	0%	0%	31-45
0%	0%	0%	46-60
0%	2%	2%	61-75
0%	0%	0%	76-90
0%	0%	0%	91-105
0%	0%	0%	106 or more

Which of the following college/university programs or ministries does your church have in place (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
0%	7%	5%	Chaplaincy to a specific setting or group
0%	12%	8%	Consultation to a specific setting/group for college aged students
0%	7%	5%	Church located programs designed for local college students

Estimate the number of college/university students served by your church's ministries or programs:

Mission	Parish	All	
1	4	3	Average number of university Students

Would you/your congregation like consultation, materials, etc. from the following (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
12%	33%	27%	The Youth Minister
12%	34%	28%	The Commission on Youth Ministry
6%	19%	15%	The Commission on Campus Ministry
41%	35%	37%	The Commission on Church Growth and Development

Which of the following ecumenical or interfaith programs or ministries are in place in your church/community (please click on that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
41%	49%	47%	Ecumenical worship services
47%	65%	60%	Ecumenical outreach programs/services
24%	33%	30%	Ecumenical committees/groups
24%	35%	32%	Interfaith worship services
6%	33%	25%	Interfaith outreach programs/services
0%	30%	22%	Interfaith committees/groups

Which of the following types of relationships or partnerships with others (churches, regions, countries) are currently in place in your church (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
12%	35%	28%	Mission programs
24%	60%	50%	Service programs
24%	19%	20%	Continuing education programs

Which of the following models of "new church development" is your church currently using (Please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
6%	3%	3%	"House" church
0%	0%	0%	Store front church
47%	42%	43%	Small groups for fellowship or Bible study

Which of the following "Five Marks of Mission" require increased effort/education in your setting (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
41%	40%	40%	"Proclaim the kingdom of God"
59%	44%	48%	"Teach, baptize, and nurture new believers"
71%	40%	48%	"Respond to human needs by loving service"
41%	58%	53%	"Seek to transform unjust structures in society"
59%	53%	55%	"Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, sustain and renew life on earth"

Would you/your congregation like consultation/resources from (please click all that apply):

Mission	Parish	All	
24%	19%	20%	The Commission on Liturgy, Music, and Ecclesiastical Arts
24%	21%	22%	The Commission on Environment and the Integrity of Creation
12%	26%	22%	The Commission on Peace and Justice/Racial Reconciliation
24%	7%	12%	The Commission on Cursillo

Which of the following prison ministry programs are in place in your setting (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
6%	21%	17%	Prison ministry by clergy
12%	33%	27%	Prison ministry by lay persons
6%	12%	10%	Programs for prisoners returning to the community
12%	12%	12%	Programs for families of prisoners/returning prisoners

Which of the following does your church have in place for seminarians (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
0%	9%	7%	Scholarships
29%	56%	48%	Other financial support

Which of the following does your church have in place for deacons (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
0%	5%	6%	Scholarships
6%	16%	13%	Other financial support

Which of the following would enhance in-reach for you and/or your smaller or mission congregation (Please click all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
47%	19%	27%	Voluntary association with a resource church/parish
47%	21%	28%	Voluntary partnerships with other churches
35%	23%	27%	Obtaining specific diocesan resources

Which of the following elements of Health Ministry are now in place at your church (please click all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
82%	86%	85%	Clergy pastoral visiting
94%	93%	93%	Lay person pastoral visiting
71%	84%	80%	Food for the sick
24%	40%	35%	Prayer shawls
18%	16%	17%	Nurse certified in Parish Nursing or equivalent certification
35%	28%	30%	Registered nurse acting as Parish Nurse
41%	44%	43%	Transportation volunteers for diagnostic or therapeutic care
29%	47%	42%	Health related information (bulletin boards, handouts, articles, workshops, etc.)
35%	53%	48%	Food pantry
24%	37%	33%	Bereavement committee
18%	9%	12%	Animals/owners certified for pet therapy

In which of the following Health Ministry programs is your church engaged in for the community (please click all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
6%	19%	15%	Blood pressure screening
0%	33%	23%	Blood drives
0%	21%	15%	Health fairs
6%	9%	8%	Health education classes
53%	65%	62%	Food pantry

Which of the following facilities do you now have in place for the disabled (please click all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
88%	79%	82%	Ramps
82%	88%	87%	Accessible toilet(s)
41%	33%	35%	Low glare wax on floors
0%	0%	0%	Braille publications
6%	30%	23%	Hearing boosters
47%	58%	55%	Large print publications
0%	9%	7%	High contrast print materials
6%	9%	8%	High contrast signage
0%	5%	3%	Web site auditory as well as printed
0%	7%	5%	Braille signage
0%	7%	5%	Sign language interpreter

Which of the following stewardship programs have been sponsored by your church during 2009 (please click all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
12%	40%	32%	Stewardship workshop
6%	16%	13%	Planned giving workshop
59%	95%	85%	Stewardship articles in newsletter/bulletin
29%	51%	45%	Planned giving articles in newsletter/bulletin
6%	5%	5%	Goal for 50/50 giving
24%	60%	50%	Information on proportional giving
65%	74%	72%	Stewardship obligation to the diocese
18%	30%	27%	Start up or increase of local endowment trusts

Is your church considered an historically significant church?

Mission	Parish	All	
47%	42%	43%	Yes

Which of the following activities have been undertaken by your historically significant church (please click all that apply)? Note: The following set of questions only answered if the church is historically significant.

Mission	Parish	All	
0%	11%	8%	Grant application(s) for restoration at present
50%	17%	27%	Grant applications in past
13%	17%	15%	Capital campaign for restorations at present
100%	100%	100%	Capital campaign for restoration completed in past

Which of the following programs/activities has your church undertaken to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain/renew the integrity of the earth (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
18%	40%	33%	Use biodegradable products (eliminate plastics)
6%	23%	18%	Reduce greenhouse emissions in every facility
29%	30%	30%	Restrict use of bottled water
29%	60%	52%	Foster the use of re-usable items
0%	9%	7%	Plant community gardens

Which of the following Millennium Developmental Goals has been the focus of programs or activities at your church?

Mission	Parish	All	
18%	56%	45%	Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
6%	19%	15%	Achieve universal primary education
24%	35%	32%	Promote gender equality and empower women
6%	21%	17%	Reduce child mortality
6%	19%	15%	Improve maternal health
12%	19%	17%	Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
12%	28%	23%	Ensure environmental sustainability
6%	12%	10%	Develop a Global Partnership for Development

Which of the following partnerships with local (public, private, church) schools exist in your setting (please click all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
18%	40%	33%	Reading tutors/speakers
12%	42%	33%	Classroom volunteers
0%	12%	8%	Chaperone activities
12%	26%	22%	Tutoring
6%	14%	12%	Coaching (sports, drama, etc.)

Which of the following programs/educational activities have been undertaken by your church to promote health/spiritual inter-relationships (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
0%	14%	10%	Organ donation
18%	40%	33%	Advanced directives
6%	30%	23%	Medical proxy
6%	9%	8%	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification
41%	60%	55%	Funeral preparations
53%	67%	63%	Healing services
71%	74%	73%	Prayer/counseling for healing

Which of the following programs/education efforts are in place on domestic abuse (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
6%	5%	5%	Abuse hotline numbers (tear off) posted in all public toilets
0%	5%	3%	Congregational workshops on domestic abuse covering prevalence, incidence, available treatment, etc., in your area
0%	12%	8%	Community workshops covering the content of the above
0%	2%	2%	Printed escape plan handouts for victims seeking counseling
6%	12%	10%	Readily available numbers for reporting abuse as required by law
6%	12%	10%	Expanding definition of domestic violence and abuse to cover psychological, physical, sexual or financial abuse by any age group

Have you provided programs on sexually transmitted diseases (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
0%	2%	2%	To your own congregation
0%	0%	0%	To disadvantage groups
0%	5%	3%	Specifically on HIV/AIDS

Which of the following communication techniques are used by the majority of your members (please click on all that apply)?

Mission	Parish	All	
82%	91%	88%	E-mail
53%	79%	72%	Internet (searches, web pages, webinars, etc.)
18%	23%	22%	Facebook
0%	7%	5%	Twitter
0%	2%	2%	Skype
6%	5%	5%	YouTube

How many members does your church have?

Mission	Parish	All	
6%	0%	2%	25 or less
82%	14%	33%	26-100
12%	44%	35%	101-250
0%	14%	10%	251-400
0%	12%	8%	401-550
0%	5%	3%	551-700
0%	2%	2%	701-850
0%	9%	7%	851-1000