



# **VISION 2020**

CHRIST CHURCH | DARTMOUTH

*Discerning God's Call*



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An Inclusive Church Welcoming Everyone.



**THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION:**

*"Is this who we are?"*



# Order of Events: February 28<sup>th</sup>

- Introduction – *5mins.*
- Prayer and Collect for Visioning: Rev. Dr. Kyle
- Holy Manners: Rev. Dr. Kyle
- Exploring the survey data concerning the question of the day. *10-15mins. John MacDonald*

# Order of Events: February 28<sup>th</sup>

- A group discussion about the question(s) raised from the survey *10-15mins.*
- Breakout sessions, gathering in smaller groups for more intimate conversation *20mins.*
- Group check-in and summary on what we have discovered 10-15mins.
- Closing Prayer

# Introduction: How we got to today

December 19, 2019 Parish Council moved to establish a **Campus Strategic Planning Subcommittee** to investigate any and all options regarding the future of our current campus, to begin January 2020.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

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December 19, 2019 Parish Council moved to establish a **sub-committee of Parish Council be created to explore our parish vision** and include consultation and collaboration with the Campus Strategic Planning Sub-Committee, to be established in January, 2020.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

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September 2020: Parish Wide Survey conducted by **Holy Cow! Consulting** (at the request of Parish Council) to conduct a **Church Assessment Tool (CAT) Survey**.

The survey was open to all parishioners, and was made available in print, and online. The survey closed in October.



# Introduction: How we got to today

In October 2020, the results of the survey were presented to Parish Council and a summary of the results was shared by way of letter to the parish, outlining that the Ministry Visioning group would prepare to hold a series of visioning sessions to explore the results of the survey.

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The process has been communicated widely to the parish in the following ways:

The Rector has made reference to our visioning process within the context of worship (Sermons), as well as pastoral letters to the parish.

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Sunday Announcements

Midweek Email Announcements and News

Parish Newsletters

Parish Website

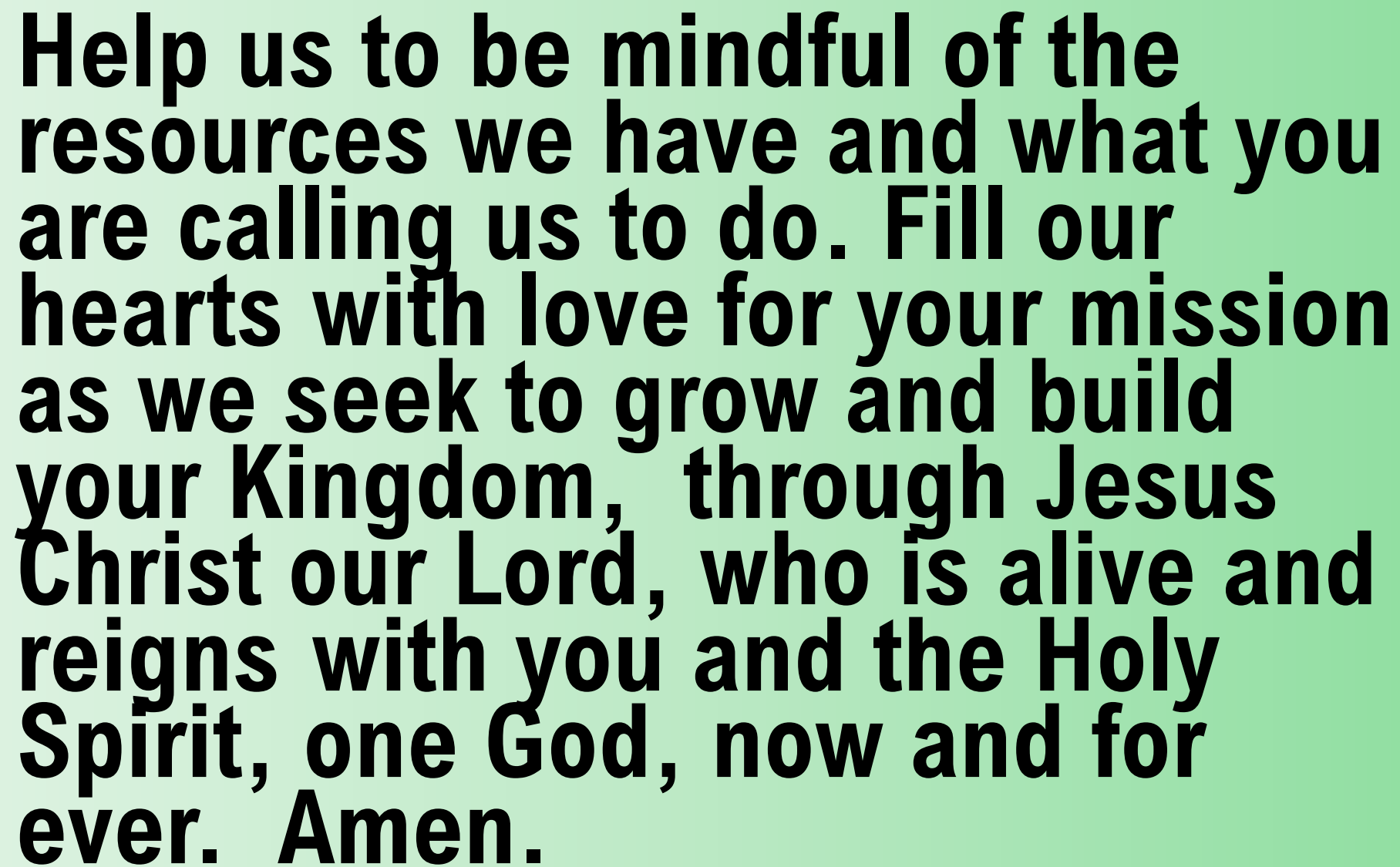
Facebook

Each person prior to today has received a phone call, inviting them to our time today.

Here we are...

# **Our Collect for Visioning:**

**O God, draw us together as a community that seeks understanding. As followers of Christ, we are guided by your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your vision. Assist us as we reflect on who we are as a church.**



**Help us to be mindful of the resources we have and what you are calling us to do. Fill our hearts with love for your mission as we seek to grow and build your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

# Holy Manners

During our time together, as we listen and learn, as we discover and grow, we do so as Jesus would. We treat one another with dignity and respect, recognize that we all come from a different place. (Document at back of the church)

# The Survey Data

Survey Period: Sept.14-Oct.9

Number of Respondents: 100

Response rate as % of Avg

Attendance: 88%



# The Survey Data

Age	Below 19	19-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
	0%	1%	0%	7%	1%	25%	65%

90% of survey respondents were over the age of 55. 65% of respondents were over 65.

# The Survey Data

Tenure	Under one year	1-2 years	3-4 years	5-10 years	11-15 years	16-20 years	Over 20 years
	2%	9%	5%	10%	7%	6%	61%

74 % of respondents have been at Christ Church for more than 10 years. 61% for over 20 years.

# The Survey Data

Distance to Church	Under 4 blocks	5-8 blocks	1-2 miles	3-4 miles	5-9 miles	10-15 miles	Over 15 miles
	10%	15%	28%	23%	14%	5%	6%

47% of respondents live more than 3 miles from the church.

# The Survey Data

## Attendance

None	1-4 times	Once per month	Twice per month	Three times a month	All but 4 weeks	Every week
2%	12%	12%	9%	25%	11%	29%

40% of respondents attend church every week.

26% of respondents attend church less than twice a month.

# The Survey Data

Attendance Trend*	Third as much	Half as much	Somewhat less	Same	Somewhat more	Twice as much	Three times as much
	8%	5%	13%	53%	9%	2%	10%

22% of respondents were attending more.

26% of respondents were attending less.

# The Survey Data

## Level of Education

Less than high school	Some high school	High school grad	Some college	College graduate	Some post graduate	Graduate degree
1%	1%	2%	12%	33%	6%	44%

95% of respondents had college education.

50% have post graduate exposure.

# The Survey Data

Persons in Household	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six or more
Total	33%	57%	7%	2%	0%	0%

Christ Church households consist of mostly one or two persons.

# The Survey Data

Total church income	\$262,287
Contribution per household	\$1,033
Average household income	\$89,298
Average percent of income given	1.16%



# The Survey Data: Theological Profile

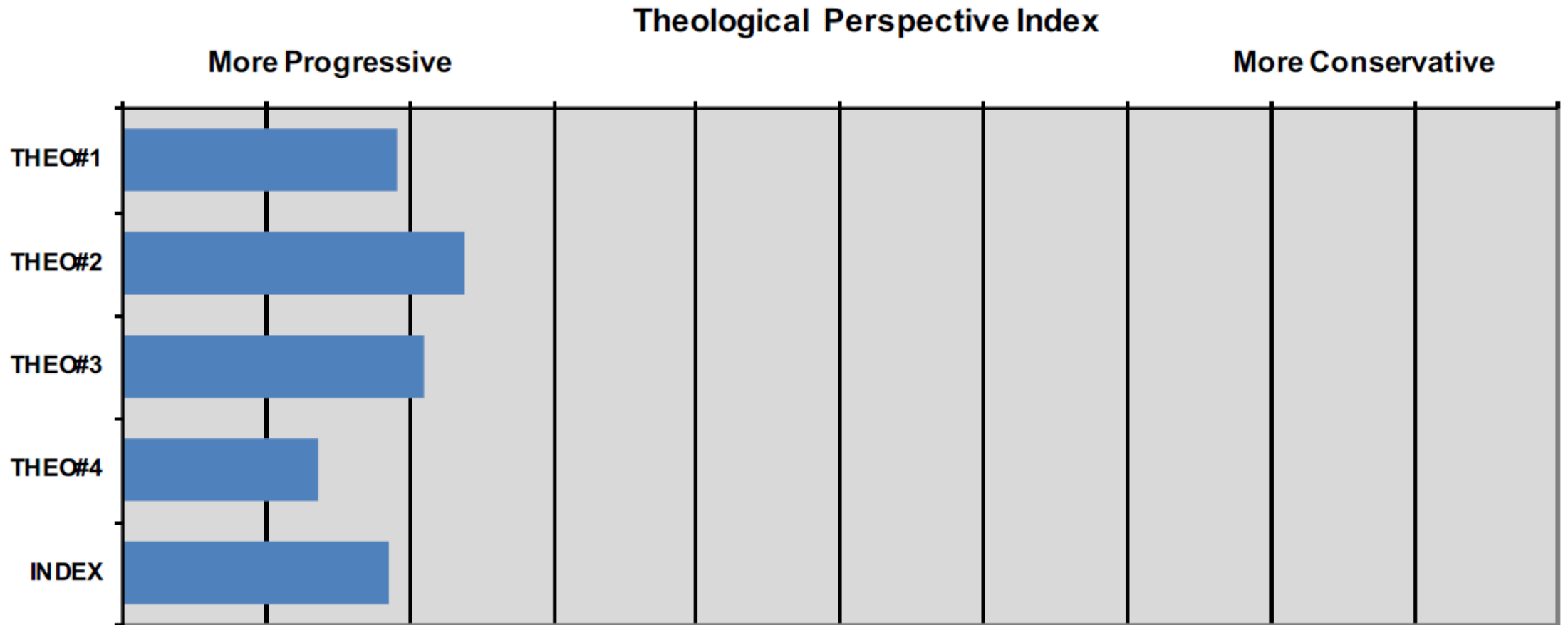
Converting persons to Christ must be the first step in creating a better society.

Our congregation is committed to abide by the unchanging, historic faith as handed down through the centuries.

Scripture is the literal Word of God without error, not only in matters of faith, but also in historical, geographical, and other secular matters.

The main purpose of Christian education is to help people know what is in the Bible.

# The Survey Data: Theological Profile



# The Survey Data: Style

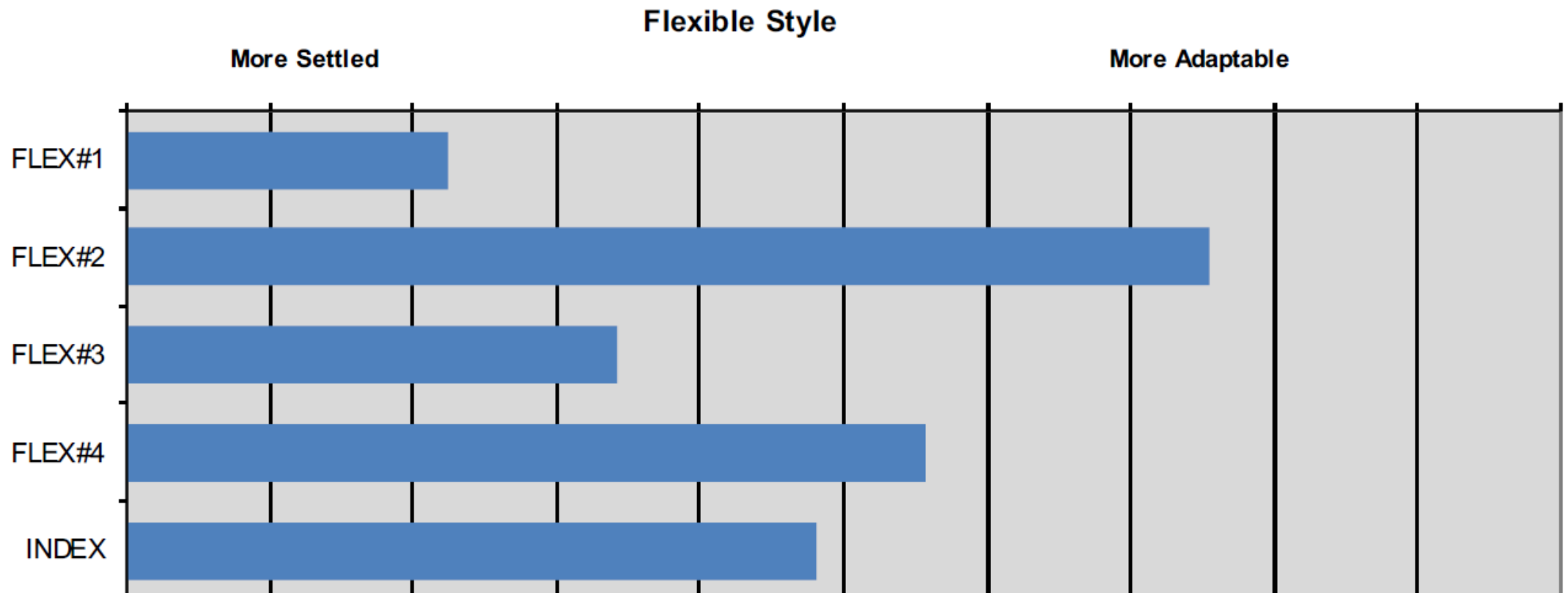
Our members welcome changes in worship.

Our church tends to stay very close to established ways of doing things.

We are willing to adapt our worship to the needs and circumstances of the people we want to reach in our local community.

Our church changes its program from time to time to meet the changing needs of its members.

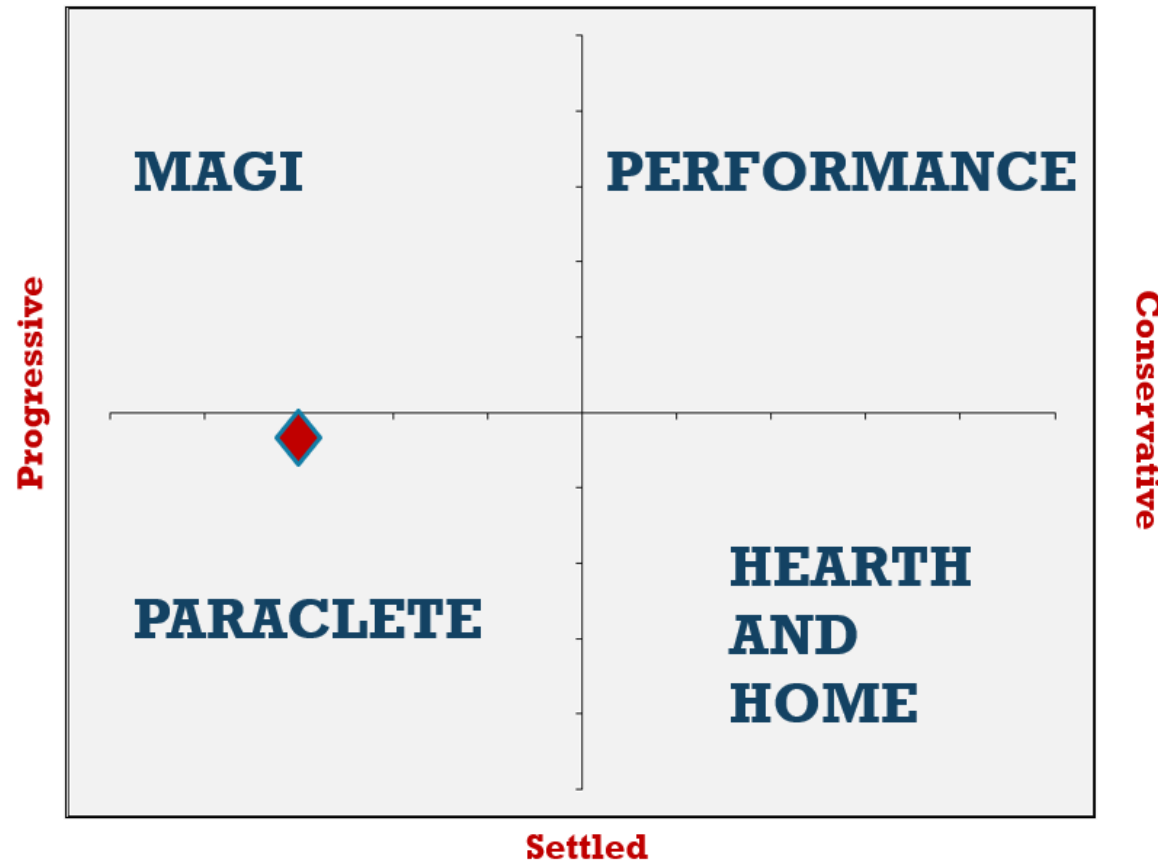
# The Survey Data: Style



# The Survey Data: Cultural Description

## Descriptive Map

Adaptable



# The Survey Data: Magi

## Magi Culture:

At Its Best: Rational, Advocate, Intellectual, Efficient, Deep Knowledge - *Yoda*

At its Worst: Aloof, Impersonal, Unapproachable, Theoretical - *Spock on steroids*

# The Survey Data: Paraclete

## Paraclete Culture:

At its Best: Warm, Compassionate, Healing,  
Mentoring, Accepting - *Mother Teresa*

At its Worst: Overly emotional,  
Overwhelmed, Naïve, Sentimental - *Don  
Quixote*

# The Survey Data: Questions

## Demographics:

90% of respondents are over 55 – do we have the heart and energy to do what it takes to attract other members to our congregation?



# The Survey Data: Questions

## Demographics:

Almost 75% of respondents have been at Christ Church for over 10 years – can and will we change to attract other members to our congregation?

# The Survey Data: Questions

47% of our congregation travel more than 3 miles to get to the Church – are we truly a downtown church with a mission for our neighbourhood?

# The Survey Data: Questions

95% of respondents have a college education and 50% have graduate degrees – will we be flexible enough to change our intellectually heavy worship style for others?

# The Survey Data: Questions

The survey identified that perhaps there are two cultures at work at Christ Church: have you experienced that? – how does this manifest itself? How can we work together?

# Group Discussion

Break out groups

# Closing Prayer