

CHURCH AND FAITH

PERSPECTIVES OF
ATLANTIC CANADIAN YOUTH



INTRODUCE YOURSELF

What is your gender? _____

How old are you? _____

Please select all that apply (Self-Identify)

- ☐ Mi'kmaw
- ☐ Indigenous
- ☐ African Nova Scotian
- ☐ Person of African Descent
- ☐ African Canadian
- ☐ Caucasian
- ☐ Visible Minority
- ☐ Recently Immigrated/Newcomer
- ☐ 2SLGBTQ+
- ☐ Person with a disability
- ☐ Other

Would you say that you are a Christian?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Still figuring it out

Do you believe in a higher power?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

What is your church's name?

What community and province it is located in?

Part 1: Quick Snapshot of your Involvement (Pre-Covid, Before March 15, 2020)

Circle the number that most represents your experience. There are also some opportunities to give a longer answer response.

How often do you attend (online or in person) a youth group gathering?	Q1-Pre-Covid: Before March 15, 2020		Q2-Covid-19 reality: March 15, 2020 -Now	
	Nearly Every Week	5	Nearly Every Week	5
	At Least Once a Month	4	At Least Once a Month	4
	Sometimes	3	Sometimes	3
	Once or Twice a Year	2	Once or Twice a Year	2
	Never	1	Never	1
Q3-Why do you go to youth group?				
How often do you attend a worship service (online or in person) (other than youth group)?	Q4-Pre-Covid: Before March 15, 2020		Q5- Covid-19 reality: March 15, 2020 -Now	
	Nearly Every Week	5	Nearly Every Week	5
	At Least Once a Month	4	At Least Once a Month	4
	Sometimes	3	Sometimes	3
	Once or Twice a Year	2	Once or Twice a Year	2
	Never	1	Never	1
Q6-Why do you go to this worship service?				
How often do you attend a worship service in the same church you attend youth group?	Q7- Pre-Covid: Before March 15, 2020		Q8- Covid-19 reality: March 15, 2020 -Now	
	Nearly Every Week	5	Nearly Every Week	5
	At Least Once a Month	4	At Least Once a Month	4
	Sometimes	3	Sometimes	3
	Once or Twice a Year	2	Once or Twice a Year	2
	Never	1	Never	1

How often are you actively involved in contributing (ex. Worship band, welcoming, taking up offering) to either youth group or other worship services?	Q9-Pre-Covid: Before March 15, 2020		Q10- Covid-19 reality: March 15, 2020 -Now		
	Nearly Every Week	5		Nearly Every Week	5
	At Least Once a Month	4		At Least Once a Month	4
	Sometimes	3		Sometimes	3
	Once or Twice a Year	2		Once or Twice a Year	2
	Never	1		Never	1

Q11- Has your involvement changed since Covid-19? If so how?

How often do you attend a worship service in the same church you attend youth group?	Q12- Pre-Covid: Before March 15, 2020		Q13-Covid-19 reality: March 15, 2020 -Now		
	Nearly Every Week	5		Nearly Every Week	5
	At Least Once a Month	4		At Least Once a Month	4
	Sometimes	3		Sometimes	3
	Once or Twice a Year	2		Once or Twice a Year	2
	Never	1		Never	1

How often do you talk about spiritual topics with your Christian friends (faith, meaning of life, church, religion, etc.)?	Q14-Pre-Covid: Before March 15, 2020		Q15-Covid-19 reality: March 15, 2020 -Now		
	Nearly Every Week	5		Nearly Every Week	5
	At Least Once a Month	4		At Least Once a Month	4
	Sometimes	3		Sometimes	3
	Once or Twice a Year	2		Once or Twice a Year	2
	Never	1		Never	1

How often do you talk about spiritual topics with your non-Christian friends (faith, meaning of life, church, religion, etc.)?	Q16- Pre-Covid: Before March 15, 2020		Q17- Covid-19 reality: March 15, 2020 -Now		
	Nearly Every Week	5		Nearly Every Week	5
	At Least Once a Month	4		At Least Once a Month	4
	Sometimes	3		Sometimes	3
	Once or Twice a Year	2		Once or Twice a Year	2
	Never	1		Never	1

How often do you pray by yourself?	Q18- Pre-Covid: Before March 15, 2020		Q19- Covid-19 reality: March 15, 2020 -Now		
	Nearly Every Week	5		Nearly Every Week	5
	At Least Once a Month	4		At Least Once a Month	4
	Sometimes	3		Sometimes	3
	Once or Twice a Year	2		Once or Twice a Year	2
	Never	1		Never	1

How often do you read the Bible by yourself?	Q20- Pre-Covid: Before March 15, 2020		Q21- Covid-19 reality: March 15, 2020 -Now		
	Nearly Every Week	5		Nearly Every Week	5
	At Least Once a Month	4		At Least Once a Month	4
	Sometimes	3		Sometimes	3
	Once or Twice a Year	2		Once or Twice a Year	2
	Never	1		Never	1

How often did/do you attend youth group when it is/was only available online?	Q22- Covid-19 reality: March 15, 2020 -Now			
	Nearly Every Week	5		
	Once or Twice a Month	4		
	Sometimes	3		
	Never	2		
	I had to go	1		

How often do you attend youth group when it returned from online to in person?	Q23- Covid-19 reality: March 15, 2020 -Now			
	Nearly Every Week	5		
	Once or Twice a Month	4		
	Sometimes	3		
	Never	2		
	I had to go	1		

Please read each sentence carefully and let us know if you agree or disagree.

Circle what best describes your thoughts.

AS = Agree Strongly

NC = Not Certain

DS = Disagree Strongly

A = Agree

D = Disagree

HT=Haven't Thought about it

Part 2: My Church Experience

My Church Experience						
AS= Agree Strongly A= Agree NC= Not Certain D= Disagree DS= Disagree Strongly HT=Haven't Thought about it						
My Church is helping my community/town/neighbourhood	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I feel valued by my church community	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I feel comfortable to ask questions about spiritual issues to adults within my church community	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I have adults (not my parents) in my church community with whom I am comfortable to speak about important topics (faith, personal struggles, etc.)	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I have adults in my church community who check in on me	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I feel a part of my church community	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I feel I have opportunities to contribute (worship band, welcome, etc.) to my church community	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I feel like I can be myself at youth group.	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I feel like I can be myself at Sunday morning church.	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I look forward to going to youth group	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I look forward to going to Sunday morning church	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I am interested in talking and learning about spiritual things with adult leaders at my church	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
My spiritual beliefs affect the way I think about myself . . .	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
My spiritual beliefs affect my actions	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT

Part 3- Challenges to my Faith

Challenges to my faith						
AS= Agree Strongly A= Agree NC= Not Certain D= Disagree DS= Disagree Strongly HT=Haven't Thought about it						
<i>For me faith is made difficult by:</i>						
the attitudes of my Christian friends	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
the attitudes of my non-Christian friends	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
the attitudes of my teachers/tutors	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
the attitudes of my family members	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
churches refusing to accept change	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
Hypocrisy within the church	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
having to accept the authority of the Bible	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
listening to the claims of science	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
The problems religions cause in the world	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
The disagreement among the churches	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
Needing to fit into church/youth groups expectations....	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
church teaching on sex	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
church teaching on 2SLGBTQ+ issues (sex and gender identity)	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
the demands made by church on my time	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
having to believe things that don't make sense	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
my church not wanting to listen to me	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
the suffering I see in the world	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
the attitudes of adult Christians	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
the attitudes of others at school/work	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT

Part 4: Technology and my Faith

Technology and my Faith						
AS= Agree Strongly A= Agree NC= Not Certain D= Disagree DS= Disagree Strongly HT=Haven't Thought about it						
Technology is useful to learn more about Christianity	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
My church utilizes technology well	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
My generation spends too much time on screens	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
Technology has helped me build closer relationships with adults at my church	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I feel confident in my ability to find out if what I am reading/watching online is accurate	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
Technology has positively affected my relationship with God	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
Technology has negatively affected my relationship with God	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I use my phone as my Bible more than a paper copy	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
Technology has helped me connect more with my church/youth group.	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
I use technology (apps, website, etc.) for my own personal faith development.....	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
Technology is helpful in relationship building.....	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
Having an online presence is important for churches to attract younger generations.....	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT
Technology is a distraction from my faith journey	AS	A	NC	D	DS	HT

Do you prefer meeting in-person or online? Why?

Has technology positively affected your relationship with God? How?

Has technology negatively affected your relationship with God? How?

Part 5: Social Justice

Please read each sentence carefully and rank how well your church community is doing in meaningfully engaging around the relevant topics.

We define 'meaningfully engaging' as: A Church leader (pastor, small group leader) has spoken about or taught about the respective topic three to six times in a year.

SOCIAL JUSTICE					
AS= Agree Strongly A= Agree NC= Not Certain D= Disagree DS= Disagree Strongly					
<i>My church is meaningfully engaging with this topic</i>					
Racial Equality.	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Indigenous Reconciliation	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Climate Change	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Environmental Sustainability.	AS	A	NC	D	DS
2SLGBTQ+.	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Gender Dysphoria	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Homelessness	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Poverty in my community	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Mental Health	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Sex Trafficking	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Suicide	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Gender Equality.	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Consumerism	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Immigration	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Global Poverty	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Medical Assisted in dying.	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Abortion.	AS	A	NC	D	DS

Addiction.	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Substance Use.	AS	A	NC	D	DS
Pornography.	AS	A	NC	D	DS

Which of the above topics (or others) do you want church leadership to talk more about?

What can the church do to better engage with the above topics?

Part 5: Multiple Choice

What experience(s) are meaningfully and positively contributing (contributed) to deepening your relationship with God (select all that apply)?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A) Sunday Morning Church | <input type="checkbox"/> G) Listening to Worship Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B) Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> H) Serving others (volunteering) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C) Youth Group | <input type="checkbox"/> I) Personal Spiritual disciplines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D) Summer Camp | <input type="checkbox"/> J) Personal struggles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E) Mission Trip | <input type="checkbox"/> K) Youth Rallies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F) Growing up in my family | <input type="checkbox"/> L) Other_____ |

What was it about these experiences that were/are so important?

What person(s) have meaningfully and positively contributed to deepening your relationship with God (select all that apply)?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A) Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> H) Friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B) Camp staff/director | <input type="checkbox"/> I) Myself (I didn't have anyone) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C) Adult members of your church | <input type="checkbox"/> J) No one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D) Pastoral Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> K) Social Media Influencer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E) Grandparents | <input type="checkbox"/> L) Mentor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F) Extended family | <input type="checkbox"/> M) Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G) Volunteer youth leaders | |

What was it that this person (s) did that was so significant for you in your faith journey?

If you are actively involved in contributing to either youth group or other worship services, what are you doing?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A) Sound booth | <input type="checkbox"/> E) Worship Band |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B) Serving with kid's ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> F) Teaching at Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C) Taking offering | <input type="checkbox"/> G) Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D) Welcoming | |

Would you want to be more involved in your 'church community'?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm already involved as much as I want/able to be

Congrats! This is the end!

Thank you so much for your time in taking this questionnaire.