

2008

“Churches Study Duluth” Duluth Church Survey

Duluth churches providing leadership for this project include...

Duluth First United Methodist Church
Epic Faith
Friendship Baptist Church
Perimeter Church
Sugarloaf United Methodist

Thank you...

With so many demands and pressing schedules, we are very much aware that time is the great commodity. With that in mind, we would like to invite you to complete the following church survey. We are convinced that an expanded understanding of our community and of what God is doing through His people in our city will contribute to more collaboration among churches and ministries. This will happen through the facilitation of communication, cooperation and networking among God's people. We will be better stewards of our God-given resources as we connect with one another and identify ways in which we can work together. Thank you for your ministry and for your assistance with this project.

Your partner in ministry,

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Please allow 30-45 minutes to complete this survey and return by October 1, 2008

Introduction

What is the “Churches Study Duluth” project?

“The more we know about Duluth, the more we will care about the community’s future.”

This project is being initiated by Duluth churches who are partnering to study the history, culture, spiritual heritage, social needs & community assets of Duluth. It is our desire, as churches, to discover where God has been at work in Duluth, what He is doing now, and how we can be used of God to transform Duluth for His great glory. Like Jesus, we desire to proclaim the kingdom of God in word and deed. We are committed to compassionate neighboring.

Why a survey?

It is our goal to develop a comprehensive database of community ministries offered by churches and non-profit organizations throughout our community. We also hope to gain a greater understanding of how God is already at work in our community through descriptions of grassroots leaders and movements.

This research and database will:

1. Enable effective networking of ministries
2. Uncover underappreciated assets as well as unmet needs
3. Identify best practices to be celebrated and shared among the broader body of Christ

We hope that this research and database will improve the ability of the body of Christ in our community to see how God is already at work while also improving the capacity to meet real community needs in a way that truly honors Him. In the end, we hope to dramatically improve the way this community experiences the love of God.

Will you help?

We are asking you to fill out this survey, or delegate it to someone who is most familiar with your church's community ministry. We are in the process of developing a new resource that will be a celebration of what God is already doing in our area and will help you and your church connect to local community ministry opportunities.

Directions

You will have until October 1st to complete the survey. When completed, please mail it to Drue Warner in the envelope we have included with this survey. Please fill out the survey to the best of your knowledge. Do not feel pressured to provide exact numbers. We are looking for your best guess.

Contact Us

Please contact us if you have ANY questions! You can contact Drue Warner at 678-405-2227 or by emailing him at druew@perimeter.org.

Church Survey

Contact Information for your Church:

Church Name: _____
(please spell out full name of church)

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Senior Pastor: _____

Local Missions or Outreach Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If different than above, name and title of person filling out this survey: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Demographics of your church:

1. Year Founded _____

2. Denominational Affiliation _____

3. Community/Neighborhood (i.e., Buford Hwy Corridor, downtown Duluth, "The Hill", etc.):

4. Average number in combined attendance at your main worship services each week: _____

Please estimate the percentage of regular attenders in your congregation in the following categories. Don't worry if you don't know the exact numbers. We're looking for your best guess.

1. Age

| Age | 18 or less | 19 to 35 | 36 to 50 | 51 to 65 | 66 or above |
|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Approx. % | | | | | |

2. Gender

| Gender | Female | Male |
|-----------|--------|------|
| Approx. % | | |

3. Race/Ethnicity

| Ethnicity | White | African American | Hispanic | Asian | Other? |
|-----------|-------|------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| Approx. % | | | | | |

Church's Local Community:

1. What businesses, non-profit organizations, or government agencies in the neighborhood or community around your church are the most active in supporting the local community?

(please list up to 3)

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

2. Are there other churches in your church's area/neighborhood/community that are particularly active in supporting/serving the local community? If so, please list up to 3:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

3. Who are the people in the neighborhood or community around your church who are the most active in supporting or serving the local community?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

4. What are the greatest assets or strengths of the community or neighborhood around your church?
(i.e. great schools, beautiful parks, festivals, a spirit of cooperation, etc.)

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

5. What are the greatest needs of the neighborhood or community around your church?

(i.e. neighborhood cleanup, kids need tutoring, mentoring for single mothers, affordable housing, etc.)

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

6. What are some of the assets or strengths that you think your church brings to the local community?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

7. What are some goals or dreams that you would like to see your church and others come together to nurture in your local community?

(i.e. every child would have a mentor, all of the affordable housing would be energy efficient, etc.)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

Church's Community Ministry

1. Does your church focus its community ministry to a specific geographic location?

(i.e. a specific neighborhood or housing project, 3 mile radius around the church, a specific zip code, etc.)

YES / NO

If so, please indicate your geographical focus. _____

2. Does your church focus its community ministry among a specific population group?

(i.e. single mothers, elderly, youth, homeless, etc.)

YES / NO

If so, please indicate your target group. _____

Below, please indicate the other churches, community service organizations, and/or other ministries that your church partners with in order to serve or minister to the community. If your church partners with more than 8 organizations/ministries, select the ones that you consider to have the most significant impact. Also, please indicate how you support the organization/ministry: financial or in-kind support, volunteers, and/or the use of church space.

(i.e. Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, Water Angels, First Baptist Church, Friendship Baptist Church, Community Action Committee, etc.)

Sample

| Church/Organization/Ministry Name | Ministry Partner Contact Name | Financial/ In-Kind Support | Volunteer Support | Use of Church Space |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Duluth Hands for Christ</i> | <i>(name)</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>Yes</i> |

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Now, on the next page, please list only the **social** ministries that your church directly provides to the community. This list would **NOT** generally include things like *youth group, community concerts, etc.* but would include things like a *food pantry, financial literacy training, or job assistance*. Only include those ministries that your church directly provides without going through another church or organization. If your church has more than 8 ministries, select the ones you consider have the most significant impact. Please use the descriptions below to fill out the *Main Ministry Type*:

Relief services -- care for people's immediate needs (give a hungry person a fish)

(i.e. assist with utility bills, serve food at a shelter, provide clothes after a house fire, paint someone's porch)

Personal empowerment -- help people to achieve positive life changes (teach a person to fish)

(i.e. tutoring, mentoring, teaching job skills, substance abuse recovery, support group)

Community development -- strengthen the building blocks of a healthy community (provide a community with fishing equipment)

(i.e. affordable housing, community center, health clinic, economic development)

Systemic justice – advocate or organize to make political, economic, or cultural systems more just (ensure everyone has fair access to the fish pond)

(i.e. advocate to landlords on behalf of tenants, promote policies to expand health care access, organize community residents to protest predatory lending, help develop a culture of environmental stewardship)

(only include those ministries that your church directly provides without going through another church or organization)

Sample

| Name of Ministry | | Target Geography/Group | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Care Food Pantry | | low-income families in the community | | |
| Location where the ministry takes place | Total # of annual volunteers | Financial Support? | Year Started | |
| Fellowship hall | 15 | Yes | 2002 | |
| Brief Description: | Once a week we provide food to families in the immediate area | | | |
| Main Impact: | Meet emergency food needs of about 30 families each month | | | |
| Main Ministry Type – write in one: (relief, empowerment, development, justice) | | | | relief |

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