

# New Hope Presbyterian Church Survey

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Thank you in advance for providing your feedback to the New Hope Presbyterian Church Transition Team and Session.

The survey will take between 12 to 15 minutes to complete. Your candid responses will be an important component in the Mission Study we develop as part of the process for calling a new pastor. Your responses are confidential and your name will not be associated with any of your feedback.

## A Little About You

1. What best describes your status at New Hope Presbyterian Church?

- Member
- Visitor
- Affiliate
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you been attending NHPC?

- Less than a year
- 1 year to 4+ years
- 5 years to 10 years
- More than 10 years

3. Are you...?

- Male
- Female

4. What is your age category?

- Under 18
- 18 to 29
- 30 to 49
- 50 or older

5. Are there children under the age of 18 living in your household?

- Yes
- No

6. On average, how often do you participate in the following NHPC activities?

	<b>Almost always</b>	<b>Frequently</b>	<b>Occasionally</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Never</b>
Worship Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ongoing events other than worship (e.g., Senior Lunch, Men's Breakfast, Women's Circle, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer activities for NHPC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Your Attitudes About PPC

7. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Overall, I am satisfied as a worshipper at NHPC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I receive adequate information regarding church decisions and direction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel good about the financial future of NHPC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know I can count on NHPC in times of need.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NHPC meets my spiritual needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel like I am a valued part of the NHPC community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is a sense of unity within the congregation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church leaders are effective at listening and adequately addressing concerns.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NHPC embraces individuals from diverse backgrounds.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am confident that the leadership of NHPC will make appropriate decisions for the church.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would like to see significant growth in the membership of NHPC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am in the loop on what is happening with NHPC members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NHPC is welcoming to visitors and new church members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I look forward to worship service at NHPC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am provided opportunities for spiritual growth and leadership.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NHPC cares about my spiritual development and that of my family.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NHPC promotes healthy conflict resolution among members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I intend to continue my worship at NHPC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would recommend NHPC to friends and acquaintances looking for a church home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel a very personal connection to the congregation at NHPC.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## PPC Programs and Activities

8. Think through your vision of what we should offer at NHPC. Below are some activities and programs that a church might engage in. Some are currently being done at NHPC and some are not. Please indicate how important each one is to you. To help us prioritize, please only mark a **MAXIMUM of four answers as ESSENTIAL** and all others as you see fit.

	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very important	Essential
Christian education for children and youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian education for adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service to persons in need outside of NHPC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ministry for sick, shut-in and bereaved NHPC members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fellowship opportunities for all congregants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strong stewardship/giving program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support for the global mission of Presbyterian USA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Activities and programs with other local religious groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strong music program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bible study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for fellowship, service and education specifically for women of the church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local outreach in Lexington and the surrounding community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for fellowship, service and education specifically for men of the church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affinity and life stages groups for church members and non-members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programs to encourage Christian involvement in social, political, environmental and economic issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Pastoral Skills and Abilities

9. The following list contains attributes or skills a new minister might bring to NHPC. We know all of these are important at times during ministry, but we want to know where you think we should put the **most emphasis** in our pastor search. Please select a **MAXIMUM OF SIX** skills or attributes we should prioritize in our search.

- Pulpit skills: Delivering inspirational and motivating sermons
- Stewardship planning and execution: Developing programs to increase member giving/pledging
- Leadership: Ability to guide and motivate congregation, elders and volunteers in fulfilling church mission
- Congregational connectivity: Strong empathy, compassion and communication skills for counseling, visitation, support
- Administrative/organizational skills: Attention to details and church policies and process
- Community minded: Track record of community involvement and leadership outside of church
- Teaching ability: Developing, staffing and leading effective Christian education
- Recruitment and retention: Developing plans and programs to attract and retain church members
- Communications skills: Beyond the pulpit, effective verbal and written communications
- Engagement skills: Developing a congregation of very active members and volunteers
- Youth connection: Track record of effectively working with the children and youth of the church

10. Assume that our pastor works an average of 45 hours a week. Below are activities that the pastor will likely engage in each week. Preaching (including study, preparation and writing the sermon) would likely take at least 10 hours. Weddings, funerals or crises occur only rarely, so these events are not accounted for in the average week below.

How would you like to see the weekly hours allocated? ***The sum of all hours must total 45.***

Hours per Week	Weekly Activity
	Preaching (includes study and preparation--typically at least 10)
	Hospital visitation
	Home visitation
	Teaching Sunday School (includes preparation and planning)
	Leading Bible study (includes preparation and planning)
	Administration (phone calls, letters, church meeting preparation, etc)
	Presbytery work
	Worship preparation (other than preaching)
	Personal prayer life and meditation
	Community involvement and evangelism
	Church fellowship (breakfasts, lunches, etc)
	Crisis visiting and counseling (divorces, job layoffs, sudden death, etc)
	Church meetings (Session, committees, new member training, Elder training, etc)
	Pastoral care
	Outreach and social action/missions
	Travel time between churches, members, hospitals, other events

Total Here \_\_\_\_\_