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- Are the people comfortable expressing their personal needs for help at your congregation?
- Are the congregational leaders open to new and creative ideas for effective ministry?
- Does your congregation make efforts to provide nutritionally sound options at events serving food and beverages?
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- If your congregation were to disappear, who and what would be missed?
- Does your congregation motivate and educate individuals to make choices that improve quality of life?
- Does your congregation enhance the quality of life in the community?

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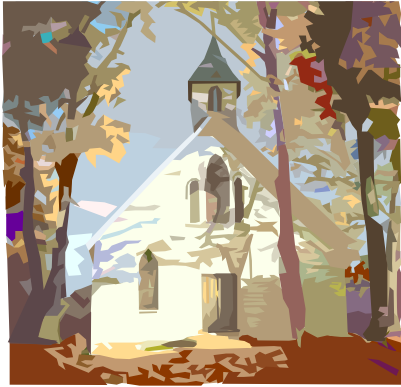
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- Fire Extinguishers mounted in key locations with the quantity adhering to local fire codes.
- Smoke Detector Alarms (with battery back-up).
- Window in classroom doors for youth safety.
- Youth workers are registered and 2 leaders always present with youth.
- Emergency equipment- non-electric radio and flashlight.
- Equipment inventory with serial numbers and photographs or video recording of items.
- Open landscaping around the building that discourages break-ins and ensures safety.
- Air conditioning units are secured to discourage theft of copper pipe when building is vacant.
- Adequate snow or ice removal during winter season.
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