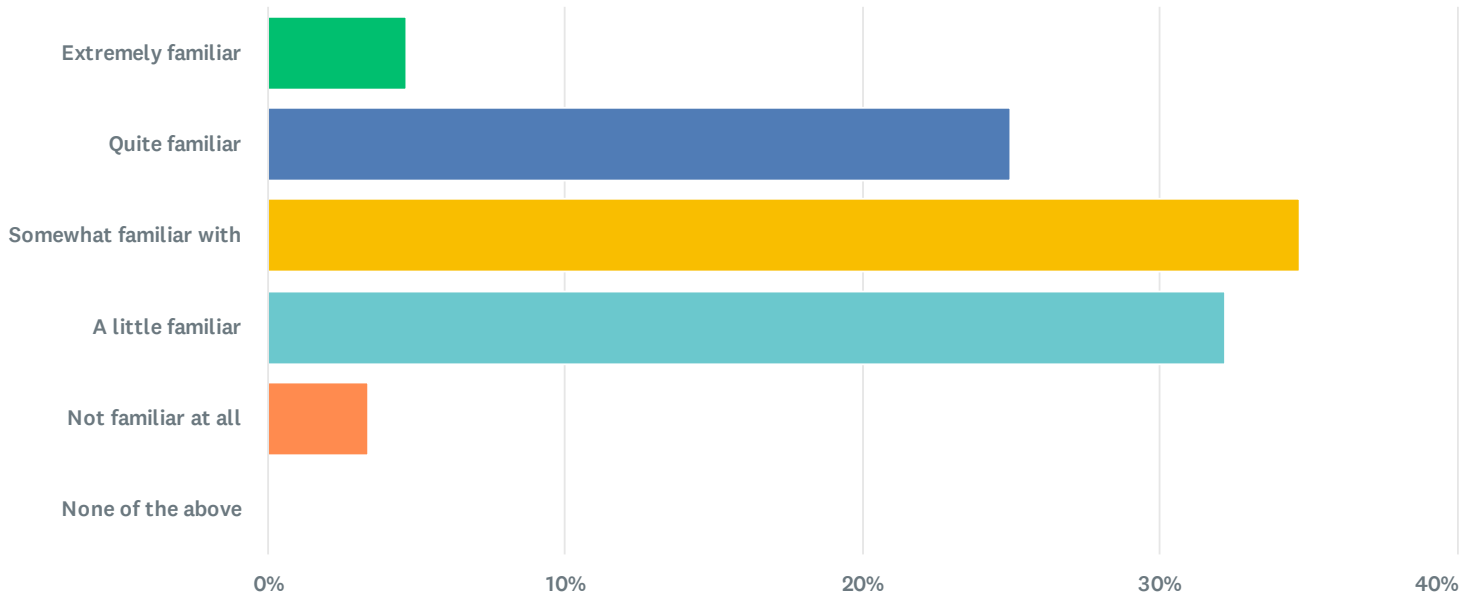


Q1

236 responses

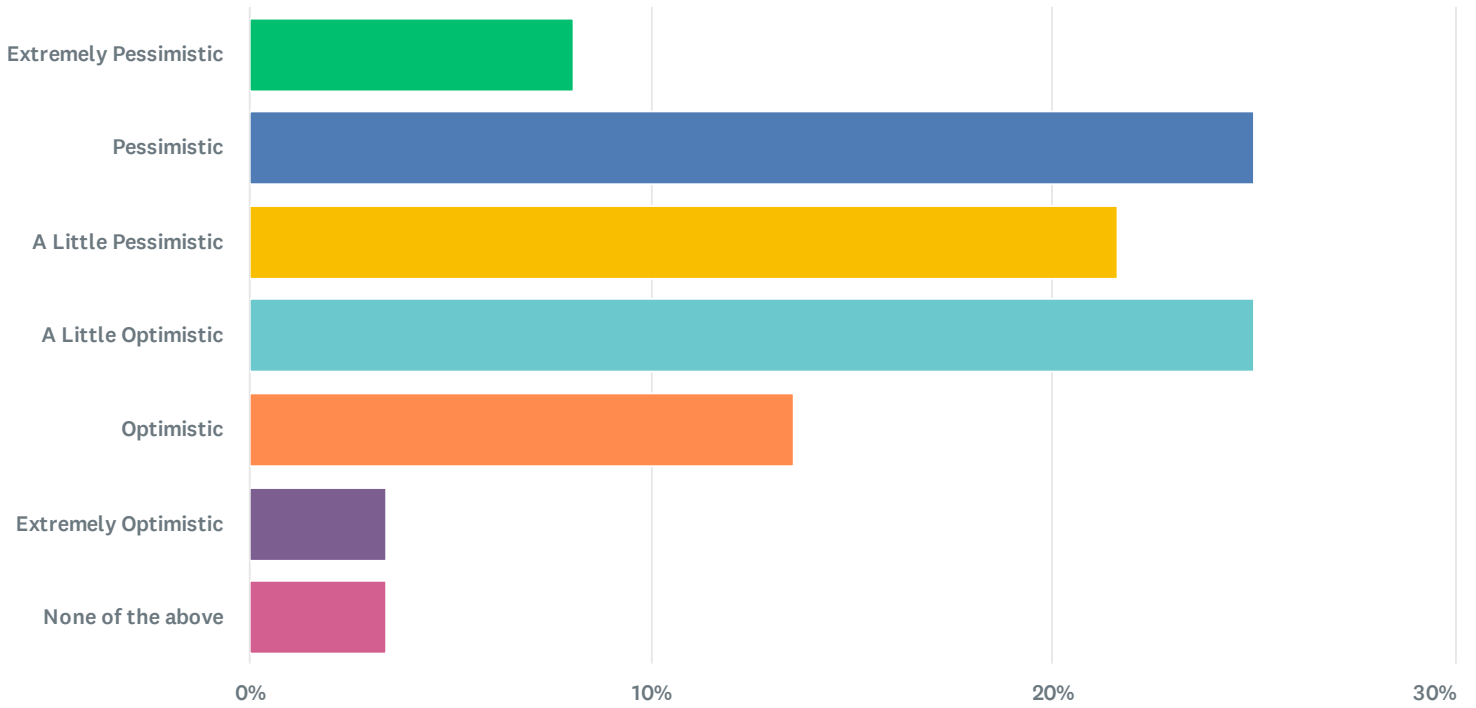
How familiar are you with Artificial Intelligence? Please choose one answer.



Q2

236 responses

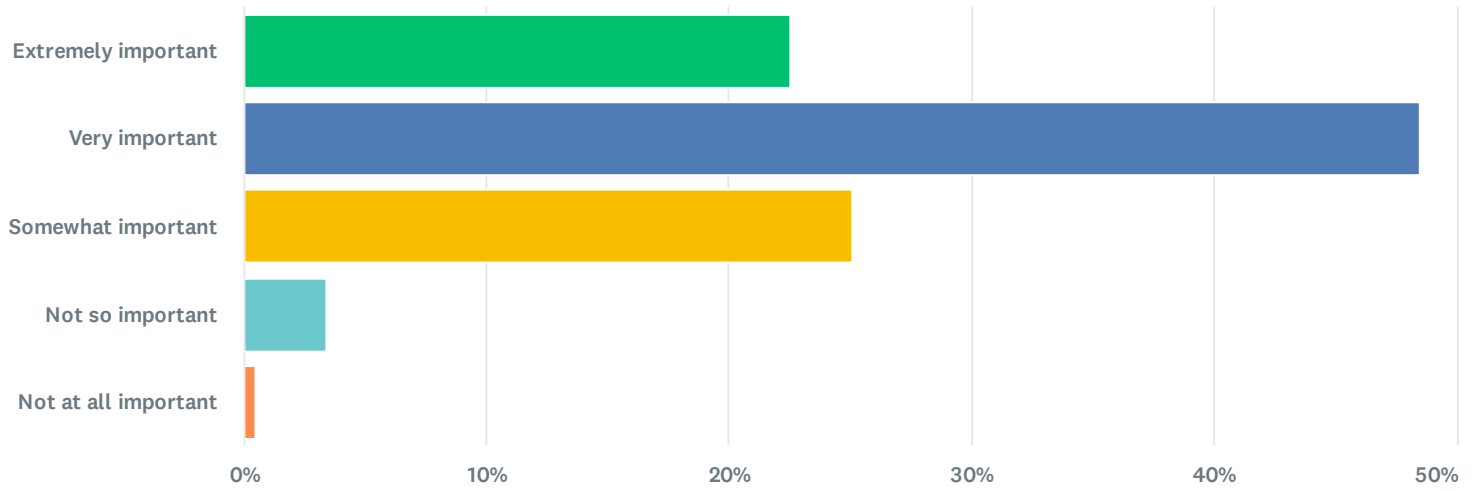
What is your general attitude toward AI? Please choose one answer.



Q3

235 responses

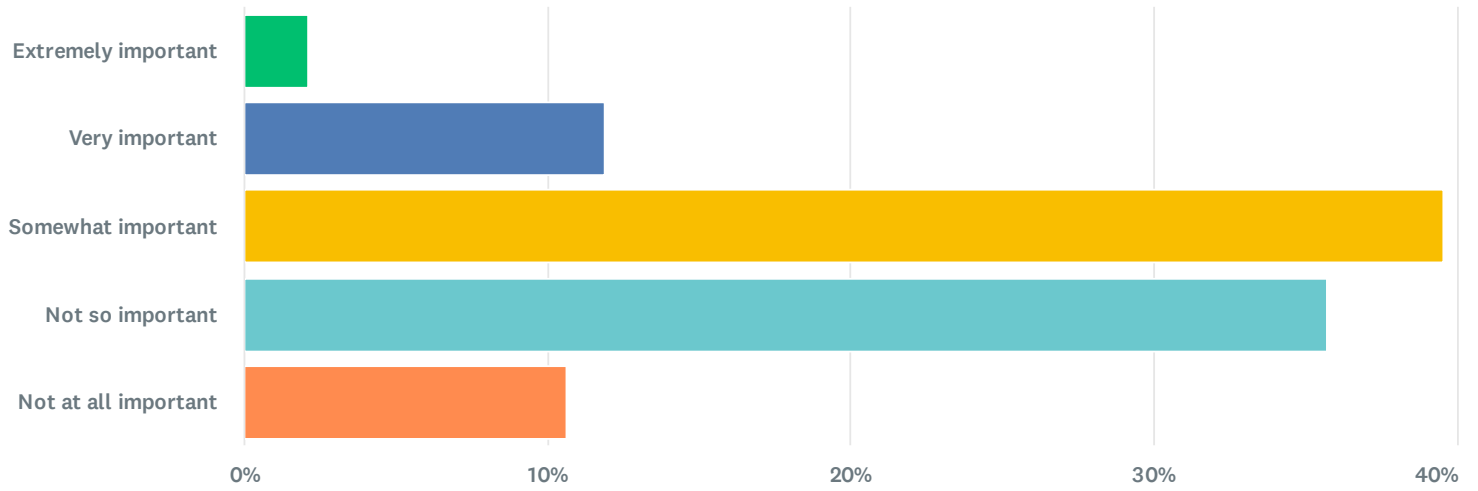
How important is it for church leaders to understand AI? Please choose one answer.



Q4

235 responses

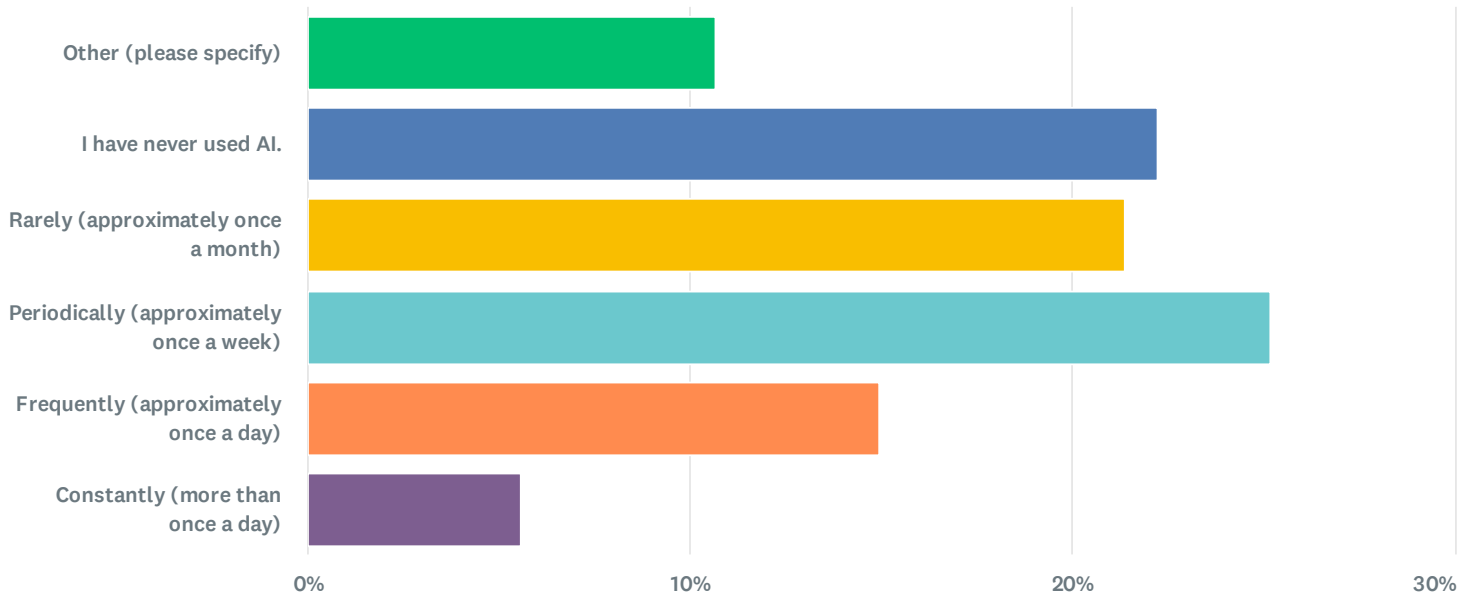
How important is it for church leaders to make use of AI? Please choose one answer.



Q5

234 responses

How often do you use AI outside of your church activities? (Mark the answer that most closely describes the frequency.)



RESPONSES (0)

WORD CLOUD

TAGS (0)

Filter: by tag

No responses yet

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Other than AI assistants such as Siri or Alexa, I have gone out of my way to avoid using AI in search engines or through generative means. I have serious reservations about the amount of water used in AI data centers as resources become more expensive to maintain, as well as more scarce. I also object to generative art and videos because their prevalence and unrestricted use leads to the spread of misinformation. I do not believe that we are ready as a society for the widespread use of AI simply because people cannot be bothered to check their sources. I am more in favor of teaching people to think critically, rather than allowing AI to dictate one's pattern of thought. In addition to this, the composition of art is one of the hallmarks of human expression. AI can replicate that art, but there is no soul behind it; there is only the desire to perpetuate consumerism.	5/6/2026 1:44 PM
2	I use it here and there, but never truly rely upon it for the truth	4/30/2026 8:10 AM
3	I use it on my phone regularly. Beginning to use ChatGPT	4/25/2026 9:08 PM
4	only when forced to do so.	4/23/2026 2:44 PM
5	only when forced - ie: google searches and other apps	4/23/2026 11:23 AM
6	unsure. have downloaded music that I later discovered was AI generated	4/19/2026 11:57 PM
7	Your questions are so non-specific, I don't know what you are talking about.	4/18/2026 10:06 AM

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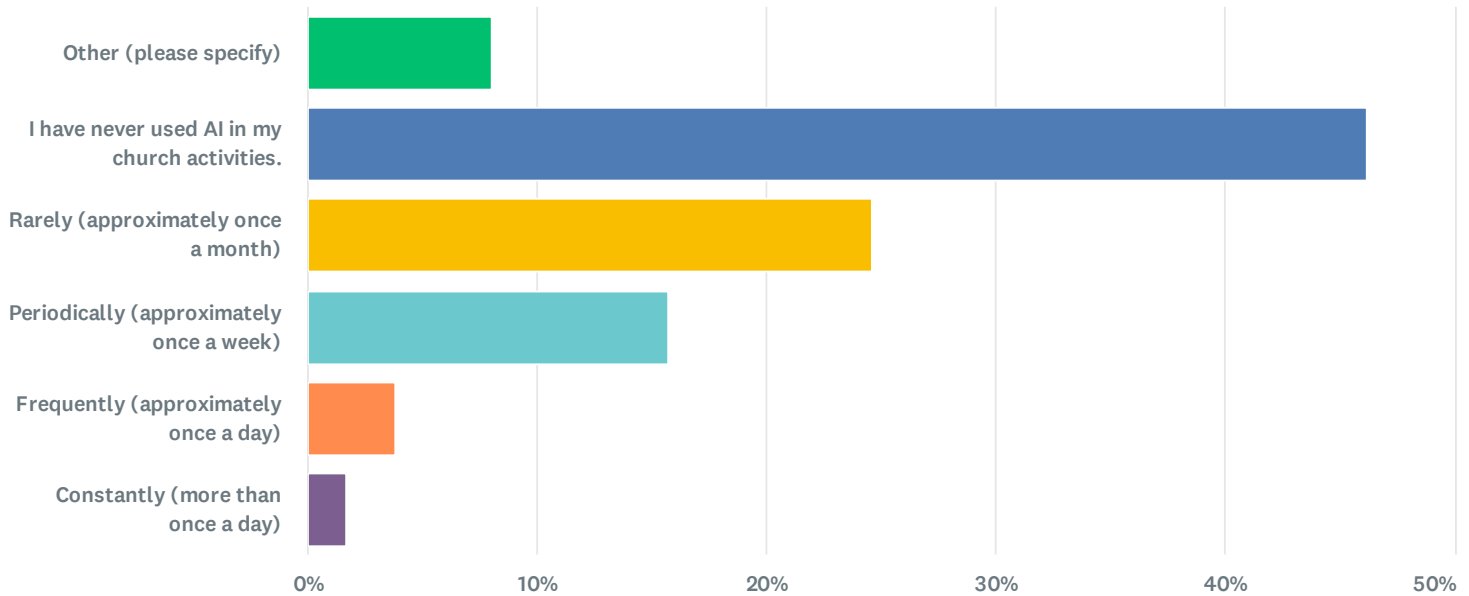
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8	Never intentionally, but I think many websites I use actually use AI.	4/17/2026 2:14 PM
9	I've never purposely used LLMs but in Google searches, AI replies are automatic and I read those. Does that count in "using" AI?	4/17/2026 11:15 AM
10	I used AI for a period of time, and have since developed significant ethical qualms with generative AI in particular. I try not to use it when given the option (some websites and other things make it impossible to not use)	4/17/2026 10:11 AM
11	Used periodically in the past. Now I never knowingly use AI.	4/15/2026 2:01 PM
12	I have never intentionally used AI, but I know most search engines and other sites use AI so I have used it unintentionally often	4/15/2026 1:18 PM
13	Hard to say... I don't usually seek it out intentionally but know that it pops up in every Google search, etc. Likely I use it more than I realize.	4/14/2026 10:07 AM
14	Unknown	4/14/2026 9:41 AM
15	I do not actively engage the use of AI, but have noticed that some Apps, and companies are using such as when calling in to make an appointment.	4/11/2026 9:02 AM
16	I don't know if I'm using AI when I'm using the internet.	4/10/2026 11:35 AM
17	I see AI summaries on Facebook and Amazon. I have not used it.	4/9/2026 8:42 PM
18	Search engine daily	4/9/2026 1:53 PM
19	Only to read the article summaries on news stories, etc.	4/9/2026 12:11 PM
20	Google gives it to me most every day. I don't seek it out.	4/8/2026 4:22 PM
21	I don't intentionally use AI and am often frustrated when it is forced on me.	4/7/2026 8:54 PM
22	Intentionally? Rarely, but it is everywhere	4/4/2026 3:11 PM
23	Never on purpose, but it is baked into so many applications now it is impossible to avoid.	4/2/2026 11:46 AM
24	While I don't directly consult AI, whenever I ask my I phone to look up something, AI is the first response.	4/2/2026 8:47 AM
25	Intentionally twice, I'm certain inadvertently many times despite my efforts to avoid it	4/1/2026 9:20 PM

Q6

236 responses

How often do you use AI in your church activities? (Mark the answer that most closely describes the frequency.)



RESPONSES (0)

WORD CLOUD

TAGS (0)

Filter: by tag ▼

No responses yet

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Don't know if AI was used	5/2/2026 10:48 AM
2	once on Canva to create a graphic for a sermon series	4/30/2026 12:23 PM
3	I use it every now and again, but always vet out what I discover because it is often wrong like Wikipedia	4/30/2026 8:10 AM
4	Used it once, resolved not to again.	4/24/2026 10:13 AM
5	we just started using 'supernormal' as an AI assist for minutes	4/23/2026 11:23 AM
6	Rarely	4/22/2026 4:01 PM
7	Probably never	4/18/2026 10:06 AM
8	Similarly, I used AI for a few things as a pastor, and after a few months developed great concerns about the ethics, and stopped.	4/17/2026 10:11 AM
9	I have used it for meeting preparation.	4/15/2026 4:24 PM
10	Again, hard to nail down. I do not seek it out regularly, but it is now embedded within lots of search systems. I do occasionally use Chat GPT, particularly for HR stuff.	4/14/2026 10:07 AM
11	Unknown	4/14/2026 9:41 AM

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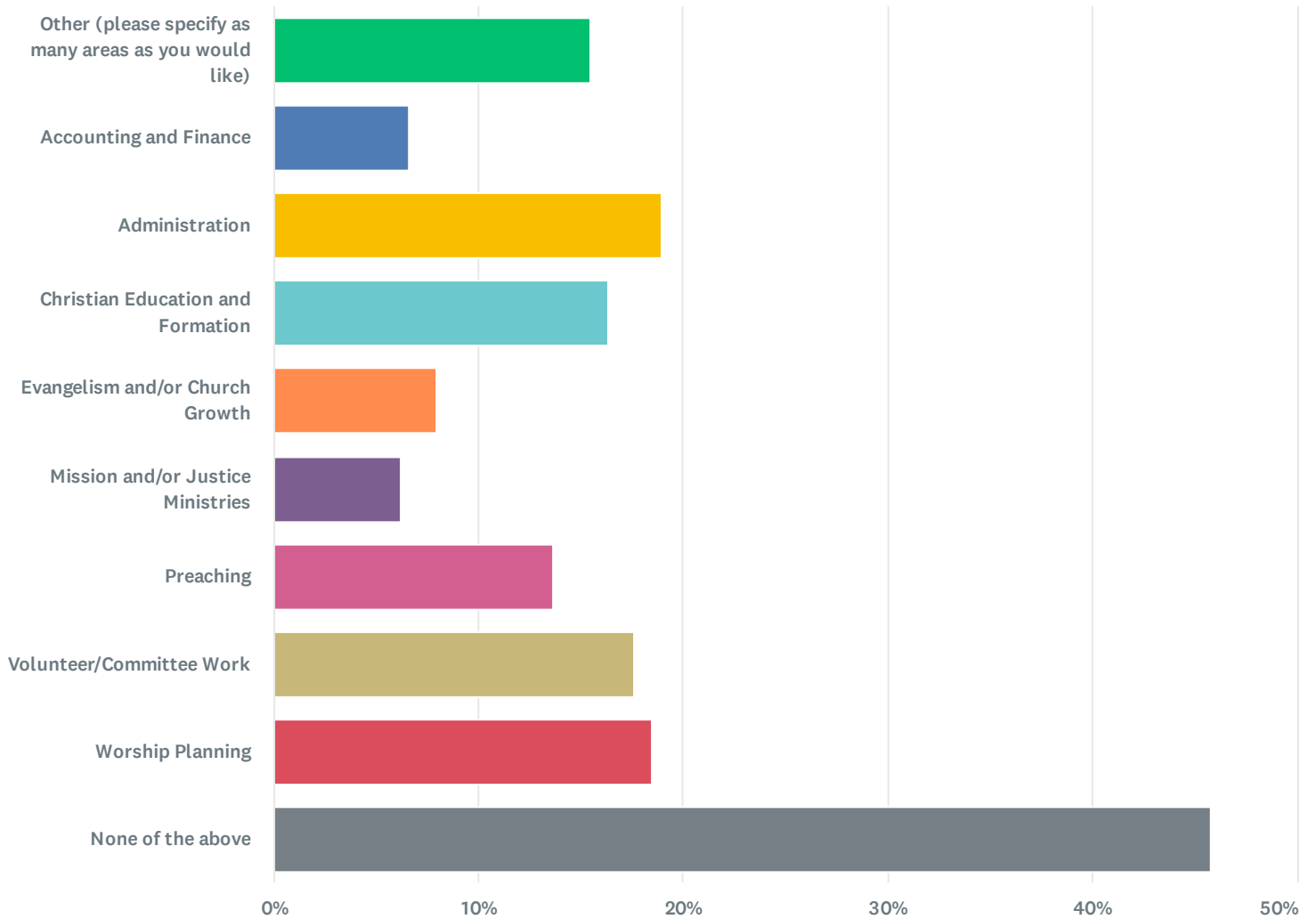
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12	Several times per week	4/13/2026 1:59 PM
13	N/A I'm retired clergy.	4/13/2026 9:49 AM
14	couple times a month	4/9/2026 11:17 AM
15	research background occassionally	4/9/2026 9:39 AM
16	Less than once a month	4/9/2026 7:12 AM
17	Intentionally? Rarely, but it is everywhere	4/4/2026 3:11 PM
18	Never on purpose, but it is baked into so many applications now it is impossible to avoid.	4/2/2026 11:46 AM
19	N/A	4/1/2026 4:05 PM

Q7

227 responses

Please check the box for any church activities in which you have experimented with the use of AI.



RESPONSES (0)

WORD CLOUD

TAGS (0)

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No responses yet

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY AS MANY AREAS AS YOU WOULD LIKE)	DATE
1	Sermon title	5/7/2026 7:18 AM
2	Specifically I use it to find liturgical resources, not write them, and help me pick songs from our hymnal (I ask it for three options for each hymn spot that match my scripture and sermon theme).	5/6/2026 11:20 AM
3	Note taking	5/6/2026 10:09 AM

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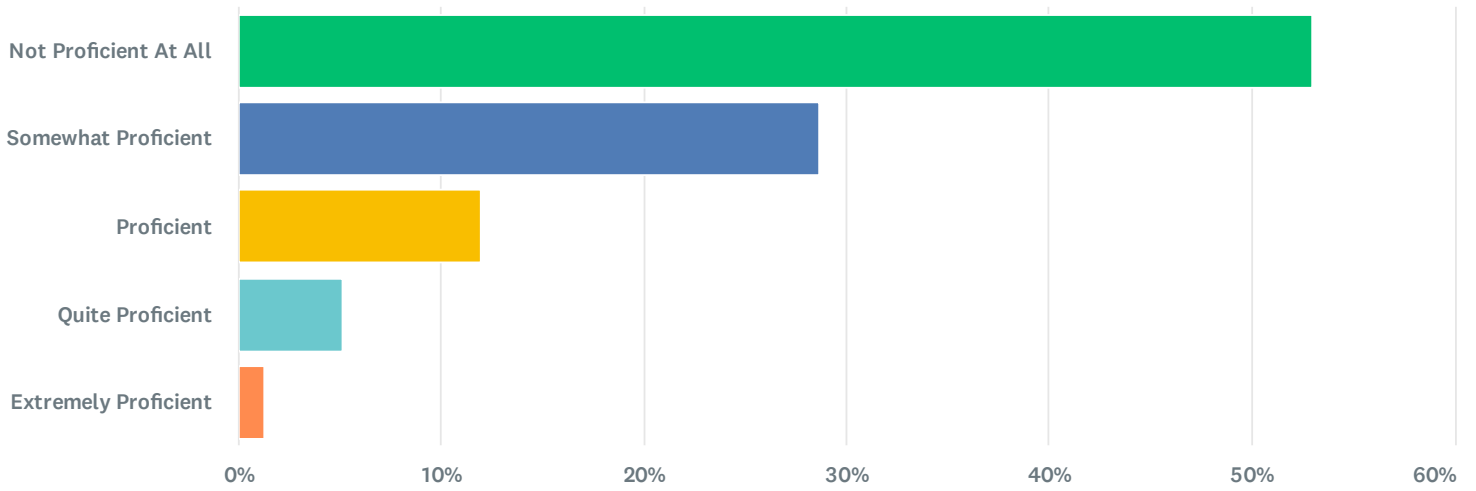
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4	It can be a useful research tool. All other uses are inappropriate and dehumanizing.	5/5/2026 7:46 PM
5	Updating previously created Microsoft Word documents used for ministry/committee/mission work.	5/4/2026 8:37 PM
6	to argue theology	4/29/2026 5:08 PM
7	Writing newsletter articles	4/27/2026 8:03 AM
8	Writing presbytery required policies.	4/24/2026 10:13 AM
9	Certified in PDA and served at Lake Michigan Presbytery PDA	4/23/2026 2:44 PM
10	ai assistance for session minutes	4/23/2026 11:23 AM
11	generating graphics; newsletter articles	4/23/2026 9:08 AM
12	Social media	4/17/2026 11:33 PM
13	Website to generate inviting messages for events and in the blog.	4/17/2026 10:19 AM
14	It's great at reducing word count easily, summarize, and generating ideas to get the ball rolling. For this reason, it's used mildly in a lot of places.	4/16/2026 1:48 PM
15	Fundraising	4/15/2026 6:01 PM
16	Letter writing	4/15/2026 1:42 PM
17	Personnel	4/15/2026 1:17 PM
18	Most helpful for HR and drafting agreements (ie helping draft covenants around building use, etc)	4/14/2026 10:07 AM
19	Communication design, research,	4/13/2026 5:28 PM
20	developing images for slides that support a sermon	4/13/2026 2:23 PM
21	Communication	4/13/2026 9:55 AM
22	Contemplation and reflection	4/11/2026 7:23 PM
23	Flyers and Workshops/Seminars	4/10/2026 5:17 PM
24	Recording minutes to help our clerk and follow up responsibilities	4/9/2026 6:20 PM
25	Wording in social media posts	4/9/2026 3:05 PM
26	Prayer group planning	4/9/2026 2:59 PM
27	definitions of words in scripture	4/9/2026 2:09 PM
28	Policy development	4/9/2026 11:14 AM
29	Personnel, Legal, and Policies	4/9/2026 9:48 AM
30	research only	4/9/2026 9:39 AM
31	Policies for session	4/9/2026 7:12 AM
32	sermon idea and newsletter article	4/7/2026 9:54 PM
33	Policy development and revisions	4/1/2026 4:09 PM
34	Newsletter write ups	3/31/2026 11:24 AM
35	Writing cards to members	3/31/2026 10:56 AM

Q8

234 responses

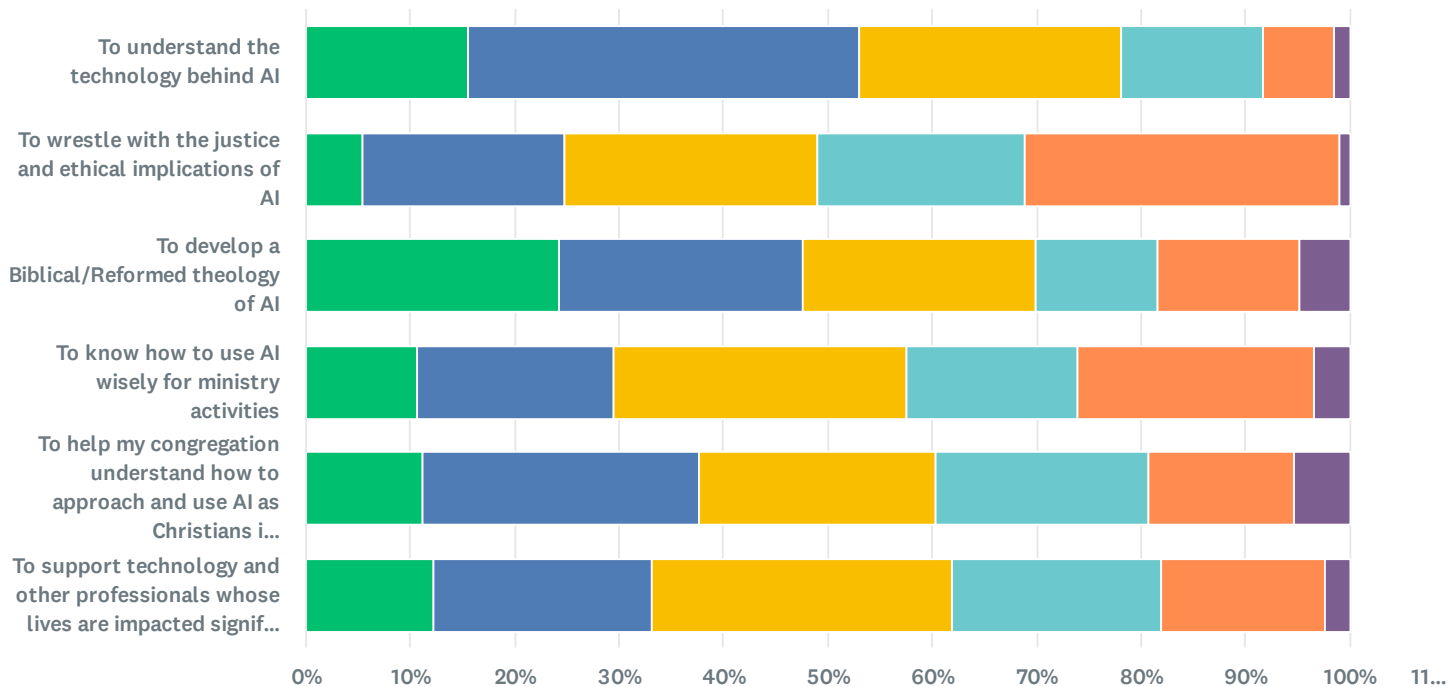
Rank how proficient you are in the use of AI in your church activities. Please choose one answer.



Q9

207 responses

Rate your interest in continuing education programs and resources in the following areas. Please mark your interest for each line below:



- Not At All Interested
- Somewhat Interested
- Interested
- Quite Interested
- Extremely Interested
- N/A

#	OTHER TOPICS (PLEASE NAME AND NOTE HOW IMPORTANT THE TOPIC IS TO YOU.)	DATE
1	To warn against outsourcing one's brain functions. To warn against the use of AI in sermon writing and liturgical writing.	5/5/2026 7:51 PM
2	Pastors are ill equipped to run modern churches and there seem to be so many pressures including financial pressures on pastors who want more and want to do more. Ethical guidelines are needed to address this including how pastors use AI in ministry and/or their additional commercial ventures.	5/2/2026 11:26 AM
3	Ways that AI can go wrong (griefbots, Jesus imposters, priest/pastorbots, how AI is replacing important human interaction	4/30/2026 8:14 AM
4	Christian Ethics & AI. (Personally, I don't think it is ethical to use AI in sermon preparation.)	4/29/2026 11:45 AM
5	Is it immoral altogether? Yeah, probably.	4/24/2026 10:14 AM
6	The ecological impacts on creation	4/22/2026 4:05 PM
7	The ethics of AI in sermon writing.	4/19/2026 3:39 PM
8	This might not be the place to say this, but I want to flag somewhere here my generational concerns about AI. I am a Gen Z pastor, and MANY of my peers of my own age are very troubled by the ethics of AI (like myself). Historically, the church has tried to embrace new	4/17/2026 10:18 AM

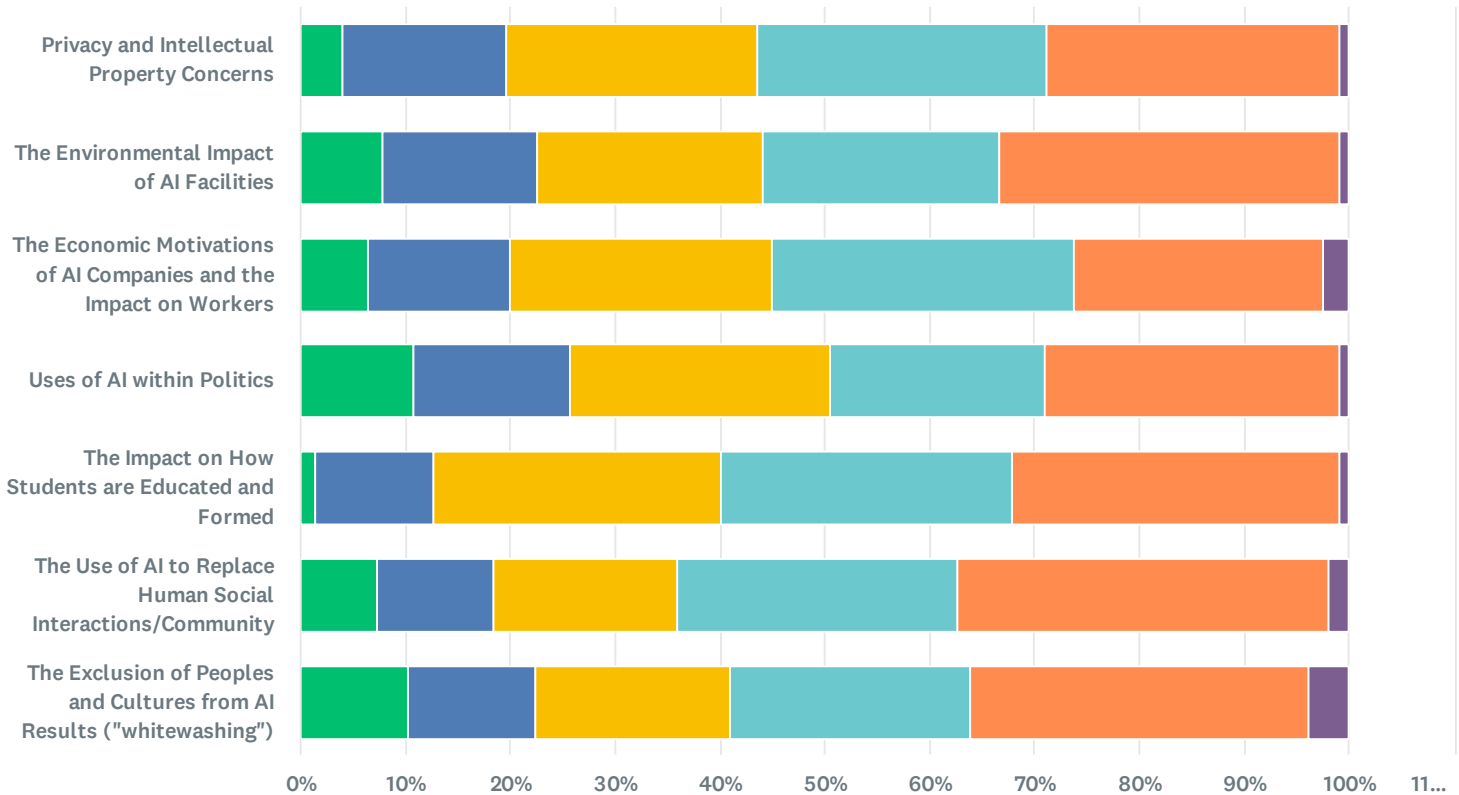
technology in part as an effort to engage with young people better. I want to say clearly that I think the use of AI is something that very well could drive young people AWAY from the church. There is visceral disgust among many of my generational peers when older people use AI so flippantly, recognizing we a younger generations will have to deal with the environmental, economic, and social outcomes. Younger generations don't trust the church, and doubt our authenticity. I fear that embracing AI could be the nail in the coffin for some younger people wanting to engage with church.

9	I could almost teach some of this...	4/15/2026 4:29 PM
10	How to teach volunteers (who may have varied experience in using AI) knowledgeable ways to use AI, and still remain faithful. This question may be addressed later in the survey, but I am very concerned about the use of AI, in a church setting. I see a divide between volunteers who are using it frequently (and competently) in corporate settings, and those who are unfamiliar with using AI, and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and AI. As a church staff member, I personally am very leery to use AI. I feel it removes God and the movement of the Holy Spirit from a conversation. On a positive note, I can see how AI can present information in a more understandable format. I can also see that AI can give alternatives for ideas. I am quite leery however, when those who are competent in using AI will utilize it as a first option, rather than relying on their own (prayerful) thought. I also see volunteers who are not competent in using AI distinguishing between AI generated information and human generated information. (Very often not knowing the difference).	4/15/2026 10:17 AM
11	We already have members losing their jobs to AI. I can sense a growing need for Pastoral Care/Support groups around this...	4/14/2026 10:10 AM
12	How do we reconcile the doctrine of Imago Dei with dehumanizing AI (which I generally call "realized ignorance" when it's deployed in business)?	4/13/2026 11:23 AM
13	The damages to creation make AI unethical	4/9/2026 7:08 PM
14	Is AI like the Tower of Babel? Will people rely on AI for answers or will they pray to God for answers.	4/9/2026 2:16 PM
15	Very interested: to understand how AI can help spread the word and support the ministry of Christ	3/31/2026 11:05 AM

Q10

206 responses

Rate your interest in exploring the ethical issues connected to AI. Please mark an interest level in each area listed below.



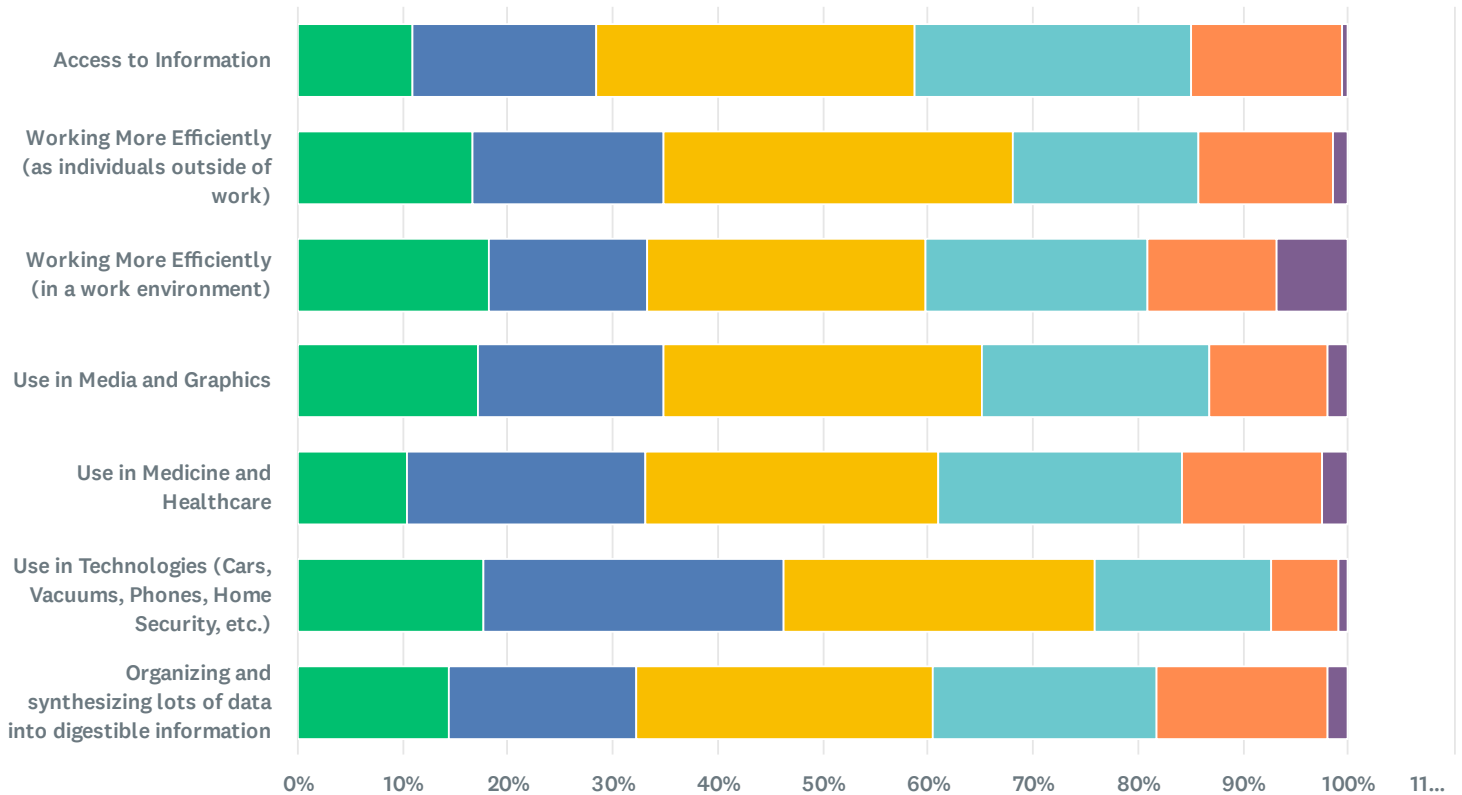
- Not At All Interested
- Somewhat Interested
- Interested
- Quite Interested
- Extremely Interested
- N/A

#	OTHER TOPICS (PLEASE NAME AND NOTE HOW IMPORTANT THE TOPIC IS TO YOU.)	DATE
1	These are not ethical issues to explore; these are clear and present dangers to stand publicly against.	5/5/2026 7:51 PM
2	Usage in pornography and AI girlfriends.	4/24/2026 10:14 AM
3	How to determine what is truth and what is artificial	4/19/2026 11:21 PM
4	I'm an old lady stuck in the technological past. Is dummies up a picture of Trump hanging out with Jesus a "use of AI"?	4/18/2026 10:17 AM
5	We need to study all of this - #5 and #7 are most imp to me	4/15/2026 4:29 PM
6	Will AI supersede the movement of the Holy Spirit in decision making? Will AI supersede reliance on God, Scripture, in favor of the expediency and instantaneous results of AI? of	4/15/2026 10:17 AM
7	Effects of AI on Organic (human) intelligence. Will it make humans less able??	4/9/2026 3:07 PM
8	The impact of AI on Religion and the PCUSA	4/9/2026 8:37 AM

Q11

207 responses

Rate your interest in exploring the possible benefits from using AI. Please mark your interest for each line below.



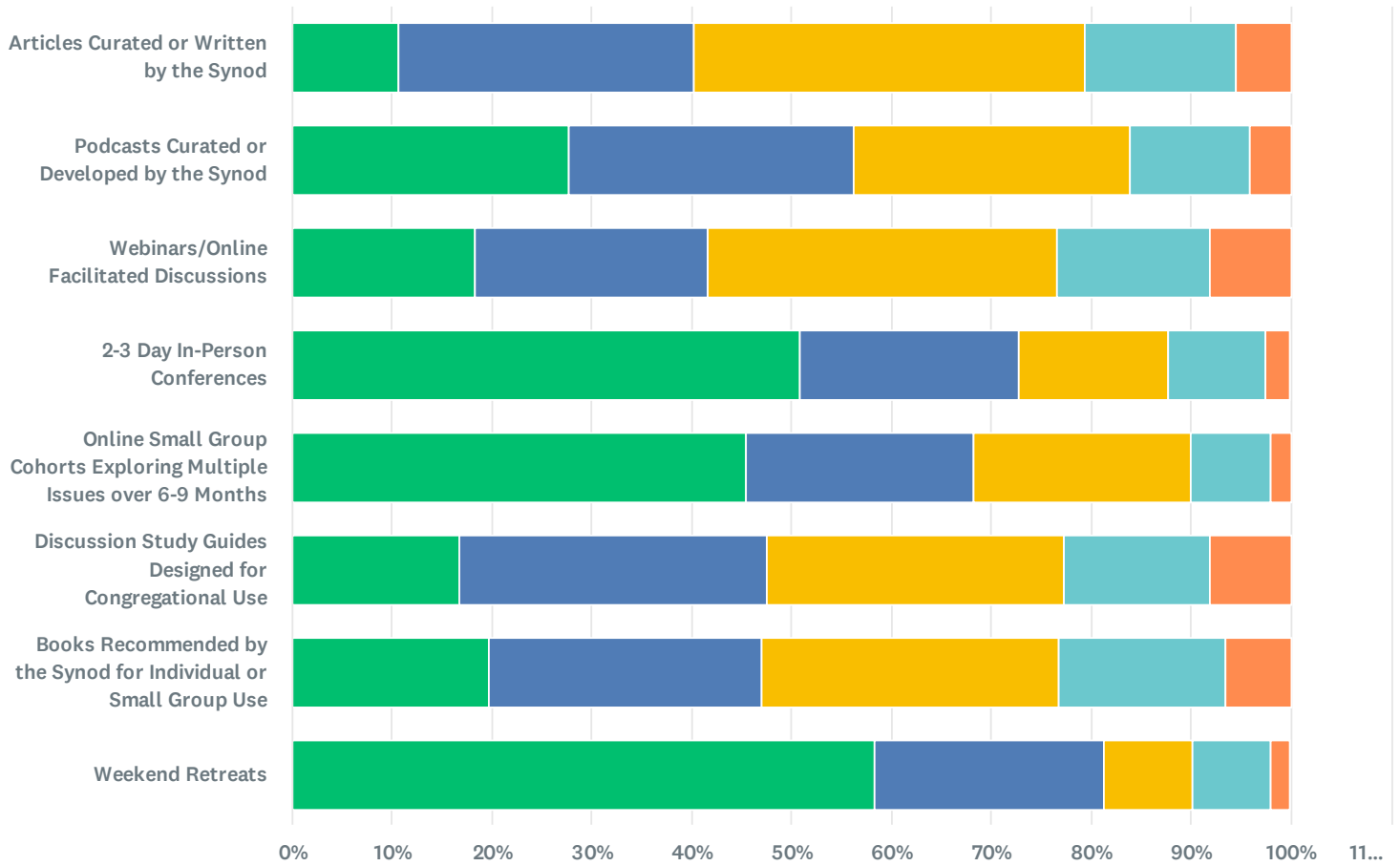
- Not At All Interested
- Somewhat Interested
- Interested
- Quite Interested
- Extremely Interested
- N/A

#	OTHER TOPICS (PLEASE NAME AND NOTE HOW IMPORTANT THE TOPIC IS TO YOU.)	DATE
1	The medical and technological uses of AI are not relevant to the church context.	5/5/2026 7:51 PM
2	How Christians can you use AI from pro administrative efficiency, allowing more time for mission and worship. How we can use AI to better prepare our pastors to be good stewards including helping pastors, develop basic organization, leadership, business, and financial skills.	5/2/2026 11:26 AM
3	I used it recently to enhance a church photo (removed electrical lines) and correct spelling on an image used on an NAACP website.	4/15/2026 4:29 PM
4	I feel I need to be interested and knowledgeable about all of these areas, because at this point, there is no turning back. The toothpaste is out of the tube; I suspect that we are already living in a world that is using AI much more than we are aware. I work with children and families in my ministry. I think we need some education not only on the benefits of AI, but also on the cautions/protections/guardrails that we need to be aware of. Another topic would be how faith and AI intersect. How do we know what is God's truth, in comparison to AI's truth.	4/15/2026 10:17 AM
5	The risk of scamming that AI can pose to congregations who are less educated on technology	4/11/2026 3:00 PM

Q12

201 responses

Let's assume that you are interested in exploring at least one theme related to Artificial Intelligence. How interested would you be in exploring it in the following ways? Please rate each way according to your interest.



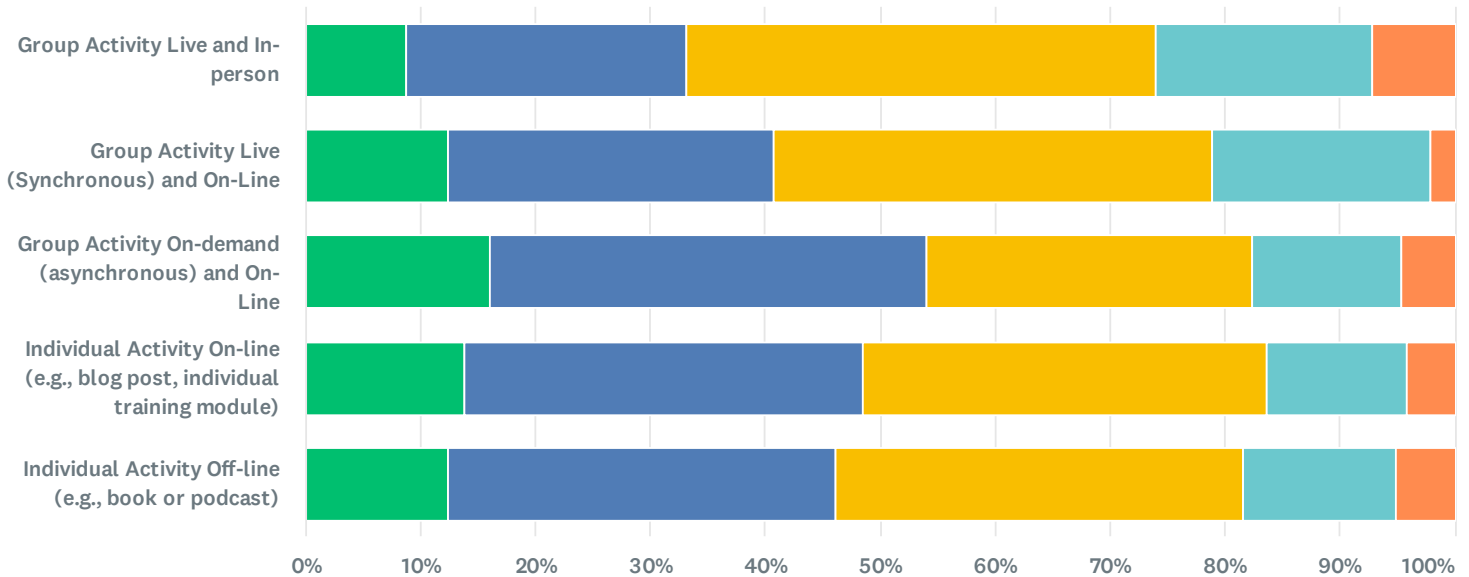
- Not At All Interested
- Somewhat Interested
- Interested
- Quite Interested
- Extremely Interested

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY THE ACTIVITY AND HOW YOU WOULD RATE IT)	DATE
1	One day seminars could be helpful, but beyond that, it would be challenging to commit to the time	4/30/2026 8:18 AM
2	My two fav podcasts are youtube @LegalAFMTN and @clevelandpulse. I also really like @startalk and	4/27/2026 10:39 AM
3	Connected to my previous concerns, I worry about an approach that could feel to people like "this is what the presbyterian church thinks about AI" rather than a discussion-based space that allows for nuance/other perspectives. Many of my congregants are very excited about AI and I have been struggling to both support them and help them see the concerns/nuance that are real (and the fears many of our youth have named, but our older members seem ignorant to)	4/17/2026 10:21 AM
4	I feel very inundated with takes on AI. Might find something helpful for the congregation but personally feel at saturation point.	4/14/2026 10:14 AM

Q13

198 responses

This question lists a number of formats for leadership equipping. Please rate how helpful you find each format.



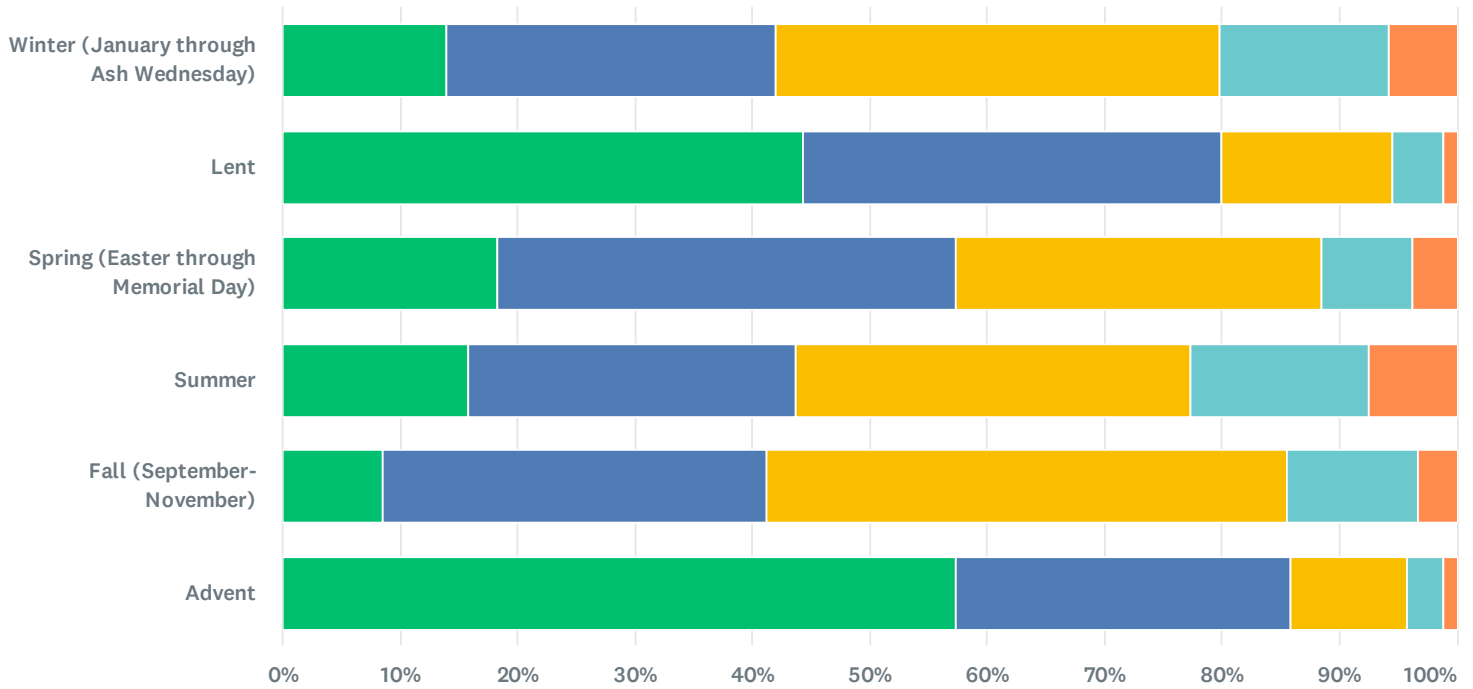
- Not Helpful At All
- Somewhat Helpful
- Helpful
- Quite Helpful
- Extremely Helpful

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY THE FORMAT AND HOW YOU WOULD RATE IT)	DATE
1	None of these are relevant to AI.	5/5/2026 7:53 PM
2	Some of my responses would depend on the cost of each format. I also like the idea of having an "EXPERT" that I can ask questions of in real time.	4/15/2026 10:27 AM
3	These don't apply to anything I recognize	4/9/2026 1:33 PM
4	In-person is great, if I can make it, but I don't have a lot of time, and an in-person event that I can't attend does not help me.	4/1/2026 3:20 PM

Q14

194 responses

How convenient would it be for the Synod to offer programming during the following seasons of the year? (Please rate each season by how convenient it would be.)



- Not Convenient At All
- Somewhat Convenient
- Convenient
- Quite Convenient
- Extremely Convenient

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY THE SEASON AND HOW CONVENIENT IT WOULD BE FOR YOU.)	DATE
1	The synod should not be doing any of these activities.	5/5/2026 7:53 PM
2	Depends on the type of activity. In-person or synchronous better spring/summer/fall	4/17/2026 2:20 PM
3	This would duplicate what I might do at the congregational level or presbytery level so I would be unlikely to participate	4/9/2026 1:33 PM

Q15 Please list any AI experts or other leaders in your community that might be interested in working with the Synod to create resources for congregations. Please offer name, area of expertise (if known), and phone or email.

Answered: 29 Skipped: 207

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	?	5/5/2026 9:53 PM
2	Such "resources" are not wanted.	5/5/2026 7:57 PM
3	I wish I did. I have researched theological learning and/or continuing education opportunities to learn about AI but have found very few resources or classes.	5/4/2026 9:00 PM
4	Unknown	5/3/2026 1:55 AM
5	joselamont48@gmail.com	4/27/2026 11:25 PM
6	check the CSforMichigan Collaborative. usually for teacher programs, but skills may transfer... contact info Applications Manager, Kathy Surd, at kathysurd@gmail.com or Program Specialist, Margaret Lafata at lafatama@gvsu.edu,	4/22/2026 1:56 PM
7	None	4/22/2026 12:44 PM
8	I do not know any.	4/22/2026 10:34 AM
9	I do not know anyone	4/19/2026 11:30 PM
10	Emily Franson (Presbytery of Lake Michigan Communications and Technology Manager) - efranson@lakemichiganpresbytery.org	4/19/2026 3:46 PM
11	I do not know anyone.	4/18/2026 7:29 PM
12	no idea	4/18/2026 10:27 AM
13	NA	4/17/2026 2:23 PM
14	Elder Jose' Jones	4/16/2026 12:07 AM
15	Lynn Bondurant, Former NASA Director of Education, Visionary, Presbyterian leader, former Smithsonian employee. phone: 216-598-0638 email: eabond@ix.netcom.com	4/15/2026 5:26 PM
16	Rev.Tina Hubert thubert@knox.org	4/13/2026 8:12 PM
17	NA	4/13/2026 11:35 AM
18	none known	4/13/2026 11:31 AM
19	Stephen Caine scaine@indianhillchurch.org Pastor	4/13/2026 9:58 AM
20	Don't know.	4/11/2026 11:10 PM
21	N/A	4/10/2026 11:01 PM
22	Jose' Lamont Jones	4/10/2026 5:01 PM
23	Don't know of anyone	4/10/2026 10:20 AM
24	Calvin University has excellent experts on AI working from a Reformed perspective	4/9/2026 11:53 AM
25	NA	4/9/2026 11:03 AM
26	Most of the leadership and technical experts I know who also have experience with AI would tell you to avoid it at best and be very cautious when using it at most.	4/9/2026 9:56 AM

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27	Brendon Bette, Microsoft Co-pilot AI integration in the workplace. bbette1997@gmail.com	3/31/2026 1:09 PM
28	I don't know any	3/31/2026 12:07 PM
29	Chip Hardwick, theology and evangelism, (309) 530-4578	3/31/2026 11:11 AM

Q16 Please list any church leaders who are using or engaging AI to help the church think wisely about its use in the church and society and who might be interested in working with the Synod to create resources. Please offer name, organization (if known), and phone or email.

Answered: 28 Skipped: 208

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	?	5/5/2026 9:53 PM
2	Such "resources" are not wanted.	5/5/2026 7:57 PM
3	None known	5/4/2026 9:00 PM
4	Unknown	5/3/2026 1:55 AM
5	Jose jones	4/27/2026 11:25 PM
6	If I knew church leaders using AI, I would ask them to please stop.	4/24/2026 10:23 AM
7	Rev. Nathaniel Asperger nathanielasperger@gmail.com 248-762-9882	4/22/2026 2:05 PM
8	unknown	4/22/2026 1:56 PM
9	one N one	4/22/2026 12:44 PM
10	I don't know any.	4/22/2026 10:34 AM
11	I do not know anyone.	4/19/2026 11:30 PM
12	I do not know anyone.	4/18/2026 7:29 PM
13	no idea	4/18/2026 10:27 AM
14	NA	4/17/2026 2:23 PM
15	Eastminster has at least one pastor but I'm not really sure specifics or comfortable sharing names because I don't know if they would be interested or not.	4/17/2026 7:00 AM
16	Elder Jose' Jones	4/16/2026 12:07 AM
17	NA	4/13/2026 11:35 AM
18	The Rev. Dr. Stan Purdum, a retired methodist attending a PC(USA) congregation), is interested in most everyhting. He is the current editor of Proclaim, the author of several books, and occasional user of AI. www.stanpurdum.com	4/13/2026 11:31 AM
19	Don't know.	4/11/2026 11:10 PM
20	the CHCC AI planning Committee (Jose Jones, Kathy Lakes, Krista Lewis, Queen Thnornton-Peters, Jorge Adriano Herrera, Dione Benson, Robert Forward)...not sure about interest/availability to help	4/10/2026 9:44 PM
21	Joselamont48@gmail.com	4/10/2026 5:01 PM
22	Washington PA Presbytery is using it already.	4/9/2026 4:58 PM
23	Rev. Rex Childs, associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Naples Florida.	4/9/2026 3:43 PM
24	NA	4/9/2026 11:03 AM
25	Cathy Ritchie 6144043689	4/9/2026 8:39 AM
26	I don't know any	3/31/2026 12:07 PM

27	Jim Bernard - using AI tools for non-profit grants	3/31/2026 11:39 AM
28	n/a	3/31/2026 11:11 AM

Q17 Please list any resources (books, articles, podcasts, organizations, etc.) engaging AI in ways that can help churches. Please offer as much information about the resource as you can.

Answered: 30 Skipped: 206

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Comedian Charlie Berens: using reels/short videos and comedy to show the actual negative impact and exposing greed of ai companies on Midwest communities. It helps to know the ethical impacts so people and natural resources are not taken advantage of.	5/7/2026 7:30 AM
2	?	5/5/2026 9:53 PM
3	So very sorry, none known	5/4/2026 9:00 PM
4	Unknown	5/3/2026 1:55 AM
5	Presbyterian Association of Science, Technology & the Christian Faith	4/23/2026 9:21 AM
6	Spiritual Directors International had an article in their quarterly publication about the ethical use of AI for spiritual directors.	4/22/2026 4:44 PM
7	https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20251016-people-are-using-ai-to-talk-to-god https://www.chicagobooth.edu/review/where-ai-thrives-religion-may-struggle https://afropolitanjournals.com/index.php/ajrts/article/view/900/685	4/22/2026 2:05 PM
8	unknown	4/22/2026 1:56 PM
9	nknown	4/22/2026 12:44 PM
10	I don't know any.	4/22/2026 10:34 AM
11	I do not know of resources	4/19/2026 11:30 PM
12	I do not have any information.	4/18/2026 7:29 PM
13	no idea	4/18/2026 10:27 AM
14	NA	4/17/2026 2:23 PM
15	Rowan Williams and Ilia Delio both have video content through the World Community of Christian Meditation. But it could be a little specific to that Oder and practice.	4/17/2026 7:00 AM
16	None	4/16/2026 12:07 AM
17	Facebook page: AI for Church Leaders & Pastors: ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini Prompts & more https://www.facebook.com/groups/aiforchurchleaders	4/15/2026 2:04 PM
18	The Atlantic- articles	4/13/2026 8:12 PM
19	NA	4/13/2026 11:35 AM
20	none known	4/13/2026 11:31 AM
21	Don't know.	4/11/2026 11:10 PM
22	The Empire of AI by Karen Hao Coursiv.org for quick lessons on AI applications to overview of use	4/10/2026 9:44 PM
23	N/a	4/10/2026 5:01 PM
24	I have a subscription to Christianity Today. There are lots of articles in their archive on the topic of AI. These are articles and also podcasts from The Bulletin. July 2, 2025 What Is (Artificial) Intelligence? Kara Bettis Carvalho Four experts weigh in on knowledge in the age of AI. April 12, 2019 Artificial Intelligence Favors the Powerful. But It Doesn't Have To. Jason	4/9/2026 9:04 PM

Thacker September 1, 2001 Artificial Creation: A.I.: Artificial Intelligence Roy M. Anker Review August 6, 2001 A.I.: Artificial Intelligence Peter T. Chattaway - Despite Steven Spielberg's reputation for producing warm fuzzies, A.I. is bleak. April 4, 1986 Ramifications of Artificial Intelligence - William A. Durbin, Jr. Public Theology Project February 18, 2026 Your Understanding of Calling Is About to Change Radically Russell Moore - You can do little about what artificial intelligence is doing around you, but you can do something about you. The Bulletin July 29, 2025 Artificially Intelligent, Part 2 Mike Cosper, Clarissa Moll The Bulletin discusses the ways artificial intelligence can be used for harm. The Bulletin July 22, 2025 Artificially Intelligent, Part 1 Clarissa Moll The Bulletin discusses artificial intelligence and why it deserves our attention.

25	Ruha Benjamin's books Viral Justice and Race After Technology	4/9/2026 7:16 PM
26	https://www.deeplearning.ai/	4/9/2026 1:37 PM
27	NA	4/9/2026 11:03 AM
28	I do not have a specific resource, but encourage to watch what is happening in parallel domains. for example, I am getting some interesting ideas from my engineering society. Maybe there are some places we are better off to adjust the wheel to our needs rather than inventing our own.	4/2/2026 10:15 AM
29	I'm listening to Automating Inequality; it's very good!	3/31/2026 12:07 PM
30	The Atlantic magazine articles	3/31/2026 11:11 AM

Q18 Please add any advice, perspective, insight, or caution to the Synod as it develops ministry around the perils and possibilities of AI.

Answered: 39 Skipped: 197

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	People already know how to use AI for research, which is the only appropriate reason for a church leader to turn to AI in church-related matters.	5/5/2026 7:57 PM
2	AI is transformative and, potentially, an amazing tool. Using it properly and using it ethically, not replacing the person or the person's work, but as an assistant that makes the work better, would be worthy goals. IMO.	5/5/2026 4:11 PM
3	It is a part of our current reality, like it, love it or hate it. Our congregation members are impacted positively and negatively so there is a need for pastors to understand both perils and possibilities and how to present a spiritual approach to its use and caution for misuse..	5/4/2026 9:00 PM
4	none	5/3/2026 1:55 AM
5	I think using AI overall can be a tool, one kind of tool, but it should never take the place of a human beings ideas and creativity. It should always be vetted to determine truthfulness.	4/30/2026 8:23 AM
6	Do not neglect attention to the exceedingly common use of LLM AI for explicit and/or romantic "conversation", among both adults and minors. For a very small part of this, see this on a majority of US teens having used ai to generate pornography: https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12998796/	4/24/2026 10:23 AM
7	Problems I hear about from AI users who report significant inaccuracy of results (10%) concern me when we are trying to be the people of God. I see more use for data analysis and stramlining administrative tasks over much theological use.	4/23/2026 4:12 PM
8	Would really like to see ethical issues addressed, especially in preaching; how to use responsibly; responsible citation	4/23/2026 9:21 AM
9	The science of brain activity and learning in AI is showing that less and less is being retained, and personal development and growth are being stunted across multiple age groups. While it can be useful, greater reliance on it threatens faithful discipleship, by "farming" it out to a computer program.	4/22/2026 2:05 PM
10	make sure ethical considerations are emphasized...it is easy to abuse	4/22/2026 1:56 PM
11	None	4/22/2026 12:44 PM
12	The only thing I had thought of using AI was to put several sermons in it to see my themes that I use.	4/22/2026 10:34 AM
13	My choices regarding teaching methods, etc., are my personal ones for what is best for me: hearing issues makes some venues difficult for me to participate in. Younger participants will likely feel differently. That's ok with me.	4/20/2026 12:07 AM
14	I've just recently been introduced to using ChatGPT, and do not have much other experience with AI other than reading it when I Google something, and have been warned not to believe it without verification. I'm not much help with this.	4/18/2026 7:29 PM
15	Still don't know what you are talking about	4/18/2026 10:27 AM
16	So grateful that you're tackling this issue!	4/17/2026 2:23 PM
17	It has been suggested that AI can provide a transcript of Session or Congregational meetings to be used for "writing" minutes (our Session meetings are hybrid, so it is possible). As Clerk of Session, I'm a bit skeptical. It has been useful to check the Livestream of Congregational meetings for accuracy, so I can see its benefits, but question its reliability.	4/17/2026 11:34 AM
18	This was maybe the better place to list what I put in earlier-my concern about the use of AI	4/17/2026 10:58 AM

disenfranchising some younger people from the church. I am a little concerned that anyone who identifies as an "AI expert" for this kind of thing is likely to also be pro-AI. I also am concerned that the funding for this coming from an AI company seems unethical, but perhaps I am missing part of the safeguards there. I'm not sure I have a lot of capacity for this, but if you have trouble finding any church leaders who can offer the more cautious/concerned side of AI in church spaces, I could be willing to be involved (Hannah Lundberg, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, hannah@westpresa2.org). You might have lots of people in that camp, though, and I don't think I have any expertise beyond being a younger church leader and talking with friends about these concerns. I think a really important distinction here is that we can support the evolution of technology, while drawing the ethical line with some of these things. I really worry that in this time of so much division, confirmation bias in our social media, and misinformation from even people who should be trustworthy (like government leaders), that the church needs to be very cautious with this kind of technology so that we can remain a trustworthy place for people—not just spouting what generative AI tells us to.

19	It's important that you are putting this out. The APCE conference in 2025 also had a speaker that was engaging and informative: rev. Dr Andy Morgan who was at first pre Knoxville	4/17/2026 7:00 AM
20	- AI models were trained using copyrighted materials, without the consent of the creators. - Data farms are terrible for the environment and a waste of natural resources. - AI produces enough misinformation that its results cannot be trusted. - Relying on AI to do the work for us robs us of the practices of thinking critically, being creative, and solving problems. We need these practices to keep our brains active and engaged. For these reasons, I don't want AI to be a part of everyday life or our society. In church, I want to hear sermons written by humans. I want to sing hymns played by humans. I want to see graphics in print and online created by humans. I want to study materials written by humans. Please don't encourage churches to use AI for these things.	4/15/2026 2:03 PM
21	I don't have numbers on this--but I know we have churches in communities who are resisting data centers. And I would be interested in suppering them.	4/15/2026 1:21 PM
22	I think I've mentioned most of my insights and cautions in each of the REPOSE sections above. You can probably tell that I am quite cautious to use AI in Ministry. I certainly recognize that it is a forgone conclusion that AI is here to stay, and is in frequent use in the secular world. I suppose my desire is twofold: 1) To be educated in faithful uses of AI in ministry, since I believe it is here to stay. 2) To be able to guide volunteers and those I teach, techniques and encouragement to rely on faithful judgement (prayer, scripture, conversation with wise people of faith, interaction with the Holy Spirit) BEFORE consulting and relying on AI generated information. I do see benefits of AI, but I fear our congregations will get to a point where we trust the expediency and "truth" of AI, before we rely on God's wisdom. Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." I recognize that I have a bias against AI, but I recognize that it is a reality. As a teacher and leader in ministry, I would like to be educated enough and encouraged to be able to guide people in faithful uses of AI, while also being equipped enough to recommend guardrails and protections that we should incorporate as we try to BE faithful individuals and TEACH others in faithful ways. PS: Thank you for examining this subject. I am so conflicted on how to navigate AI. I appreciate that the Church is examining the issue, and will look forward to wise guidance :)	4/15/2026 11:15 AM
23	I'm concerned about the environment.	4/13/2026 8:12 PM
24	NA	4/13/2026 11:35 AM
25	I'm not sure that there are merits of using AI (realized ignorance) in the Church. Knowing how I feel about businesses that use it as a way to avoid customer service, I can't imagine that the Church will benefit. It will take a LOT of work on your part to convince me otherwise.	4/13/2026 11:31 AM
26	I'm concerned about our ability to detect and control AI.	4/11/2026 11:10 PM
27	AI is no more moral, ethical, or honest than human beings because it is trained on human information. However AI is much faster and has greater access to all electronic information than a human. These facts are the basis of both the dangers and promise of AI. Like any powerful new tool ever since the discovery of fire, AI expands both the risks of destruction and the scope of accomplishments open to humankind. All people need to become well aware of the abilities of AI to protect themselves against its inevitable misuse, and also to compete in a world where others are equipped with AI tools	4/11/2026 7:35 PM

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28	Given the ability that generative AI has to mimic human speech, generate photorealistic images, and impersonate people, I am concerned that this technology could be used to scam congregants who are not educated on the capacity of AI to do this or educated on how to spot it. Alongside this, the environmental and social damage caused by AI is extremely concerning to me. I appreciate the Synod reaching out to its members to get a better understanding of how to approach this issue.	4/11/2026 3:05 PM
29	Sermons generated by AI or church marketing materials generated by AI rather than organically produced	4/11/2026 9:33 AM
30	We are just beginning our discernment and don't have expertise but the environmental impact and energy costs (both real and opportunity costs) are important here in Ohio	4/10/2026 9:44 PM
31	N/a	4/10/2026 5:01 PM
32	Though I understand the intent of the statement above. Ministry of the church is about the good news of God, not around the perils and possibilities of AI. How we use language in relation to this work will impact the church.	4/9/2026 2:42 PM
33	As people meant to be good stewards of our lands and resources, I struggle to understand how anybody could choose to use AI out of convenience. If AI graphics and written work (things I could do on my own or pay a human to do) contribute to the destruction of the planet, I cannot be a part of that. Additionally, there are a lot of interesting conversations happening about the connections between AI and white supremacy, in part because it was trained on the writing, thoughts, and images of white people, but also because it demonstrates another instance of white privilege looking for ways to make their work easier or take credit for work that is not their own. I have often connected the efficiency argument to male privilege in my own historian's perspective. During the first half of the 20th century, new appliances were developed that were supposed to make the work of housewives easier, but all it ended up doing was placing higher expectations on women to be able to do more and keep a cleaner house. Women were constantly held to higher standards and expected to accomplish more when each task took less time. In AI, I see a terrifying trend of being able to place more tasks on workers, because they should be able to get more done if they "just use AI." So, businesses can continue to run without proper staffing and employees can be continually overtaxed. I want a human world, not one that is more efficient. I realize that the fact that I've never used ChatGPT places me in a minority, but I've developed my own values and continue to let them guide me.	4/9/2026 2:41 PM
34	Pastors are under information overload. Please don't duplicate resources already out there. There are lots of people working in this area and more resources isn't necessarily helpful.	4/9/2026 11:53 AM
35	I'm retired and "old as dirt," yet know AI is the future and people need to learn the perils of and possibilities for it.	4/9/2026 11:04 AM
36	Generative AI is driving up the usage of clean drinking water with each 100 word prompt essentially dumping a bottle of water into the sewer. Generative AI is not capable of generating, it is only an algorithm trying to guess based on data it's stolen from millions of human workers where the pixels should go next. AI is proven to poison its own data sets and fabricate financial information when set loose in accounting. Not to mention the security concerns. AI data centers are being disproportionately built in poor rural communities with less resources to oppose them. AI is being used to survey in our communities with companies like Flock selling your information to anyone who will pay. I don't see any upside from AI aside from writing things you couldn't bother to write and making art you're too cheap to pay for. The act of creation is sacred and if you wouldn't use this tech to replace a preacher, you shouldn't use it to replace an artist. AI is really not good at doing any of the things you claim it is. If you have to check its work what was the point of even wasting the water and electricity? The demands AI datacenters put on local ailing power grids is driving up energy costs. Companies that jumped on AI to replace their workers are now regretting it because the AI just makes more problems. 42% of all companies abandoned their AI initiatives in 2025. Tech companies are desperate for buy-in because they're losing money hand over fist. 95% of AI companies are not turning a profit.	4/9/2026 9:56 AM
37	Finding the balance in using AI as a tool vs 'humanizing' this vast data lake is a valuable effort.	4/2/2026 7:35 AM
38	The prevalence of AI writing is problematic, and I've seen it in scholarship essays, sermons, letters, emails, responses to Bible study, etc. I can see how this would be a super convenient	3/31/2026 1:09 PM

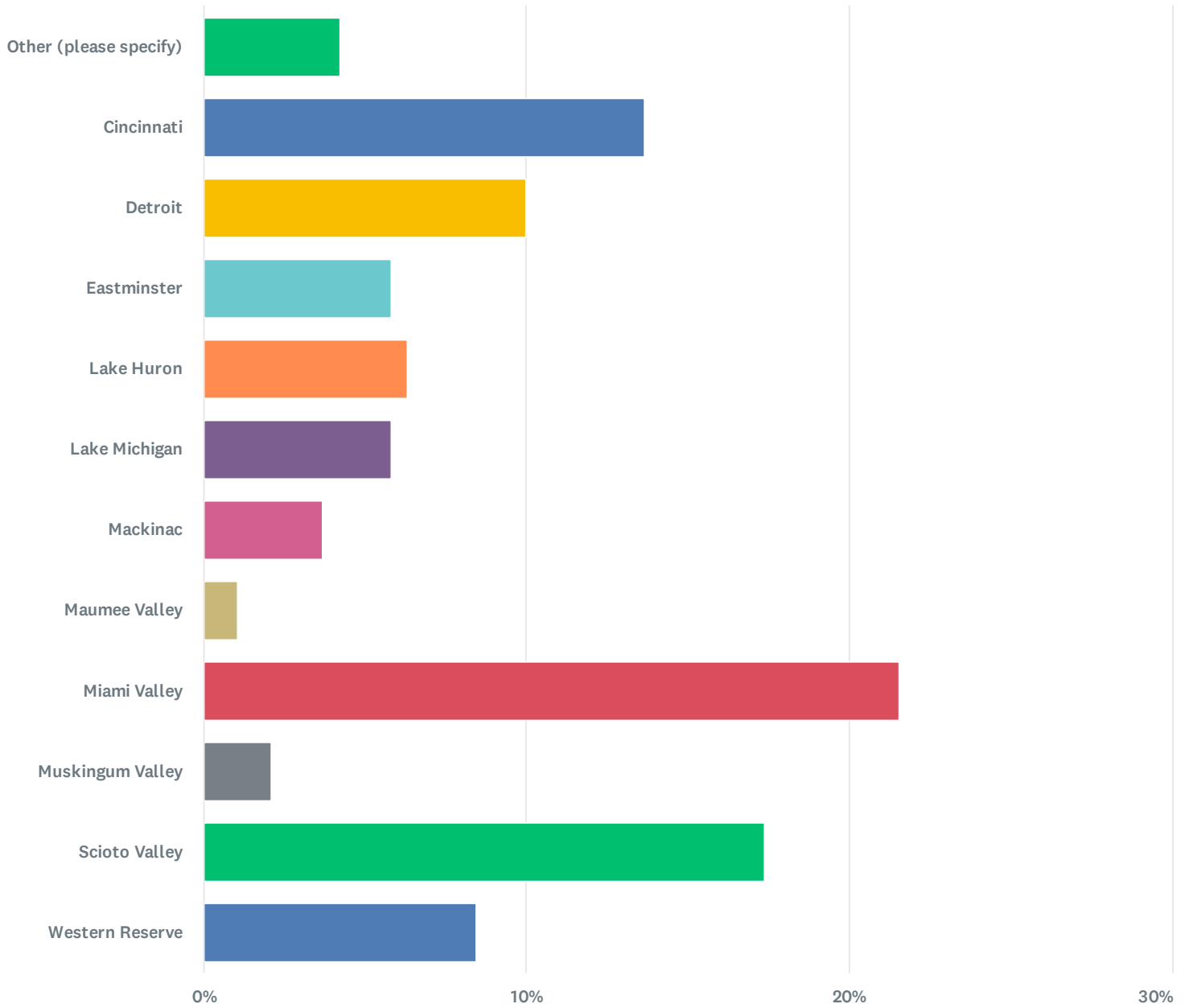
way for some folks to go about these things... but there are serious perils here.

39	I question why the Synod needs to take a position on AI beyond educating and warning (if needed) of any perils to Christian ministry.	3/31/2026 11:11 AM
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Q19

190 responses

What presbytery are you a part of?



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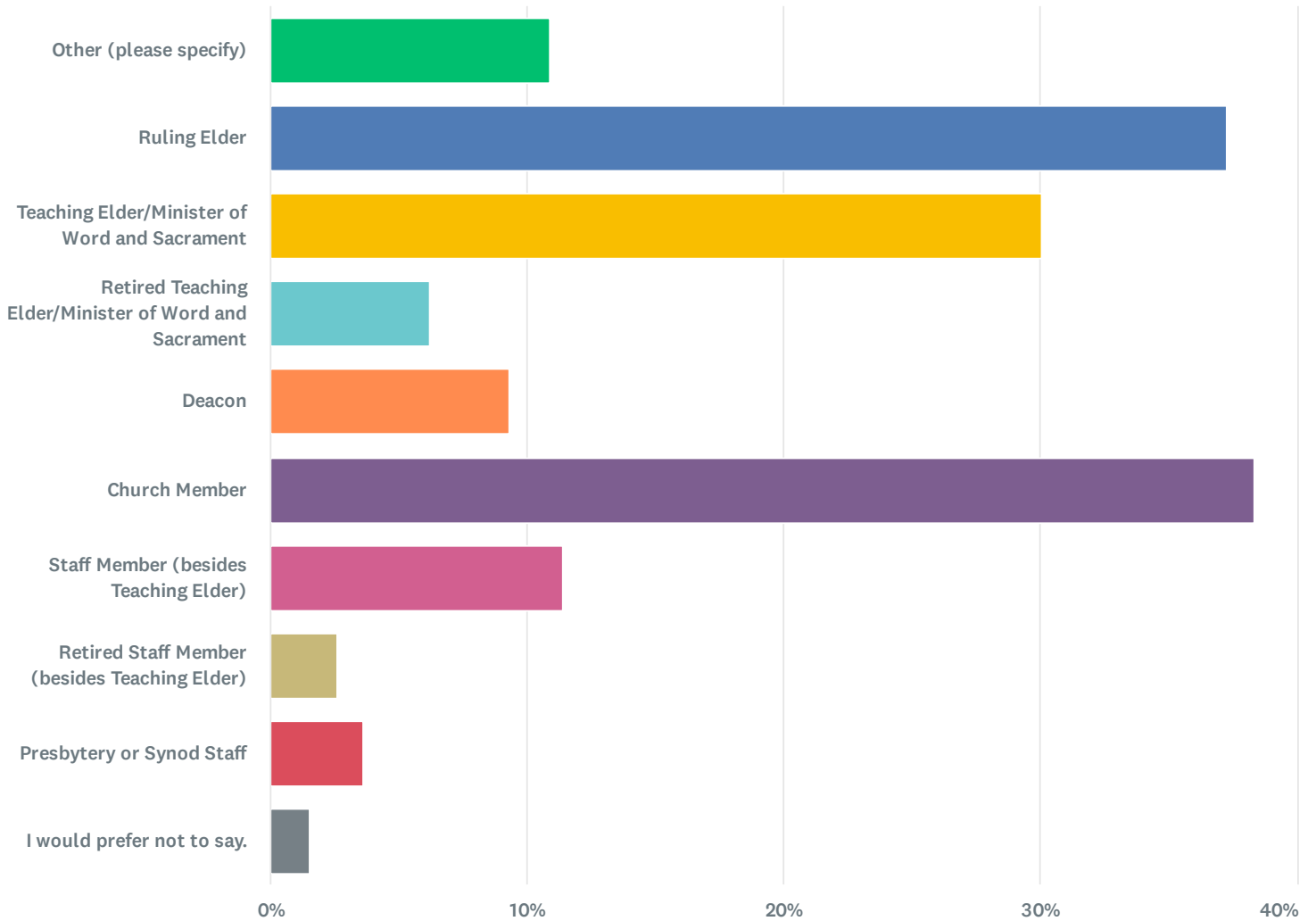
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1	I'm not sure.	4/17/2026 4:33 PM
2	Not in synod	4/9/2026 7:16 PM
3	Coastlands	4/9/2026 6:23 PM
4	As snowbirds, my husband and I worship at churches within the Eastminster (The Vine Fellowship Church) and Peace River (FPC Naples FL).	4/9/2026 3:43 PM
5	San Fernando Presbytery	4/9/2026 2:55 PM
6	Presbytery of San Francisco	4/9/2026 2:42 PM
7	Central Nebraska	4/4/2026 1:55 AM
8	San Diego	3/31/2026 10:51 AM

Q20

193 responses

Please check any of the roles which you hold.



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1	Academic, preacher, theologian, historian	5/5/2026 7:57 PM
2	Certified Christian Educator	5/5/2026 7:31 AM
3	Lifelong volunteer	5/2/2026 11:28 AM
4	Elder not currently on session	5/1/2026 3:50 PM

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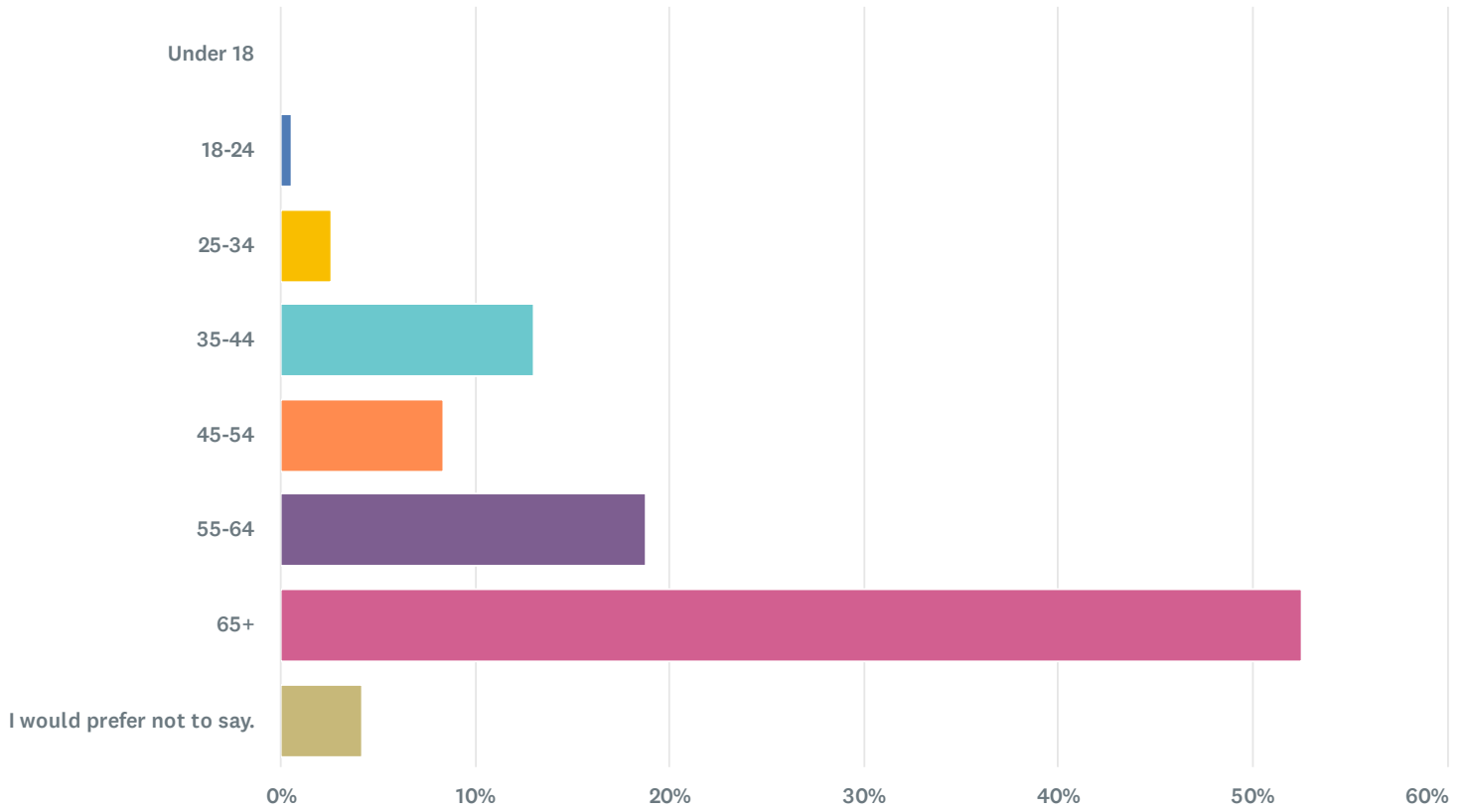
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5	Ruling elder not currently on session	4/25/2026 9:23 PM
6	Volunteer office staff member,Clerk of Session	4/24/2026 3:08 PM
7	pulpit supply	4/22/2026 1:56 PM
8	omer Elder	4/22/2026 12:44 PM
9	Committee chair	4/20/2026 1:55 PM
10	clerk of session	4/18/2026 10:27 AM
11	Clerk of Session; not currently serving as Elder or Deacon, but ordained.	4/17/2026 11:34 AM
12	Stated Supply Pastor (not Presbyterian, but serving a PC(USA) congregation)	4/13/2026 11:31 AM
13	Ordained in ABC-USA	4/13/2026 10:49 AM
14	Clerk of Session	4/13/2026 8:10 AM
15	CHCC AI Planning Committee	4/10/2026 9:44 PM
16	Website and FB administrator	4/10/2026 5:01 PM
17	Retired Christian Educator	4/9/2026 11:04 AM
18	Clerk of Session	4/9/2026 11:03 AM
19	Commissioned Ruling Elder serving as pastor	4/1/2026 9:25 PM
20	Presbytery Commission Chair	4/1/2026 4:13 PM
21	Presbytery Committee Co-Moderator	3/31/2026 10:56 AM

Q21

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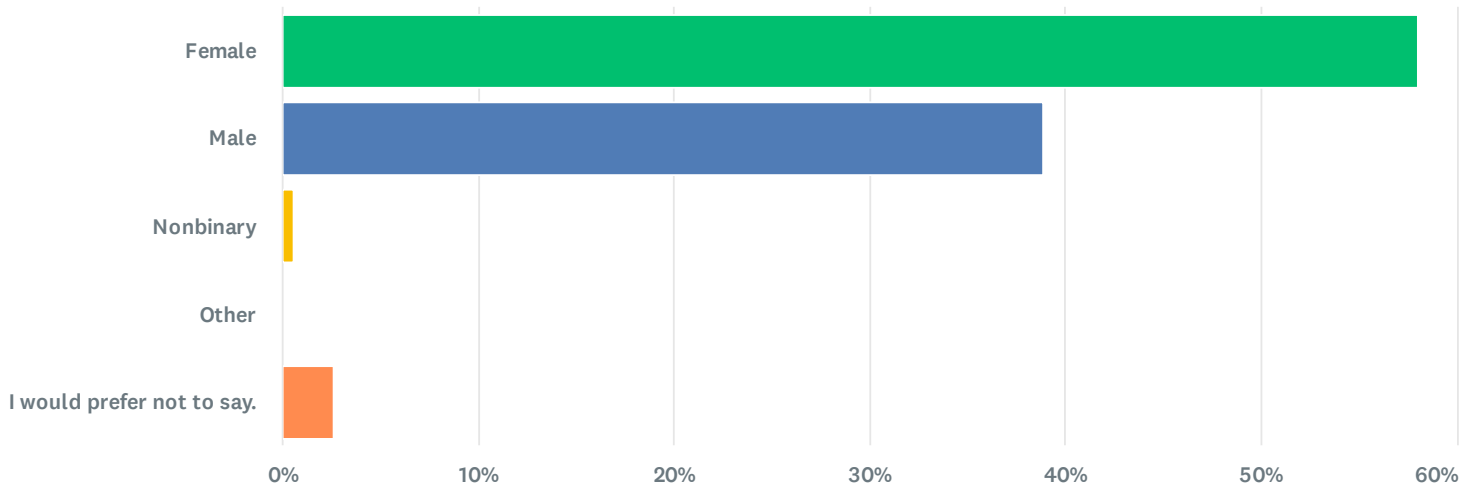
What is your current age?



Q22

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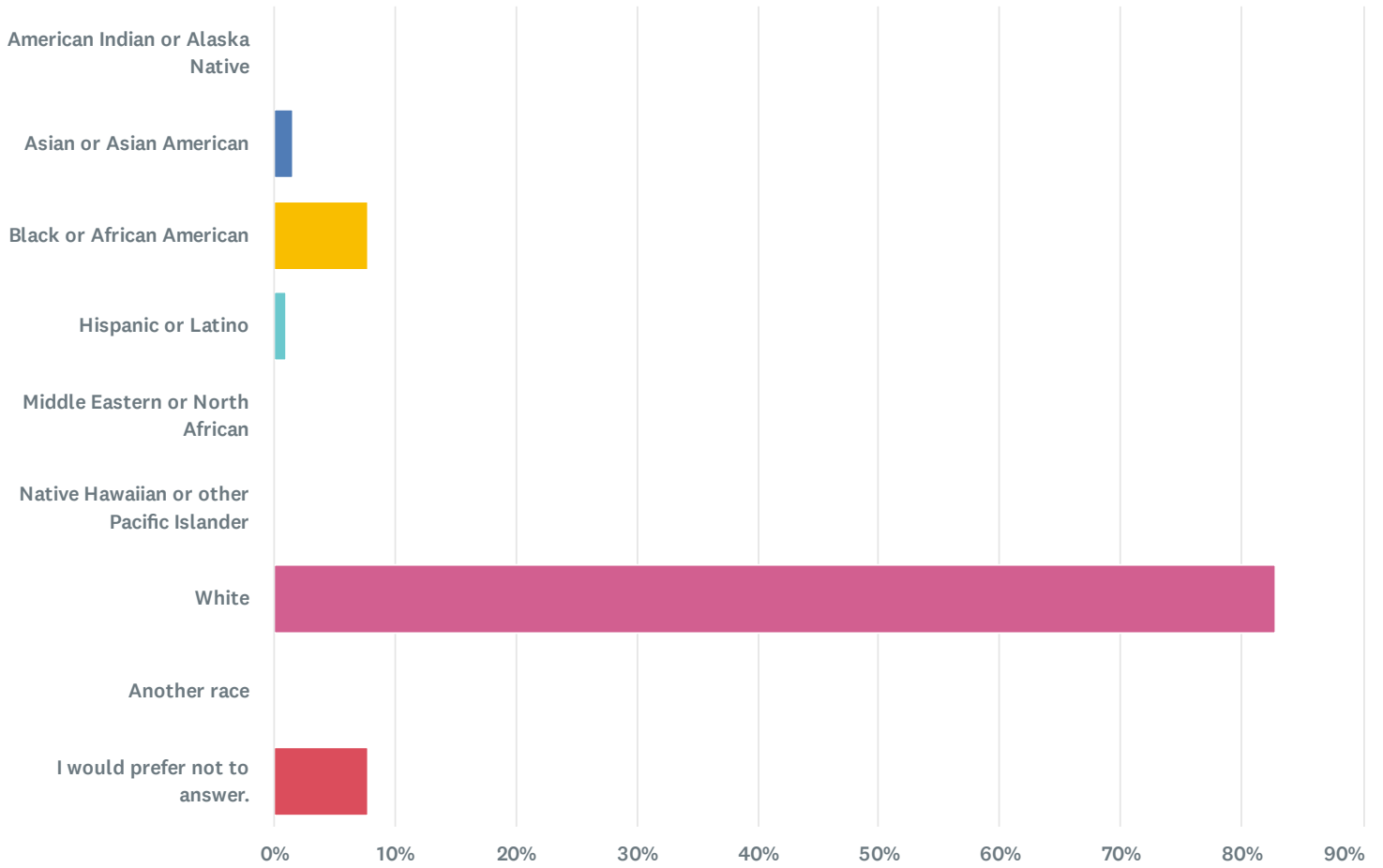
What is your gender?



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What is your race? Please choose as many as apply to your self-identification.



Q24 If you would like us to let you know as the synod's ministry about AI develops, please list your name and email address. Note: your survey answers will not be tracked back to your name at any point or in any way).

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1	Paul James Pfeuffer paul.pfeuffer@outlook.com	5/6/2026 1:49 PM
2	Pastor@fpcyo.org	5/6/2026 10:28 AM
3	Jim Bennett jeb7957@gmail.com	5/5/2026 4:11 PM
4	Ewen Todd. todde@msu.edu. Note I am on the CGPI preaching initiative. I also teach on-line courses at Michigan State University which is also exploring how AI can be used for faculty and students.	5/5/2026 9:12 AM
5	Lisa Eye leye@firstpresportsmouth@gmail.com	4/30/2026 2:36 PM
6	Emily@psvonline.org	4/30/2026 10:26 AM
7	Jennifer Eastman Hinkle (First Presbyterian Church, Delaware Ohio) jeastmanhinkle@hotmail.com	4/30/2026 8:23 AM
8	Janet Hains Mimi20223@outlook.com	4/30/2026 7:41 AM
9	Betty-Jo Sarchet rtsarchet1942@gmail.com	4/29/2026 8:48 PM
10	Paul Sisk, psisk@sycamorechurch.org	4/29/2026 5:14 PM
11	Jayne G Elgin jayneelgin@yahoo.com	4/29/2026 4:37 PM
12	Carolyn Cole carolyn.cole@live.com	4/28/2026 2:35 PM
13	Lisa Dunson Stenner revlisastenner@gmail.com	4/27/2026 5:33 PM
14	Janifer Binion janiferbinion@gmail.com	4/25/2026 9:23 PM
15	Alexander Haines; alexander@fpchowell.org	4/24/2026 10:23 AM
16	Tom De Vries tomdev@umich.edu	4/23/2026 5:15 PM
17	Judy Tanis judy_tanis@yahoo.com	4/23/2026 2:45 PM
18	pastorlisa@okemospres.org	4/23/2026 9:21 AM
19	Rev. Nathaniel Asperger, nathanielasperger@gmail.com	4/22/2026 2:05 PM
20	tsteele823@gmail.com	4/22/2026 1:56 PM
21	BBGeorge@tm.net	4/22/2026 12:44 PM
22	Bruce Brown fpcnapoleon@gmail.com	4/22/2026 10:34 AM
23	John McCumber jhmccumber@gmail.com	4/20/2026 12:07 AM
24	Sue Evans Berkemeier powhatonsue@gmail.com	4/19/2026 11:30 PM
25	Annamarie Groenenboom - agroenenboom@lakemichiganpresbytery.org	4/19/2026 3:46 PM
26	Alice McCollum aomac805@aol.com	4/18/2026 8:16 PM
27	Diane Knibbs dbreckle@umich.edu	4/18/2026 7:29 PM
28	Sashabawpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com	4/17/2026 11:40 PM
29	Sarah Juntune sarahjuntune@gmail.com	4/17/2026 2:23 PM

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30	Kathy Hillig hilligk@umich.edu	4/17/2026 11:34 AM
31	Hannah Lundberg (hannah@westpresa2.org)	4/17/2026 10:58 AM
32	Amber Balista amberbalista@gmail.com	4/17/2026 7:00 AM
33	Lee Lohr LeelaAnn60@gmail.com	4/16/2026 4:00 PM
34	Okyere Peter billycashes@yahoo.com	4/16/2026 8:19 AM
35	Valerie Lyons vlyons2007@gmail.com	4/15/2026 5:26 PM
36	Christin Moreland pastor@parma-south.org	4/15/2026 2:04 PM
37	ELIZABETH (BETH) BUCHANAN bethbuchanan53@gmail.com	4/15/2026 1:59 PM
38	revbenshaw@gmail.com	4/15/2026 1:21 PM
39	Susie Faas susie.faas@hpcmason.org	4/15/2026 11:15 AM
40	Todd Gordon Toddgordon33@gmail.com	4/15/2026 8:26 AM
41	Woody Moore woodythemoore@gmail.com	4/14/2026 5:51 PM
42	rbsmith@madeirachurch.org	4/13/2026 5:31 PM
43	Sara Maus christianeducation@pcwilmington.org	4/13/2026 11:35 AM
44	Canon W. Brent Sturm, O.S.L. - pastor@gallipolispresby.org	4/13/2026 11:31 AM
45	Tina Hubert, thubert@knox.org	4/13/2026 10:49 AM
46	Richard Boger - richard.boger@gmail.com	4/13/2026 8:10 AM
47	Kathy Isern klisern@gmail.com	4/11/2026 11:10 PM
48	Kristakaylewis@yahoo.com	4/10/2026 10:44 PM
49	Jose LaMont Jones - joselamont48@gmail.com	4/10/2026 9:44 PM
50	Earl M Thompson, Sr emthomp2020et@yahoo.com	4/10/2026 6:00 PM
51	N/a	4/10/2026 5:01 PM
52	Lea Austin 21leaastin@gmail.com	4/10/2026 11:47 AM
53	Regina Wolfe rbereacats34@gmail.com	4/10/2026 10:20 AM
54	Alison Blondheim alison@mvpresby.org	4/9/2026 4:58 PM
55	richardhillebrand@sbcglobal.net	4/9/2026 3:43 PM
56	Pastor@blvdchurch.org	4/9/2026 3:10 PM
57	Doug Nason dougnason@aol.com	4/9/2026 2:55 PM
58	Samantha Engel - samantha.engel624@gmail.com	4/9/2026 2:41 PM
59	Tom Milligan drtpm22@gmail.com	4/9/2026 1:37 PM
60	Jim Hines Jhines1116@gmail.com	4/9/2026 11:20 AM
61	Jackie.nowak@gmial.com	4/9/2026 11:04 AM
62	Stephanie Harris, harris6117@gmail.com	4/9/2026 11:03 AM
63	Nancy Dumford nancy.dumford@gmail.com	4/9/2026 10:11 AM
64	Ew. No I don't. Because somehow despite a laundry list of reasons not to use it, I have a feeling that 50 k grant will be enough to encourage more people to use it. Just like it was designed to.	4/9/2026 9:56 AM
65	akhite80@gmail.com	4/9/2026 7:40 AM
66	Joanne Kosanke kosankejl@gmail.com	4/9/2026 7:23 AM

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67	Jon Carlisle, highpocketsjtc@yahoo.com	4/7/2026 10:01 PM
68	JoAnn Wallace joannrj07@gmail.com	4/7/2026 1:06 PM
69	pastor@tvfcopley.org	4/7/2026 1:03 PM
70	Kathi Bubb kathibubb@gmail.com	4/4/2026 3:16 PM
71	drdockstader@yahoo.com	4/3/2026 6:19 AM
72	Jim Brazell revjeb81@gmail.com	4/2/2026 4:16 PM
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