

Resources for planning

The *Connections for Life* resource package will include materials to help your church understand its research report, providing new insights and encouragement for future ministry.

NCLS Research will provide resources for three planning options to address the different needs of different churches:

1. A comprehensive planning process
2. Integration with existing planning processes
3. A brief review and planning process

Dates and contributions

Wide participation makes survey research more valuable for all churches so the Institute of Church Ministries and NCLS Research ask every church to participate.

NCLS 2006 survey season	
Month	State or Territory
June	test locations
July	Queensland
August	Northern Territory South Australia Western Australia
September	Australian Capital Territory New South Wales
October	Tasmania Victoria
Denominational contributions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 per church - includes results and resources package for each church • \$1 per attender survey form ordered • No fee for leader survey 	

www.churchsearch.org.au

Participating churches will also be listed on Australia's largest internet directory of churches

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Surveys on request

Surveys on request can help your church monitor its life, changes and plans. In 2007 and beyond, NCLS Research can conduct surveys at times chosen by your congregation.

Contact

Please ring your denominational or movement office and speak to your survey coordinator.

Or, NCLS Research, info@ncls.org.au, www.ncls.org.au
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Life to the full



NCLS Research is a joint project of the Uniting Church Board of Mission (NSW), ANGLICARE Diocese of Sydney, and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

National Church Life Survey

June to November 2006



Your church can participate and benefit



Life to the full

Vitality in church life

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full"

Jesus, John 10:10

The National Church Life Survey 2006 is a season where some half a million church attenders will reflect upon and share their experiences of church life.

Over 15 years the NCLS Research team has worked closely with many different Christian denominations to gather, analyse and report millions of survey responses from church attenders and leaders.

Our research and resources help congregations appreciate and assess vital qualities of church life, including:

- Faith - Alive and growing
- Worship - Vital and nurturing
- Belonging - Strong and growing
- Vision - Clear and owned
- Leadership - Inspiring and empowering
- Innovation - Open and flexible
- Service - practical and involved
- Faith-sharing - Spiritual and willing
- Inclusion - Intentional and faithful

Survey results also help church leaders identify and understand changes in attendance patterns.



Connections for Life resources

Connections for Life is a new package of resources to assist your church to understand, plan and evaluate its missions and ministry.

Every church that participates in the National Church Life Survey (NCLS 2006) will receive the *Connections for Life* package. The package is included in the cost of participation.

The *Connections for Life* package will contain:

- A report of the church's survey results
- A research-based book explaining survey findings in terms of qualities of vital church life
- A DVD with further resources and planning processes to help you use your report

NCLS Research uses modern research methods to report faithfully the motives, behaviours and experiences of your church attenders - as they have expressed them in answers to survey questions.

Discern change over time

Your church's profile report will include comparison with 2001 data where available, reflecting stories of change and stability in the life of your church.

Prompt results

New organisational arrangements now mean that reports will be provided within **three months** of the return of survey forms - about 10 months faster than with NCLS 2001.

Resources for review and reflection

Connections for Life resources will help your congregation reflect upon and evaluate its mission and ministry. A range of attractive, user-friendly materials will guide you through planning processes that suit your congregation.

Innovation in church life

The New Initiatives Project of NCLS Research is gathering and examining stories of new life in the church from around Australia. Stories and insights from this research will be shared with churches to help foster creativity and innovation in ministry.

Resources for leadership

NCLS 2006 will include a survey of church leaders and new resources based upon leadership research findings.

Online resources

Your confidential church report, and other resources will also be available electronically at www.ncls.org.au

