

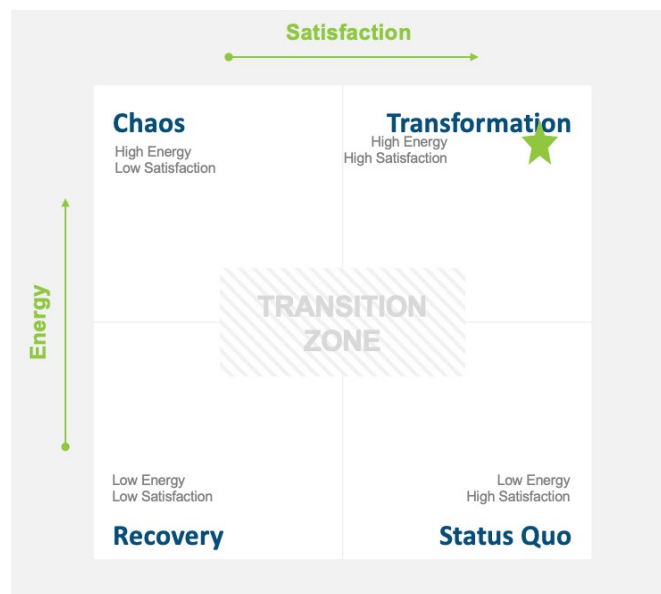
RIVERSIDE CHURCH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Congregational Assessment Results

NL Moore & Associates and HC!C recently administered the Congregational Assessment Tool in your church. Your average adult Sunday attendance is 1,449 people, and 773 adults, or 53 percent of your average attendance took the assessment. Riverside Church met the threshold of validity and reliability of results at 95% +/-3. Well done! A complete readout of the Vital Signs Report was delivered to your church leadership. An Executive Summary of those results is offered here.

In more than 30 years of assessment, we have learned the general health and vitality of a congregation can be discerned by measuring its overall satisfaction (think: fulfilled contentment) and energy (think: level of engagement).



WHAT THIS MEANS

We hope every church is thriving with high energy and high satisfaction. We call this healthy church posture: "Transformation." Riverside Church finds itself high in "Transformation," (green star above) meaning it is a healthy and vital congregation. This is great news! These are the churches we hope will expand, replicate or even serve as mentors to other churches. Riverside Church is poised to make an even greater Kingdom impact. The church should explore ways to continue to innovate and optimize its current ministries while considering new opportunities to advance its mission.

TOP PRIORITIES

Where would this congregation like additional energy placed to expand or improve its ministries?

1. Develop ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances.
2. Provide more opportunities for Christian education and spiritual formation at every age and stage of life.
3. Expand outreach ministries that provide direct services to those living on the margins of society.
4. Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building partnerships which share this vision and commitment.

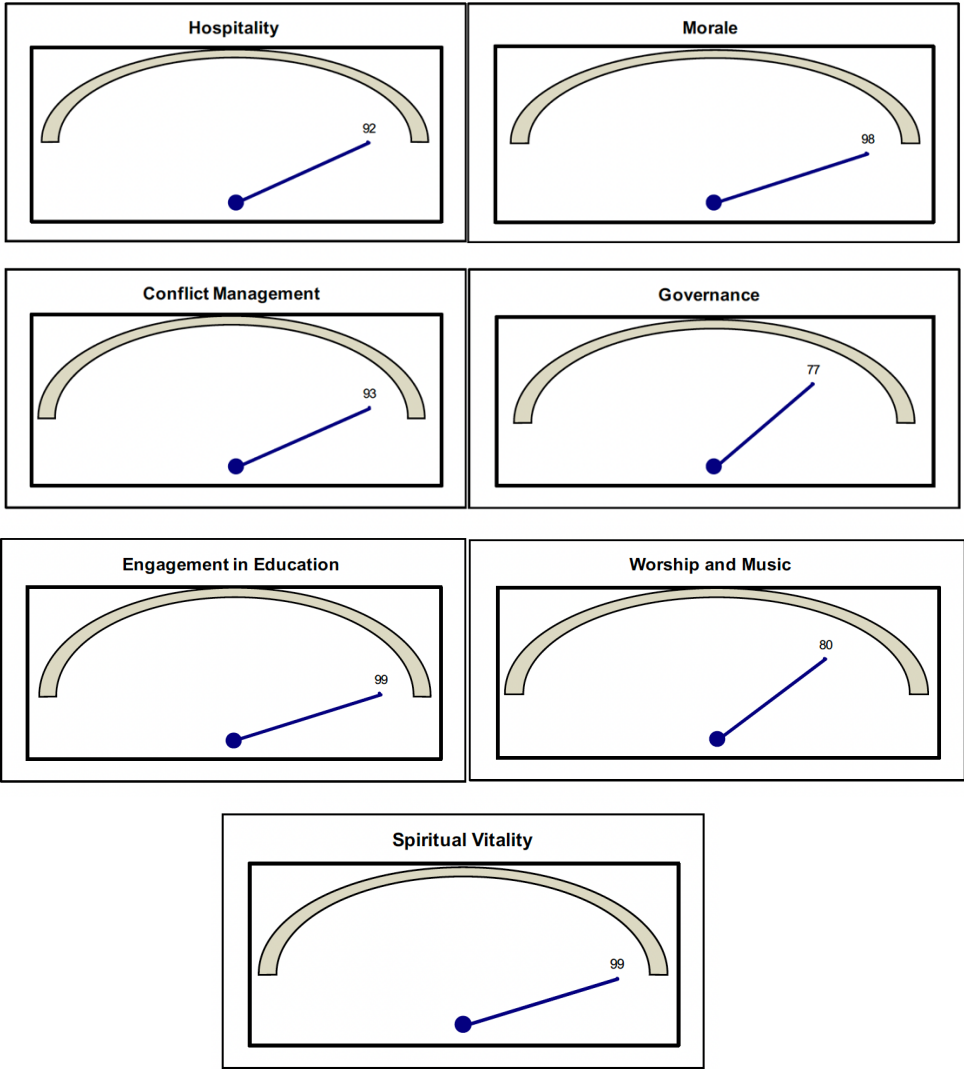
The top shared priorities of a congregation are part of what distinguishes it from the other churches. Customarily, a congregation will share two or perhaps three priorities across all age groups, but Riverside Church shares these four priorities across all age groups (under 35 years, 35 to 64, and 65+). This internal unity is an excellent strength to build upon! Clearly, Riverside is an outward focused church. Congregants see the brokenness and hurt around them and are united in their desire to extend healing to those in need, whether in the church or in the community. Creating a meaningful blueprint to expand outreach in the region and make a difference in the communities Riverside is a part of are also areas the church wants to engage. Ensuring opportunities for spiritual development are available for every stage of life are important to this congregation as it looks to the future.

THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE & FLEXIBILITY INDEX

Riverside Church is unified as a theologically conservative congregation. The church holds a very high view of Scripture and resonates with the clear biblical focus. With regard to flexibility, Riverside Church is adaptable but desires solid rationale when making changes. Please note: A direct correlation exists between the flexibility of a congregation and its ability to achieve its stated goals and priorities. Continued flexibility, not in biblical or theological essentials, but in the practical implementation of ministry will enhance Riverside Church’s potential and impact.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH’S PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD

The performance dashboard below displays how Riverside Church is doing compared to 2,800 other churches in a comparative dataset. The number represents where the church landed as a percentile rank within that benchmark data. Like a gas gauge, if the line is pointing closer to the right, the fuller the tank and indicates an area of strength. If the line is pointing toward the left, it indicates an area for potential improvement or development. *Please note: Spiritual Vitality is the only measure that is a personal indicator and not a corporate or shared measure of health. While personal spiritual vitality does not correlate to organizational health, it does measure the degree to which individuals believe their faith is central to their lives rather than peripheral or episodic.*



SUMMARY

By God’s grace, Riverside Church is a healthy and vibrant church that is making a genuine difference in the lives of its people. This is so encouraging and affirming! Much of what happens at Riverside resonates with attenders, yet there is tremendous potential for even greater Kingdom impact. The church is encouraged to explore ways to expand its mission so the positive momentum continues. With so much strength to invest and build upon, exciting days are ahead!