

Community Assessment

Jeremiah 29:7 says: “But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

Churches and communities are linked. God’s people are to be connected to the community, and the world.

Purpose:

As an expression of God’s love, our church has a sincere desire to meet the needs in our community. The first step to ministry action is an awareness of the true needs in the community.

1. Gain a deeper awareness regarding the culture of our community
2. Learn about existing programs and the services provided
3. Identify community strengths
4. Identify community needs
5. Identify how our church members can be involved in meeting community needs
6. Establish networking relationships with agencies (partner with others)
7. Build credibility and trust with the community (show our Love)
8. Own the process and the outcomes
9. Utilize the outcomes

Objectives:

1. Having a greater understanding of community needs
2. Identify gaps in services and how our church can fill those gaps
3. Increase an awareness and motivation for ministry with the community
4. Provide initial recommendations for areas of focus in local mission efforts.

Sources:

1. Door to door survey
2. Demographic data

Community Survey

1. What do you believe is the best thing about our community?

2. What do you believe is the greatest need in our community?

3. How do you see the role of the church in the community?

4. What advice would you give the church that really wants to be helpful to people in the community?

5. Are you familiar with the churches in the community and have you ever thought about using them as a resource?

6. Do you currently attend a church in the community
 - a. If yes where?
 - b. If no – What do you look for in a church?

7. What would it take for a friend of yours to come to church?

8. How can we pray for you?