CHURCH/COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY FORM

Review the following list of people, places and needs. Check areas that the church can meet. Also check any area in which you would like to work.

		I know of a need in this area:	I would like to work in this area:
Where are these people?	1. Inner-city areas	1. _____	1. _____
	2. Suburbs	2. _____	2. _____
	3. Revitalized neighborhoods	3. _____	3. _____
	4. Urban fringe areas	4. _____	4. _____
	5. Isolate communities	5. _____	5. _____
	6. Unchurched communities	6. _____	6. _____
	7. Transitional areas–racial	7. _____	7. _____
	8. Transitional areas–ethnic	8. _____	8. _____
	9. Transitional areas–economic	9. _____	9. _____
	10. Multifamily housing	10. _____	10. _____
	11. Low-income housing	11. _____	11. _____
	12. Mobile homes	12. _____	12. _____
	13. Condominiums	13. _____	13. _____
	14. Governmentally impacted areas	14. _____	14. _____
	15. Industrially impacted areas	15. _____	15. _____
	16. Militarily impacted areas	16. _____	16. _____
	17. Resort areas	17. _____	17. _____
What language or cultural groups are affected?	18. Immigrants	18. _____	18. _____
	19. Refugees	19. _____	19. _____
	20. Internationals	20. _____	20. _____
	21. Diplomats	21. _____	21. _____
	22. Seamen	22. _____	22. _____
	23. Foreign tourists	23. _____	23. _____
	24. Temporary workers	24. _____	24. _____
	25. Foreign wives/children	25. _____	25. _____
	26. Undocumented persons	26. _____	26. _____
	27. Language–Europeans	27. _____	27. _____
	28. Language–Hispanics	28. _____	28. _____
	29. Language–American Indians	29. _____	29. _____
	30. Language–Middle Easterners	30. _____	30. _____
	31. Language–Caribbeans	31. _____	31. _____
	32. Language–Asians	32. _____	32. _____
	33. Language–Deaf	33. _____	33. _____
What racial factors affect them?	34. Black churches affiliated with SBC	34. _____	34. _____
	35. Other black Baptist churches	35. _____	35. _____
	36. Other black denominations	36. _____	36. _____
	37. Racially mixed churches	37. _____	37. _____
	38. Unreached black communities	38. _____	38. _____

What physical and emotional problems do they have?	39. Long-term illness	39. _____	39. _____
	40. Disability	40. _____	40. _____
	41. Impaired hearing	41. _____	41. _____
	42. Blindness	42. _____	42. _____
	43. Visual handicap	43. _____	43. _____
	44. Aging disability	44. _____	44. _____
	45. Emotional disability	45. _____	45. _____
	46. Mental retardation	46. _____	46. _____
Are people in these institutional settings in need?	47. Nursing homes	47. _____	47. _____
	48. Hospitals	48. _____	48. _____
	49. Hospices	49. _____	49. _____
	50. Military installations	50. _____	50. _____
	51. Reserve-duty locations	51. _____	51. _____
	52. Juvenile homes	52. _____	52. _____
	53. Jails	53. _____	53. _____
	54. Prisons	54. _____	54. _____
	55. Industrial complexes	55. _____	55. _____
	56. Rest homes	56. _____	56. _____
Is help needed for people who spend their time as… ?	57. Entertainment workers	57. _____	57. _____
	58. Campers	58. _____	58. _____
	59. Vacationers	59. _____	59. _____
	60. Sports fans/participants	60. _____	60. _____
	61. Boaters	61. _____	61. _____
	62. Race track workers	62. _____	62. _____
	63. Truck drivers	63. _____	63. _____
	64. College/technical students	64. _____	64. _____
Is help needed for people with socioeconomic needs?	65. Drug/alcohol abusers	65. _____	65. _____
	66. Gamblers	66. _____	66. _____
	67. Retirees	67. _____	67. _____
	68. Unwed mothers	68. _____	68. _____
	69. Divorced people	69. _____	69. _____
	70. Single adults	70. _____	70. _____
	71. One-parent families	71. _____	71. _____
	72. Working parents' children	72. _____	72. _____
	73. Widows/widowers	73. _____	73. _____
	74. Abused children	74. _____	74. _____
	75. Abused spouses	75. _____	75. _____
	76. Nonreaders	76. _____	76. _____
	77. Non-English-speaking persons	77. _____	77. _____
	78. Criminals	78. _____	78. _____
	79. Juvenile delinquents	79. _____	79. _____
	80. Transients	80. _____	80. _____
	81. Unemployed	81. _____	81. _____
	82. Migrants	82. _____	82. _____
	83. Hungry	83. _____	83. _____
	84. Economically disadvantaged	84. _____	84. _____

What do they believe or profess?

85. Catholicism	39. _____ 39. _____
86. Eastern Orthodox	40. _____ 40. _____
87. Protestantism	41. _____ 41. _____
88. Charismatic beliefs	42. _____ 42. _____
89. Islam	43. _____ 43. _____
90. Buddhism	44. _____ 44. _____
91. Hinduism	45. _____ 45. _____
92. Judaism	46. _____ 46. _____
93. Sects' beliefs	
94. New religious movements	
95. Occult religions	
96. Scientism	
97. Mormonism	

Needs of People/Places

If you know of specific persons or places related to areas checked on survey form, please list those to whom the church might minister.

Ministry Area (Number from list)	Name of Person or Place	Address/Location
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Your name: _____ **Phone**: _____

Address: _____

IN-CHURCH SURVEY

Most churches should begin with a survey of church leaders and members to list needs of which they are aware. A survey within a church has many values. In addition to answering the survey questions, it also can accomplish some of these purposes: (1) make Christians aware of other people's needs, (2) make the church aware of its place in the community as a concerned agency, (3) help locate people who are sensitive to needs and who would be potential workers or leaders in mission action and (4) lead Christians to apply their faith through ministry and witness.

Prepare for the In-Church Survey

Before people can participate meaningfully in an in-church survey, they must prepare. The group selected to conduct the survey can help prepare church members for the survey by: (1) printing information about mission action in church bulletins and/or paper, (2) arranging for a judge, welfare worker or school official to discuss community needs at the midweek service or at WMU or Brotherhood meetings, and (3) providing opportunities for church members to share information about persons in need in the church community. When church members become sensitive to needs, they will contribute information through the In-church Survey.

Conduct the In-Church Survey

Determine the extent of the survey. Will all adult church members be asked to fill out the survey form? Will only WMU and/or Brotherhood members fill out the form? Will only a few church leaders and members, chosen for their contacts in the community answer the survey questions? While the survey can be limited to a select group, there are distinct advantages to involving large numbers of people in the survey, particularly from the standpoint of helping people think about their awareness of need. Publicize the survey through church bulletins, papers and announcements two weeks prior to the survey.

Distribute the survey form in a church service or organizational meeting. If most church members are to be surveyed, distribute the form, either during the Sunday school or worship service to everyone in seventh grade and above. It is best to distribute and allow time for completing the survey in one day.

Explain that the church is surveying church members to determine urgent needs of people in the church's community. Members are to check ministry needs they know and ministry areas where they would like to serve. If members know about a specific person or place with a ministry need, they are asked to write the name and address in the space provided.

The person in charge of the survey should read aloud the list of ministry needs on the "Church/ Community Needs Survey Form" and review with the survey group the ministries that the church already has in operation. Tell each member to write his/her name, address and telephone number at the end of the survey form.

Collect the forms after they have been completed. Give them to the person(s) or organizational group responsible for compiling the survey information and following up on response.

Compile the In-Church Survey Information

Use blank survey forms to tally responses to church members for each ministry area. Areas that have the most response may indicate the most urgent community needs.

Compile a list of specific persons and places listed on the survey forms. This list should group persons and places by particular ministry needs. This, too, may indicate areas with greatest ministry needs.

Follow Up the In-Church Survey

When the forms are filled in, some people will have provided more information than others. Select those and interview them personally or by telephone to discover additional information or suggestions. The best follow-up to the survey may come after the church selects the urgent needs to be met. Interview some of those who filled in the survey form to get names of individuals who need help. (Example: if a person checked that he/she knows of those who are blind, deaf or illiterate, secure the names of these people.)