

**COMMUNITY SURVEY FORM**

Name of Area Surveyed: \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) Interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ask these questions:

**1. What do you think are the needs in this community?**

**2. What do you feel a church can do to help meet these needs?**

**3. Can you give the name of a person living in the area who has a special need not being met?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Need: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Conducting Survey: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **COMMUNITY SURVEY**

After the In-Church Survey has been conducted, consider surveying families living in the geographical area the church calls its field.

The Community Survey has several useful purposes: (1) it provides an opportunity to publicize the church and meet new people, (2) it communicates the church's interest in people and community needs, (3) it secures names of people with ministry needs.

### **Prepare for the Community Survey**

Leaders should meet and discuss the areas to be surveyed. For the purpose of this survey, an area may include the people living on both sides of a street between intersections. A survey team of church members should be enlisted to conduct the Community Survey. If at all possible, enlist church members who are willing to survey the families near them. If a sufficient number of canvassers cannot be enlisted, an alternate to surveying every family would be to contact someone in each area who has lived there long enough to know personally the people in that area and get the information from them.

### **Conduct the In-Church Survey**

When conducting the Community Survey, canvassers should tell people being questioned about the two or three major concerns that some church members expressed through the In-Church Survey. Explain that this effort is to find out if those needs actually exist in the community. If they exist, the church is seriously considering beginning some ministries to meet those needs. Ask, "Is there anyone living in your household or in this area who could benefit from these ministries?" This does not commit the person to the potential ministry, but it does serve as an initial contact. Then ask, "Do you know of other needs that our church should consider meeting?"