



Forum Years 2003-2007, Totals and Female/Male

General Question of Call*	2003			2004			2005			2006			2007		
	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M
I am called to serve through fulltime vocational ministry	44%	40%	48%	52%	39%	67%	42%	30%	58%	49%	39%	61%	30%	19%	44%
I think I might be called to serve God through ministry	31%	43%	19%	35%	43%	25%	40%	55%	21%	31%	36%	26%	46%	62%	25%
I am struggling to know if I am called	20%	17%	23%	13%	18%	8%	12%	12%	13%	14%	18%	9%	22%	19%	25%
I do not believe I am called to serve in ministry	5%	0%	10%	0%	0%	0%	5%	3%	8%	6%	7%	4%	2%	0	6%
Call and Your Minister (%answering strongly agree or agree)															
Your minister is aware of your call?	64%	69%	58%	71%	61%	83%	77%	57%	82%	79%	68%	91%	62%	57%	69%
Your minister has encouraged your call?	83%	87%	81%	77%	79%	75%	87%	88%	88%	85%	78%	91%	65%	67%	63%
Your minister has offered to help you sort our your questions?	75%	83%	68%	75%	61%	92%	80%	76%	88%	73%	67%	78%	65%	67%	63%
Your minister spends time with you?	77%	90%	65%	75%	72%	79%	86%	88%	83%	87%	82%	91%	57%	48%	69%
Your minister has discussed educational opportunities with you?	42%	47%	39%	40%	36%	46%	70%	67%	75%	48%	47%	48%	46%	38%	56%
Your minister serves as a mentor to you?	65%	74%	58%	67%	71%	62%	83%	82%	83%	71%	68%	74%	62%	57%	69%
Call and Your Family (%strongly agree/agree)															
Your family recognizes and affirms your call to ministry?	70%	73%	68%	71%	68%	75%	70%	73%	67%	77%	64%	92%	76%	81%	69%
Your family has blessed your call to ministry?	64%	80%	48%	69%	64%	75%	68%	73%	63%	67%	64%	70%	78%	81%	75%
Your family does not understand your call to ministry?	15%	17%	13%	15%	18%	13%	14%	9%	21%	12%	14%	8%	11%	14%	6%
Your family has encouraged you to follow the will of God?	88%	93%	84%	82%	82%	83%	82%	80%	83%	91%	89%	91%	87%	86%	88%
Your family has encouraged you to seek counsel?	69%	67%	71%	48%	46%	50%	59%	55%	67%	48%	40%	48%	46%	33%	62%
Call and Your Church (%strongly agree/agree)															
Your church knows about your call to ministry?	51%	50%	52%	65%	61%	71%	58%	49%	71%	64%	57%	74%	49%	48%	50%
Your church is supportive of your decision?	74%	82%	68%	77%	68%	88%	76%	73%	79%	82%	85%	78%	65%	62%	69%
Your church encourages its youth to consider ministry?	81%	90%	74%	71%	86%	54%	70%	70%	71%	78%	75%	83%	68%	71%	63%
Your church prays for you and offers encouragement?	62%	63%	61%	57%	68%	46%	67%	64%	71%	63%	61%	65%	53%	38%	73%
Your church has always expected you to respond to this call?	33%	23%	42%	40%	39%	42%	25%	18%	33%	53%	54%	52%	32%	30%	33%
Age of Call	13.91	14.26	13.60	14.12	14.00	14.26	14.85	14.67	15.17	14.22	14.28	14.14	14.37	14.52	14.14
Age at Forum	15.75	15.93	15.58	16.21	16.21	16.21	16.47	16.21	16.88	16.49	16.46	16.52	16.49	16.24	16.81

Mean (1-5; with 1 strongly disagree and 5 strongly agree)

2005 is the first year that a pastoral reference and written parent permission was required