

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE
SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION SURVEY

The Children's Ministries Committee is working to plan for the continuing Christian education of children of our congregation, from birth through 5th grade. The conclusions and recommendations drawn from our recent mission study point to a "belief that education be scheduled to allow all members of the church to attend the regular Sunday worship service." The Children's Ministries Committee is ready to recommend to the Session that the church return to a Sunday morning schedule that would provide separate times for worship and education. Presently that would mean a 9:30 AM worship service with *Young Children in Worship* for children age 3 through Kindergarten, and an 11:00 AM education hour for all ages, including *Kid's Kingdom*, with no second worship service.

As we consider this recommendation, we would appreciate additional information from you. Please complete the following questions and return the survey to the church office by email, or in paper. Please note that this survey considers our educational ministry for children of pre-school through 5th grade age only. It does not include programming for our middle school and high school age youth. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bonnie Benkard, Katherine Osborn, Nancy Roff, Lisa O'Shea, Sharon Gladwin. or Rev. Paul Rhebergen.

Please plan to participate in the Children's Ministries Café Conversations to be held on Sunday, January 24, 11:00 - 12:00 in Fellowship Hall.

1. Does/Do your child/children presently participate in *Kid's Kingdom* (grades 1st -5th) during the 9:30 worship hour? (Please indicate the number of children participating)

Weekly_____ 1 or 2 times a month_____

Occasionally_____ Does/do not participate_____

2. Does/Do your child/children participate in *Young Children in Worship* (preschool - kindergarten) during the 9:30 worship hour?

Weekly_____ 1 or 2 times a month_____

Occasionally_____ Does/do not participate_____

3. Do you presently attend worship?

Weekly_____ 2-3 times per month_____

Once a month_____ Occasionally_____ Do not attend_____

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4. Do you presently participate in the Sunday morning Adult Education Class?

Weekly_____ 1 or 2 times a month_____

Occasionally_____ Do not participate_____

5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

It is very important that my children attend worship with me.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

Children of first grade age and older should stay in worship.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

Children of any age should stay in the worship service.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

I like having the children stay through the first part of the worship service and then leave for Sunday School/*Kid's Kingdom*.

Agree_____ Disagree_____

6. If the children's education program is moved to the 11:00 hour following worship, which of the following do you think will happen for your family?

_____ Adults and children would attend both worship and education on a regular basis.

_____ Our family would only attend worship.

_____ Our family would only attend the education hour

_____ We would attend worship together; drop off children for education, and return to pick them up.

_____ Our children would attend the education hour, and we would not regularly attend worship.

_____ We would want to return to a second worship service at 11:00, so we can attend worship while our children are in *Kid's Kingdom*/Sunday School.

_____ Our family would attend more frequently.

_____ Our family would attend less frequently.

_____ Our family would seek another church.

_____ If we do not make this change, our family will seek another church.

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7. Please share any thoughts you might have on the recommendation to move the Children's Education Hour/Sunday School to 11:00, a time that allows families to worship together during the 9:30 service.

For the past three years the Children's Education Ministry's Sunday morning program for children in the first grade and older has been shaped by a rotational model for education. We have called this *Kids' Kingdom*. Please help us evaluate the effectiveness of this program.

9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Kids' Kingdom has been effective in helping my child/children learn Bible stories.

Agree _____ Disagree _____

Kid's Kingdom has helped my child/children connect with the adults who lead *Kid's Kingdom*.

Agree _____ Disagree _____

My child/children look forward to attending *Kid's Kingdom*.

Agree _____ Disagree _____

I prefer the present rotational model of children's education to the traditional curriculum and model used previously for children's Sunday School.

Agree _____ Disagree _____

10. What would you hope your child/children would get from our Sunday morning Christian education for children?

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11. Please provide us with any comments or thoughts you have about *Kid's Kingdom*, its content, methods of instruction, staffing or other concerns.

12. Have you participated as a teacher/leader in *Kid's Kingdom* or other Sunday School program?

If so, what was positive in that experience?

What would have made it better for you?

13. Would you consider being a teacher/leader in the Sunday morning education program in the future?

14. Would you consider being part of the work of the Children's Ministry Committee?

Your name _____

15. If there are other adults in your household, would they consider teaching or being a part of the work of the Children's Ministry Committee?

Their names _____

*Inclusion of your name is optional.
Inclusion of your name will be of more help to the Committee in its work.
Please return the completed survey to the church office by January 31st.*