

**Appendix 1**  
**CHURCH COUNCIL RESPONSE FORM**

**I. LIFE CYCLE** (*page 1*)

A. List some of the best things that happened during the past five years:

B. List some of the worst things that happened during the past five years:

**II. CONGREGATIONAL CULTURE** (*page 6*)

A. Facility

1. When is the next building project planned or scheduled? What will be built? What are your present and future facility “needs”?

**III. PERFORMANCE** (*pages 7-8*)

A. What does the congregational leadership believe its greatest era in ministry as a congregation is? (Check one):

1920-1940     1940-1960     1960-1980     1980-2000     after 2000

B. List at least three “strengths” which are evident in the parish:

C. List at least three “weaknesses that deserve special attention:”

**VII. DIRECTION** (*page 14*)  
A. Core Values (list)

Is there anything about your congregation which really distinguishes it from other congregations in your community?

B. Mission Statement:

C. General Vision Statement:

List in order of importance what you consider the goals and objectives of the congregation. Don't generalize by saying, "Preach the Gospel, win souls, be loyal to Scripture..." Try to be specific in long-range and short-term goals.

## **VIII. COMMUNITY** (page 15)

A. What do people in our community say about us? Are we satisfied with that?

## **IX. OBSTACLES** (page 16)

A. We have had conflicts in our congregation that have influenced our church life, and have disrupted unity. These are the events and the results

B. What issues or questions are facing this congregation? Could you gather a paragraph from council and elder leaders on the most urgent or important issues before your congregation today?

## **X. OPPORTUNITIES** (page 17)

Review the following opportunity areas for your community and check any that apply.

- Unreached people (groups) in the community
- New residents
- Local schools
- International students
- Nearby Armed Forces facilities
- Special people groups (single parent, street people, challenged people)
- Prisons and jails
- Local businesses
- Other