REPORT

SEPTEMBER 11 AND OTHER TOPICS

The November 2001 Survey

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HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Large majorities of panelists report one or more physical or emotional reactions in the wake of the events of September 11. Most widespread were experiencing unwanted upsetting thoughts or images about September 11 and feeling very emotionally upset when reminded of what happened (p. 1).
- ✓ Majorities rate the stress they felt immediately after September 11 as above average, and two months later, when they completed the survey, a third were still experiencing above average stress (p. 1).
- ✓ Women are both more likely to report having a particular reaction to September 11 and, among those who so report, to have experienced it more often or with more intensity (p. 2).
- ✓ Large majorities report that their congregation held a special worship or prayer service in the hours and days following the events of September 11 (p. 3).
- ✓ More than eight in ten pastors report that worship attendance on Sunday, September 16, was either *much more than usual* or *more than usual*. A majority of services that day included the singing of patriotic hymns and a sizable minority included special recognition of the United States flag (p. 3).
- ✓ Most pastors and specialized clergy but only a few more than one in ten members and elders saw the letter of concern sent out to Presbyterians on September 11 from national leaders of the PC(USA) (p. 4).
- ✓ Two-thirds of pastors looked for either worship-related resources or education-related resources following September 11, primarily through the Internet or by contacting friends or colleagues (p. 4).
- ✓ Majorities gave money to help victims in the days after September 11. One in eight members and elders and one in five ministers volunteered time to collect relief supplies or participate directly in relief efforts (p. 5).
- ✓ One in ten panelists had doubts about God's existence because of the events of September 11, and more than one-third wondered why God permits evil. Large majorities report feeling closer to God some of the time since September 11 (p. 6).
- ✓ Most panelists report feeling closer to family and to friends at least some of the time following September 11. This is particularly true among panelists who regularly pray on a daily basis (p. 7).
- ✓ Majorities of members, elders, pastors, and specialized clergy report that they had (most *strongly favored*) military action against terrorists when fighting first began on October 7. Support for the military campaign remained at similar levels at the time of the survey (p. 8).
- ✓ More panelists *support* than *oppose* the idea of the 2002 General Assembly taking an official stand on terrorism, although many are *not sure* (p. 8).
- ✓ Large majorities of panelists report that their congregation has a person in charge of the Christian education (CE) program. In these congregations, the person is typically *paid* rather than *volunteer* (p. 8).
- ✓ Majorities of elders and pastors report that their CE director is ordained, more often as an elder than as a minister (p. 8).
- ✓ Half of lay panelists, a third of pastors, and 43% of specialized clergy favor the idea of ordaining educators to the ministry of Word and Sacrament with a specialization in Christian education (p. 9).
- ✓ Larger congregations are more likely to have someone in charge of Christian education, and in those congregations that person is more likely than in smaller ones to be paid, to be a minister, and to be certified (p. 9).

OVERVIEW

The Presbyterian Panel consists of three nationally representative samples of groups affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): members, elders (lay leaders), and ordained ministers. For analysis, ministers are split into two groups based on current call: *pastors*, serving in a congregation, and *specialized clergy*, serving elsewhere. New samples are drawn every three years.

These pages summarize major findings from the ninth survey completed by the 2000-2002 Panel. The first half uses text and graphics to highlight important and useful findings. An appendix follows with comparative tables that display the percentage distribution of responses to every question for each of the four Panel groups.

Questionnaires were mailed November 14, 2001. Non-responders were sent a postcard reminder on December 5. Returns were accepted through early February 2002. Response rates for this survey are: members, 55%; elders, 55%; ministers, 60%. Results are subject to sampling and other errors. As a general rule, differences of less than 8% are not statistically meaningful.

Panelists had the option to complete the survey on the Web, and 7% of members, 7% of elders, and 9% of ministers did so.

In this report, the term *median* refers to the middle number in an ordered distribution. For example, the median age for a group of people aged 12, 21, 28, 35, and 64 years would be 28 years. The term *mean* refers to the mathematical average of values in a distribution; in the example, the mean age would be calculated as: (12+21+28+35+64)/5, or 32 years.

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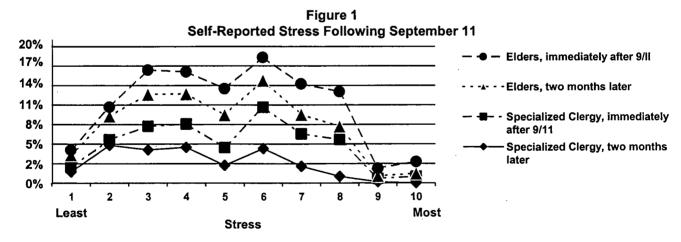
PERSONAL IMPACT

Thoughts and Reminders

- ▶ 84% of members and 87% of pastors report one or more physical or emotional reactions in the wake of the events of September 11.
- ✓ Two reactions were widespread among panelists: experiencing unwanted upsetting thoughts or images about September 11 (reported happening at least once by 68% of members and 63% of pastors), and feeling very emotionally upset when reminded of what happened (76%; 76%).
- ✓ Less widespread responses were reliving what happened (members, 34%; pastors, 32%) and trying not to think about, talk about, or have feelings about what happened (33%; 28%).
- ✓ Most panelists who report particular kinds of responses following September 11 had them only a few times. For example, among members who had unwanted upsetting thoughts or images, most report it happening only once (19%) or 2-4 times (61%) rather than 5 or more times/almost always (20%).

Stress Experienced

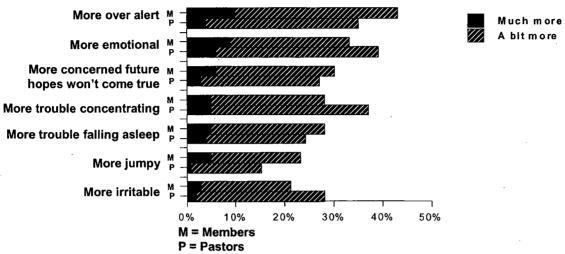
- ✓ Majorities in every group rated the stress they felt immediately after September 11 as above average (elders, 56%; specialized clergy, 62%). The mean response on a scale of 1 (least stress imaginable) to 10 (most stress imaginable) ranged from 5.8 among members, elders, and specialized clergy to 6.2 among pastors.
- ✓ Two months later, when they completed the survey, 34% of elders and 31% of specialized clergy reported they were still experiencing above average stress over the events of September 11. Mean scores on the ten-point scale ranged from 4.1 among specialized clergy to 4.3 among pastors, 4.4 among members, and 4.6 among elders.
- Around one in five panelists reports that there was another event in their lives in the three months prior to the survey that was *more upsetting* than the events of September 11. In all four Panel groups, this subset rated their felt stress from the events of September 11 lower, on average, than other panelists did.



Physical and Emotional Changes

- ✓ 71% of members and 77% of pastors reported feeling or behaving differently in the wake of September 11. The most common change was finding themselves *more over-alert* (e.g., members, 43%; pastors 35%).
- ✓ Other reactions reported by one-third or more in at least one Panel group are have more trouble concentrating (pastors, 37%; specialized clergy, 33%) and find yourself more emotional (pastors, 39%; specialized clergy, 37%; members, 33%; elders, 32%).

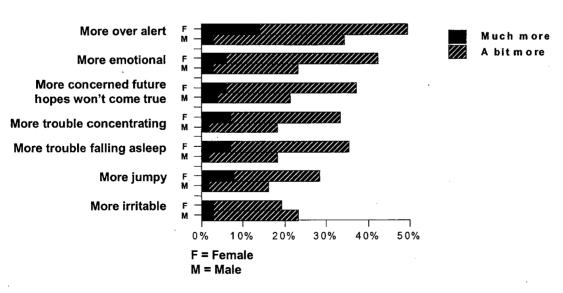
Figure 2
Behavioral Changes Following September 11



Male and Female Differences

Various research has found that women are better than men at remembering emotional events. Perhaps that explains why, for almost all of the items asking about felt responses to the events of September 11 (Q1 and Q2), women were both more likely to report having a particular reaction and, among those who so reported, to have experienced it more often or with more intensity. Figure 3 compares male and female responses for members to the same items presented in Figure 2.

Figure 3
Differences in Behavioral Responses to September 11
For Male and Female Members

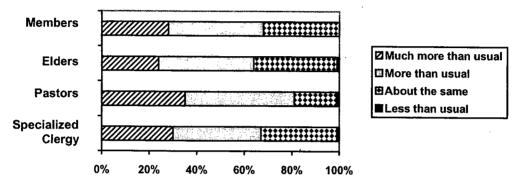


CHURCH RESPONSE

Worship Services

- ✓ Large majorities of panelists (elders, 74%; pastors 89%) report that their congregation held a special worship or prayer service in the hours and days following the events of September 11.
- ✓ More than eight in ten pastors report that worship attendance on Sunday, September 16, was either *much more than usual* (35%) or *more than usual* (46%).

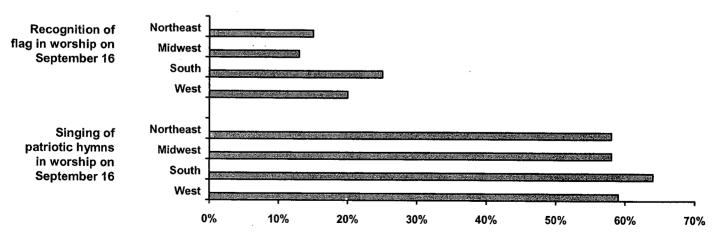
Figure 4
Relative Size of Worship Attendance on September 16, 2001



Patriotic Actions in Worship

- ✓ A majority of Sunday worship services on September 16 included the singing of patriotic hymns (75% of elders so report), and a sizable minority included special recognition of the United States flag (24%). Overall, according to elders, 23% of their congregations both recognized the flag and sang a patriotic hymn in worship; 51% sang a patriotic hymn only; 1% recognized the flag only; and 25% did neither.
- ✓ According to pastors, recognition of the flag was more common in the South (25%) and West (20%) than in the Northeast (15%) or Midwest (13%). The singing of patriotic hymns did not show such marked regional differences.

Figure 5
Regional Differences in Flag Recognition and Patriotic Hymn Singing in Worship on September 16: Pastors' Responses



CHURCH RESPONSE

Counseling Services

- ✓ Nine in ten pastors report that at least one person in their congregation sought them out for *conversation*, *counseling*, or consolation following September 11.
- ✓ One in five pastors report that *many* individuals sought such conversation or counseling.

General Assembly Communications

- ✓ Most pastors (92%) and specialized clergy (78%) but only 11% of members and 16% of elders saw the letter of concern sent out to Presbyterians on September 11 from national leaders of the PC(USA). A similar but slightly smaller percentage in every sample reported seeing another letter of concern distributed later in the month from the General Assembly Council.
- Two-thirds of pastors who had seen one or both letters had seen them first via a mailing to them or to their congregation. Another quarter first saw one or both letters on the Internet.
- ✓ Among elders who had seen the September 11 letter, 29% had first done so through a mailing to them or to their congregation and 10% through the Internet. Another 8% first saw the letter in an e-mail note, and 7%, in a congregational newsletter.

Members **Elders Pastors Specialized Clergy** 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% Percent who saw letter

Figure 6
Familiarity with Letter Sent From PC(USA) Leaders on September 11

Aid to Victims

- ✓ Almost all panelists report that their congregation prayed for victims and their families (elders, 96%; pastors, 97%). Majorities of elders (54%) and pastors (69%) also report that their congregation collected money for victims or their families, and 18% and 15%, respectively, that they collected food, clothing, or other relief supplies.
- ✓ Other, less frequent responses by congregations included blood drives and letter writing.

Resources

- ✓ Two-thirds of pastors looked for either worship-related resources (60%) or education-related resources (7%) following September 11. The main places they searched for such resources were the PC(USA) Web site (69%), other Web site(s) (47%), and from friends or colleagues (58%).
- ✓ Almost all pastors who sought out resources used some of them in their congregation, including 92% who used them in worship and 29% who used them in church school.

FAITH AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE

Worship Attendance

- ✓ Majorities of pastors (86%), other clergy (61%), and elders (53%), and 46% of members, attended a special worship or prayer service in the hours and days following the events of September 11.
- Among members who attended at least one special service, 65% did so at their own congregation, 15% at another congregation, and 19% in a another setting (e.g., community center, workplace, civic club).

Changing Faith Practices

- ✓ Eight in ten panelists reported that they had *prayed more often than usual* following September 11, including a third of elders (31%) and a quarter of pastors (24%) who had done so *quite a bit* or *a great deal*. The percentage reporting more prayer than usual was greatest among those who already had the highest frequency of prayer (see Table 1, p. 7).
- A third of members and 22% of elders reported that they had attended church more often than usual after September 11. Almost half of members (47%) who regularly attend church once a month, on average, report increasing their worship attendance in the weeks after September 11, compared to only 24% among those already attending every week.

Donations

- ✓ Majorities of panelists gave money to help victims in the days after September 11 (60% of members, 63% of elders, 62% of pastors, and 55% of specialized clergy), either through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance or other agencies.
- ✓ Most pastors (94%), specialized clergy (83%), and elders (58%), and a large minority of members (44%), report being aware of the opportunity to contribute financially through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help the victims of the terrorist attacks. The percentage who donated via PDA ranges from 14% of members and 18% of elders to 21% of specialized clergy and 36% of pastors.
- One in eight members and elders and one in five ministers volunteered time to collect relief supplies or participate directly in relief efforts.

Other Actions

- ✓ Around one in ten panelists gave blood following September 11.
- ✓ Majorities, ranging from 58% of specialized clergy to 78% of elders, flew or displayed the flag more than they usually do following September 11. Sizable numbers also wore *lapel pins*, *ribbons*, *etc.*, *in memory of the victims*.
- ✓ More panelists who describe themselves as theological conservatives than theological liberals report displaying the flag and wearing lapel pins in the weeks after September 11. Among pastors, for example, 71% of theological conservatives report displaying the flag, compared to 61% of theological moderates and 41% of theological liberals.

FAITH AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE

Figure 7

Personal Responses after September 11 Contributed money to help Ε victims through other agencies P Contributed money to help victims Ε through Presbyterian Disaster Р **Assistance** Ε Wore lapel pins/ribbons in memory of victims Р E Displayed the flag more than usual Р Gave blood E 0% 20% 30% 10% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% Percent who participated in each activity E = Elders P = Pastors

Doubts and Questions

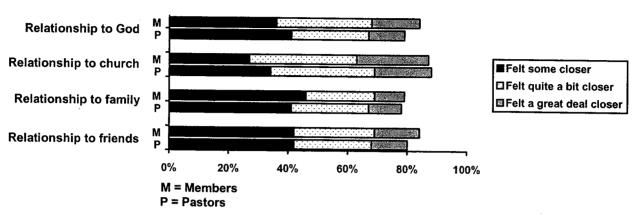
- Few panelists (members, 10%; pastors, 7%) had doubts about God's existence because of the events of September 11, but much larger minorities (42%; 37%) had wondered why God permits evil.
- One in five members and pastors report they had *felt angry at God for letting this problem happen*. Only a few (3%) report having had such feelings a great deal or quite a bit.
- ✓ Around two-thirds of panelists (members, 71%; specialized clergy, 61%) report that at least some of the time since September 11 they had felt their sense of safety and security [to be] threatened, including 19% and 18%, respectively, who had such feelings a great deal or quite a bit.
- ✓ Half of panelists (members, 49%; specialized clergy, 52%) had worried at least *some* since September 11 that they might become a victim of terrorism, although only half that number (26%; 22%) had changed their personal life in any way to try to avoid becoming a victim of terrorism.

Relationships

- √ 8% of members, 11% of elders, and 18% of pastors knew someone lost or injured in the tragedies of September 11, including 1% of members, elders, and pastors, and 2% of specialized clergy, who had a family member lost or injured.
- ✓ Most panelists, including 84% of members and elders and 80% of pastors, report feeling *closer to God* some of the time since September 11, including around four in ten who have felt closer *quite a bit* or *a great deal*. Similar percentages report feeling closer to their church and to their friends.
- ✓ Most panelists report that they *felt closer to their family* after September 11, including a majority (60% of members, 58% of elders, 53% of pastors, and 51% of specialized clergy) who report feeling *quite a bit* or *a great deal closer*.

FAITH AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE

Figure 8
Changing Relationships Following
September 11: Members and Pastors



Prayer and the Response to September 11

Panelists' frequency of prayer, as indicated on an earlier survey, is related to how their lives and faith were affected by the events of September 11. In particular, more panelists who were already praying with greater frequency report feeling closer to God, church, family, and friends in the wake of September 11, as Table 1 shows for members. These results suggest that a practice of regular, frequent prayer is an effective predictor of who will cope better with unexpected trauma.

Table 1
Prayer Frequency and Members' Responses to September 11

	Frequency of Praying Privately					
Following September 11, how often have you:	Daily/almost daily Percent respond	Few times a week ling quite a bit or a great d	Weekly or less eal to each item			
Felt closer to God?	50%	36%	20%			
Felt closer to your church?		31%	18%			
Felt closer to your family?	65%	57%	50%			
Felt closer to your friends?	52%	45%	38%			
Looked to God for support, strength?	79%	63%	31%			
Prayed more often than usual?	39%	25%	12%			

OTHER TOPICS

Responses to Terrorism

- ✓ Majorities of members (77%), elders (76%), and pastors (57%), and 44% of specialized clergy, report that they had favored or strongly favored military action against terrorists when fighting first began on October 7.
- ✓ Support for the military campaign remained at similar levels at the time of the survey.
- ✓ More *support* than *oppose* the idea of the 2002 General Assembly taking an official stand on terrorism (e.g., members, 38% for and 29% against), although many are *not sure*.
- Opinions are more mixed on whether or not the General Assembly should take a stand on war/military action as a response to terrorist acts (among members: yes, 31%; no, 34%; not sure, 35%).

Christian Educators: Overview

- ✓ Large majorities of members (86%), elders (86%), and pastors (87%) report that their congregation has a person in charge of the Christian education (CE) program.
- ✓ In these congregations, the person is typically *paid* (57% of elders and 64% of pastors so report) rather than volunteer (36%; 33%).
- ✓ A majority of elders (57%) and pastors (62%) report that their CE director is an *ordained officer* of the PC(USA). More are *elders* (35% of pastors so report) than *deacons* (2%) or *ministers* (25%). (Note that 43% of elders and 38% of pastors did not respond to this question.)
- ✓ 16% of pastors report that the CE director is certified in Christian education at some level, while a majority, 54%, respond not a certified Christian educator. 8% report their director is working toward certification. (Note that 22% of pastors did not respond.)
- According to pastors, most CE directors who are certified at some level are Certified Christian Educators (85%). Of the rest, most are Certified Associate Educators (12%) rather than Enrolled Educational Assistants (3%).
- ✓ According to pastors, 13% of Christian education directors have a M.A. in Christian education, and 38% have another degree in education. Among Certified Christian Educators, half have a master's degree in Christian education, and an overlapping 46% have another degree in education.

Ordaining Christian Educators

- ✓ Half of lay panelists, a third of pastors, and 43% of specialized clergy favor the idea of ordaining educators to the ministry of Word and Sacrament with a specialization in Christian education. Among laity, few oppose such a change (8%), while most are uncertain (members, 43%; elders, 42%). However, 43% of pastors oppose the idea.
- Opinions on ordination do not differ by gender among either members, elders, or specialized clergy. Among pastors, however, 48% of women favor ordination compared to 30% of men.

OTHER TOPICS

Church Size and Christian Educators

For this section, pastors were divided equally among four groups, based on congregational membership: <230; 230-447; 448-819; and 820+ members.

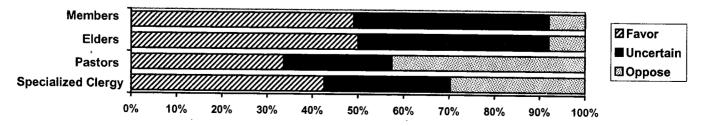
Pastors' responses reveal several differences between larger and smaller congregations when it comes to Christian educators. For one thing, the smallest congregations are less likely to have someone in charge of Christian education (70% do, compared to 99% in the largest size category). Also, in congregations with a CE director, that person is much more likely to be paid in larger congregations, according to pastors' responses. Only 14% of the smallest congregations have a paid CE director, compared to 29%, 67%, and 78% in the other size categories.

Smaller congregations are more likely to have an elder as CE director (36% in the smallest category, 18% in the largest), while large congregations are more likely to have a minister in that role (35%, compared to 9% in the smallest). The largest congregations are also more likely than any other to have a CE director who is certified at some level (23%, compared to 5% in the smallest congregations); has a master's degree in Christian education (15%, compared to 3%); has another degree in education (34%, 16%); and has a teaching certificate (17%, 8%).

Table 2
Characteristics of Christian Education Directors by Congregational Size: Pastors' Responses

	Membe	rship Size	·	
<230	230-447	448-819	820+	Total
Employment Status				
Paid14%	29%	67%	78%	47%
Volunteer38%	36%	15%	11%	25%
Ordained Status				
Elder36%	31%	19%	18%	26%
Deacon	5%	2%	1%	2%
Minister	9%	22%	35%	18%
Certification				
Certified5%	5%	15%	23%	12%
Working toward certification1%	3%	11%	8%	6%
Not certified38%	42%	40%	38%	40%
Other Credentials				
M.A. in Christian Education3%	6%	14%	15%	9%
Other education degree16%	24%	36%	34%	28%
Teaching certificate	11%	13%	17%	12%

Figure 9
Opinions on Ordaining Christian Educators



THE PRESBYTERIAN PANEL

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Appendix

	Members	Elders	Ministers
Number of questionnaires mailed	936	967	1,322
Number of questionnaires returned	518	538	806 *
Percent returned		55%	60%
* 626 pastors; 180 specialized clergy			

Q-1. Please tell us how you felt in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11. Below is a list of problems that people sometimes have after experiencing a traumatic event. Please read each one carefully and check the box that best describes how often that problem bothered you in the weeks immediately after September 11.

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		Members	Elders	Pastors	Specialized Clergy
a.	having upsetting thoughts or images about what happened				50
	that came into your head when you didn't want them to				
	not at all	. 32%	36%	37%	38%
	once	. 12%	13%	12%	11%
	2-4 times/half the time	. 39%	38%	40%	42%
	5 or more times/almost always		10%	8%	6%
	don't remember		4%	3%	3%
b.	having bad dreams or nightmares about what happened				
	not at all	. 83%	84%	78%	76%
	once	. 10%	7%	12%	12%
	2-4 times/half the time		6%	7%	9%
	5 or more times/almost always		1%	1%	1%
	don't remember		2%	2%	2%
c.	reliving what happened, acting or feeling as if it was happening again				
	not at all		71%	68%	69%
	once		10%	12%	6%
	2-4 times/half the time	. 16%	16%	17%	21%
	5 or more times/almost always	3%	2%	2%	3%
	don't remember	3%	1%	2%	1%
d.	feeling very emotionally upset when you were reminded of wha happened (for example, feeling scared, angry, sad, guilty, etc.)	at			
	not at all	. 24%	29%	24%	29%
	once	. 10%	13%	15%	13%
	2-4 times/half the time	. 45%	38%	45%	43%
	5 or more times/almost always	. 19%	19%	16%	14%
	don't remember		1%	*	1%

^{* =} less than 0.5%; rounds to zero

⁼ zero (0.0); no cases in this category

^{+ =} nonresponses of 10% or more on this question (reported percentages for all questions omit nonresponses

⁼ number of respondents eligible to answer this question

[•] percentages may add to more than 100 because respondents could make more than one response

e.	experiencing physical reactions when you were reminded of what happened (for example, breaking out in a sweat, heart beating fast)			
	not at all	82%	84%	84%
	once	6%	6%	10%
	2-4 times/half the time 8%	8%	7%	6%
	5 or more times/almost always	1%	1%	1%
	don't remember	2%	1%	
f.	trying not to think about, talk about, or have feelings about			
	what happened			
	not at all 67%	65%	72%	73%
	once	4%	7%	7%
	2-4 times/half the time	22%	16%	17%
	5 or more times/almost always	5%	3%	3%
	don't remember 3%	2%	1%	1%
g.	trying to avoid activities, people, or places that remind you of what happened			
	not at all	88%	89%	87%
	once	3%	4%	4%
	2-4 times/half the time	7%	5%	6%
	5 or more times/almost always	1%	1%	2%
	don't remember		1%	1%
h.	not being able to remember an important part of what happened			
	not at all 93%	94%	96%	94%
	once	2%	2%	2%
	2-4 times/half the time	2%	1%	2%
	5 or more times/almost always *		*	1%
	don't remember	2%	1%	1%
i.	having much less interest or participating much less often in important activities			
	not at all	76%	74%	62%
	once	9%	9%	14%
	2-4 times/half the time	12%	13%	21%
	5 or more times/almost always 2%	2%	3%	2%
	don't remember	2%	1%	1%

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Q-2.	In	the weeks following September 11, compared to the period right b	<i>efore</i> that	date, did yo	ou:	
	a.	feel more distant or more cut off from people around you?			,	
		yes, much more		1%	2%	2%
		yes, a bit more		10%	13%	16%
		no, no change	88%	89%	85%	82%
	b.	feel more emotionally numb (for example, being unable to cry or unable to have loving feelings)?				
		yes, much more	. 3%	2%	3%	4%
		yes, a bit more	15%	15%	25%	22%
		no, no change	82%	82%	72%	74%
	c.	feel more as if future plans or hopes will not come true (for example, will have no career, marriage, children, or long life) 9			
		yes, much more		3%	3%	2%
		yes, a bit more		26%	24%	22%
		no, no change		71%	73%	75%
			, .	7170	7570	7570
	d.	have more trouble falling asleep?				
		yes, much more		2%	4%	4%
		yes, a bit more		19%	20%	24%
		no, no change	72%	78%	76%	72%
	e.	feel more irritable or have more fits of anger?				
		yes, much more		2%	2%	4%
		yes, a bit more		19%	26%	20%
		no, no change	79%	79%	72%	76%
	f.	have more trouble concentrating (for example, drifting in and out of conversations, losing track of a story on television,				
		forgetting what you read)?				
		yes, much more		3%	5%	5%
		yes, a bit more		26%	32%	28%
		no, no change	72%	72%	63%	67%
	g.	find yourself more over-alert (for example, checking to see who is around you, being uncomfortable with your back to a door, etc.)?			
		yes, much more	10%	8%	4%	8%
		yes, a bit more	33%	29%	31%	33%
		no, no change	58%	63%	65%	59%
	h.	find yourself more jumpy or more easily startled (for example, when someone walks up behind you)?				
		yes, much more	- 5%	3%	1%	3%
		yes, a bit more		15%	14%	14%
		no, no change		82%	85%	83%
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Q-2. (Cont.)	In the weeks <i>following</i> September 11, compared to the period righ	t <i>before</i> that	date, did yo	ou:	
()	i. have more periods of upset stomach or occasional trembling?		•		
	yes, much more	2%	1%	1%	1%
	yes, a bit more	8%	6%	6%	4%)
	no, no change	90%	93%	92%	94%
	j. have more cravings for starchy foods or sweet treats?				
	yes, much more	3%	3%	3%	1%
	yes, a bit more	16%	13%	19%	18%
	no, no change	81%	84%	79%	81%
	k. find yourself more emotional (for example, crying more easily	·)?			
	yes, much more	•	6%	6%	7%
	yes, a bit more		26%	33%	30%
	no, no change	67%	69%	61%	62%
Q-3.	Overall, how stressful or distressing to you were the events of Sep attacks? Check a number between 1 and 10, where "10" is the moleast stressful you can ever imagine. Least $\leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow Most$				
	1 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 110				
	first box checked (least stressful)	4%	2%	*	2%
	second box checked	6%	5%	3%	3%
	third box checked	11%	13%	10%	12%
	fourth box checked	8%	11%	9%	12%
	fifth box checked		13%	9%	9%
	sixth box checked		12%	15%	21%
	seventh box checked		16%	27%	17%
	eighth box checked		18%	18%	19%
	ninth box checked		4%	6%	2%
	tenth box checked (most stressful)	6%	6%	2%	3%
	mean	5.8	5.8	6.2	, 5.8

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Q-4. How stressful or distressing to you are the events of September 11 now? Use the same scale, choosing a number between 1 and 10, where "10" is the most stressful you can ever imagine, and "1" is the least stressful you can ever imagine.

Members

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\Box_1	□i2 □i3 □i4 □i5 □i6 □i7 □i8 □i9 □i10			
	first box checked (least stressful)	6%	2%	6%
	second box checked 179		17%	19%
	third box checked	6 16%	17%	17%
	fourth box checked		18%	18%
	fifth box checked		18%	9%
	sixth box checked 10%		14%	18%
	seventh box checked	6 10%	8%	9%
4	eighth box checked	6 7%	4%	3%
1	ninth box checked	6 1%	1%	1%
1	tenth box checked (most stressful)	6 2%	1%	
	mean4.		4.3	4.1
1	median	0 4.0	4.0	4.0
	felt closer to God? not at all	6 16%	20%	33%
	some	6 41%	42%	42%
	quite a bit		26%	19%
	a great deal	6 16%	11%	7%
b.	felt closer to your church?			
	not at all 21%	6 21%	21%	36%
	some	6 40%	41%	45%
	quite a bit		26%	14%
	a great deal 10%	6 13%	11%	5%
c.	felt closer to your family?			
	not at all	6 11%	13%	16%
	some	6 32%	34%	33%
	quite a bit 36%	31%	34%	35%
	a great deal	27%	19%	16%
d.	felt closer to friends?			
	not at all 16%	6 16%	20%	19%
	some	38%	41%	44%
	quite a bit 32%	27%	26%	28%
	a great deal	18%	12%	8%

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Q-5. (Cont.)	In the wake of what happened on September 11, to what extent have you:						
(,	e.	had doubts about God's existence?					
		not at all 90%	94%	93%	92%		
		some	4%	6%	7%		
		quite a bit	1%	1%	1%		
		a great deal	1%	1%	1%		
	f.	wondered why God permits evil?			*		
		not at all 58%	60%	63%	66%		
		some	33%	30%	29%		
		quite a bit	4%	4%	5%		
		a great deal	2%	2%			
	g.	looked to God for strength, support, and guidance?					
	ъ.	not at all	7%	7%	12%		
	,	some	20%	16%	32%		
		quite a bit	38%	43%	30%		
		a great deal	34%	34%	26%		
	h.	felt angry at God for letting this problem happen?					
		not at all 80%	84%	78%	87%		
		some	14%	19%	12%		
		quite a bit	2%	3%	1%		
		a great deal	1%	*	- , -		
	1.	prayed more often than usual?					
		not at all	20%	22%	37%		
		some	49%	54%	48%		
		quite a bit	21%	18%	11%		
		a great deal	10%	6%	4%		
	j.	attended church more often than usual?					
	•	not at all	78%	70%	76%		
		some	16%	20%	19%		
		quite a bit	2%	6%	3%		
		a great deal		4%	2%		
	k.	sought time with family and friends more than usual?					
		not at all	43%	33%	42%		
		some	41%	50%	39%		
		quite a bit	12%	12%	17%		
		a great deal		6%	2%		

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•		Members	Elders	Pastors	Specialized Clergy			
Q-5. (Cont.)	In the wake of what happened on September 11, to what extent have you:							
	1. canceled any upcoming trips?							
	not at all	80%	81%	83%	78%			
	some	15%	13%	13%	13%			
	quite a bit	. 3%	2%	2%	6%			
	a great deal	. 3%	3%	2%	3%			
	m. felt your personal sense of safety and security has been threatened	ed?						
	not at all	29%	31%	37%	39%			
	some	52%	49%	52%	43%			
	quite a bit		15%	8%	16%			
	a great deal	. 6%	5%	3%	2%			
	n. worried that you might become a victim of terrorism?							
	not at all	51%	52%	51%	48%			
	some	42%	42%	46%	49%			
	quite a bit	. 5%	4%	3%	3%			
	a great deal	. 2%	1%	1%	1%			
	o. changed aspects of your personal life to try to avoid becoming a victim of terrorism?							
	not at all	74%	76%	80%	78%			
	some	23%	22%	19%	19%			
	quite a bit	. 2%	2%	1%	2%			
	a great deal	. 1%	1%	*	1%			
Q-6.	Has there been an event in the past three months that was <i>more upset</i> September 11?	tting for yo	ou than wha	t happened	on			
	yes	18%	16%	22%	28%			
	no		84%	78%	72%			
	don't know		-		1%			
Q-7.	In the hours and days following the events of September 11, did your service?	r congregat	ion hold a s	special wors	hip or prayer			
	yes	73%	74%	89%	75%			
	no		21%	10%	17%			
	don't know	· ·	5%	1%	8%			

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Q-8. Did you attend a special worship or prayer service in the hours and days following the events of September 11? (Check *all* that apply.)

	(Check all that apply.)			
	•	• ,	•	♦
	no 54%	47%	14%	39%
	yes, at my congregation	47%	81%	46%
	yes, at another congregation	12%	21%	25%
	yes, in another setting: (describe)	12%	22%	31%
•	If "yes, in another setting": n=54	n=67	n=136	n=55
	community or neighborhood [vol.]	21%	30%	29%
	workplace [vol.]	9%	1%	11%
	civic club [vol.]	1%	4%	5%
	other [vol.] 80%	69%	64%	54%
Q-9.	Did you attend worship in your congregation on Sunday, September 16?			
	no, attended another congregation	6%	4%	12%
	no, did not attend	8%	3%	17%
	yes 78%	86%	93%	70%
	a. [If "yes,"] Was attendance on that Sunday:			
	n=392	n=456	n=571	n=124
	much more than usual	24%	35%	30%
	more than usual	38%	46%	36%
	about the same as usual	34%	18%	31%
	less than usual —	*	*	1%
	don't know 6%	3%	1%	2%
	b. [If "yes,"] Did the service include: (all that apply.)			
	◆	•	•	•
	n=392	n=456	n=571	n=124
	special recognition of the United States flag 28% singing of "God Bless America" or other	24%	20%	6%
	patriotic hymns	75%	64%	51%
	no response	25%	34%	48%
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Pastors: Continue to Q-10 — Members, elders, and specialized clergy: Skip to Q-14

Q-10. Did individuals in your congregation seek you out for conversation, counseling, or consolation regarding the events of September 11?

yes, many did	19%
yes, a few did	50%
yes, one or two did	19%
no	12%

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3	Members	Elders	Pastors	Specialized Clergy		
Q-11.	Did you look for any special worship or education-related resources in the wake of September 11?					
	yes, worship-related		60%			
	yes, education-related		7%			
	yes, both worship- and education-related		*			
	no (Skip to Q-14)		33%			
Q-12.	Where did you look for these resources? (all that apply.)		+ •			
	the DC(USA) Web site		n=403			
	the PC(USA) Web site		69%			
	other Web site(s)		47%			
	PresbyNet		8%			
	contacted friends/colleagues		58%			
	other (specify):		29%			
	If "other"		n=115			
	the Bible/Quran/Book of Worship [vol.]		3%			
	other books/magazines/other publications [vol.]		31%			
	all other [vol.]		66%			
Q-13.	Did you use any of these resources with your congregation in the days and week	s after Sep	tember 11?			
			♦			
	yes, in a worship service		n=403 92%			
	yes, in a church school class		27%			
	yes, in a men's, women's, or youth group		16%			
	yes, in another small group		19%			
Q-14.	Would you personally like to see next year's General Assembly take an official s	stand on:				
	a. terrorism?					
	yes 38%	45%	42%	55%		
	no 29%	26%	38%	25%		
	not sure	28%	20%	20%		
	b. war/military action as a response to terrorist acts?					
	yes 31%	32%	31%	49%		
	no 34%	36%	43%	32%		
	not sure	32%	26%	19%		
Q-15.	Did you see a copy of either of these letters sent to Presbyterians? (all that ap		2070	1770		
	yes, letter of September 11 from John Detterick	P+3+)				
	(Executive Director, General Assembly Council),					
	Clifton Kirkpatrick (Stated Clerk, General Assembly), and					
	Jack Rogers (Moderator, 213th General Assembly)	1.60/	•	•		
	letter of September 29 from the General Assembly Council 8%	16%	92%	78%		
	neither (Skin to O-17)	11%	81%	67%		
	neither (Skip to Q-17)	83%	8%	19%		

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Q-16.	Where did you first see the letter(s)? (✔ one ☐ in each column.)				
	S / 1 / 14 *		+		
	September 11 Letter	n=94	n=137	n=568	n=141
	a. on the Internet	11%	10%	23%	21%
	b. in an e-mail	3%	8%	7%	15%
	c. in a letter sent to me or my congregation	22%	29%	66%	53%
•	d. it was handed out at a meeting I attended	4%	3%	1%	
	e. in a congregational newsletter	11%	7%	*	1%
	f. in a Sunday worship bulletin	6%	6%		2%
	g. posted on a bulletin board	3%	1%	_	
	h. read to the congregation during worship	1%	6%	*	1%
	i. other (specify):	1%	1%	1%	5%
	j. did not see letter	36%	30%	1%	4%
		+	+	+	+
	September 29 Letter	n=94	n=137	n=568	n=141
	a. on the Internet	10%	11%	16%	15%
	b. in an e-mail	6%	4%	7%	13%
	c. in a letter sent to me or my congregation	10%	24%	71%	51%
	d. it was handed out at a meeting I attended	4%	4%	*	2%
	e. in a congregational newsletter	. 10%	7%	*	1%
	f. in a Sunday worship bulletin	3%	4%		2%
	g. posted on a bulletin board	2%	1%	*	
	h. read to the congregation during worship	—			
	i. other (specify):	2%	1%	1%	7%
•	j. did not see letter	. 52%	42%	4%	9%
Q-17.	Has your congregation done any of these things to assist with relief	efforts?			
	10 10 10 10 10 10	•	•	•	•
	yes, prayed for victims and their families	97%	96%	97%	98%
	yes, collected money for victims or their families	. 48%	54%	68%	50%
	yes, collected food, clothing, or other relief supplies	. 20%	18%	15%	13%
	yes, other (specify):	5%	5%	12%	10%
	If "yes, other":	n=24	n=27	n=78	n=18
	Red Cross blood drive [vol.]	8%	22%	10%	
	made information available to members [vol.]		7%	6%	11%
	letter writing [vol.]	8%		4%	6%
	all other [vol.]	. 83%	70%	79%	83%

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Q-18.	Concerning the military actions begun on October 7 to retaliate again	st the terr	orists:			
	a. What was your opinion of these actions at the time they began (on October 7)?					
	strongly favored them favored them mixed feelings opposed them	18% 20% . 2%	56% 20% 19% 3%	36% 21% 35% 4%	26% 18% 34% 12%	
	strongly opposed them	. 1%	1%	4%	10%	
	b. What is your opinion now ?					
	strongly favor them favor them mixed feelings oppose them strongly oppose them	20% 16% 2% 1%	56% 23% 18% 2% 2%	37% 22% 33% 4% 3%	26% 19% 38% 7% 10%	
Q-19.	Were you aware of the opportunity to contribute financially through P victims of the terrorist attacks?	Presbyteria	n Disaster	Assistance t	o help the	
	yes		58% 42%	94% 6%	83% 17%	
Q-20.	In the days after September 11, did you personally: (all that apply	.)				
		•	•	+ •	+ •	
	give blood?	8%	10%	11%	7%	
	fly/display the flag (more than usual)?	77% 58%	78% 62%	68% 43%	58% 37%	
	Disaster Assistance to help victims?		18%	36%	21%	
	to help victims?get involved in other ways (for example, collect or donate food, clothing, or other relief supplies;	58%	59%	49%	56%	
	participate in relief efforts; etc.)?lose your job due to the events of September 11		12%	20%	23%	
	and their economic fallout?	1% 1%	2% *	*	1% —	
Q-21.	Did you personally know anyone who was lost or injured in the traged	ies of Sep	tember 11?	(all that	apply.)	
		•	•	•	•	
	yes, a family member	1%	1%	1%	2%	
	yes, a friend	2%	3%	3%	4%	
	yes, a colleague	1%	2%	*	3%	
	yes, someone in my congregation	1%	2%	4%	2%	
	yes, other no	6% 92%	7% 89%	12% 82%	12% 81%	

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Q-22.	Did anyone in your congregation have a family member who was lost or injur	ed in the tra	gedies of Se	ptember 11?
	yes	11%	22%	15%
	no 41%	52%	72%	54%
	don't know	37%	6%	30%
	Part 2: Christian Educators)
Q-23.	Does your congregation have someone in charge of Christian education, whet	her paid or v	olunteer?	
	+ Voc. (Continue to 0.24)	+	+	+
	yes (Continue to Q-24)	86%	87%	75%
	no (Skip to Q-27)	10%	13%	19%
	don't know (Skip to Q-27) 6%	3%	*	6%
Q-24. I	s this person: (all that apply.)			
	n=354	n=392	n=454	n=103
	a. paid?	57%	64%	66%
	volunteer?	36%	33%	30%
	[no response 3%	7%	3%	4%]
	n=354	n=392	n=454	n=103
	b. elder?	35%	35%	33%
	deacon?	4%	2%	2%
	minister?	18%	25%	21%
	[no response	43%	38%	44%]
	n=354	n=392	n=454	n=103
	c. certified in Christian education at some level? 39%	38%	16%	19%
	working toward certification?	4%	8%	4%
	not a certified Christian educator? 24%	36%	54%	50%
	[no response]	22%	22%	63%]
O-25. I	f certified in CE, at what level is this person? +	+	+	+
	n=135	n=147	n=72	n=20
	Enrolled Educational Assistant	4%	3%	
	Certified Associate Educator	4% 7%		7%
	Certified Christian Educator 83%		12%	7%
	Certified Christian Educator	89%	85%	86%
Q-26.	Does this person have: (✓ all that apply.) + ◆	+ •	+ •	+ •
	n=354	n=392	n=454	n=103
	Master of Arts in Christian Education 6%	10%	13%	12%
	other degree (bachelors/graduate) in education	32%	38%	22%
	state teaching certificate	13%	17%	7%
	experience teaching at elementary, secondary, or college level . 14%	19%	28%	15%
	other related experience (specify): 8%	9%	29%	15%

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If "other related experience":	n=27	n=35	n=130	n=15
M.Div. [vol.]	7%	9%	17%	27%
Volunteer experience in church [vol.]		20%	14%	7%
all other [vol.]		71%	70%	67%
Q-27. A task force of the PC(USA) is studying the possibility of ordainin Sacrament with a specialization in Christian education. What do y	g educators to the second second the second	o the minis ais idea?	try of Word	and
	+	+	+	+
favor	49%	50%	34%	43%
oppose	8%	8%	43%	30%
uncertain	43%	42%	24%	28%

Q-28. Please use the space below for any additional comments.

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