



Theological Reflection 2016 Survey, Vol. 3

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Interfaith Activities

For this first question, the term other faith traditions refers to faith traditions outside of the world's Christian churches/traditions. Interfaith relations refer to Christian interaction with other faith traditions.

Please FILL IN circles, rather than making a check mark. Thanks!

- Q1. Within the past two years, have you: (Fill in all that apply.)
- Attended an educational event or class to learn about one or more other faith traditions?
- Attended an interfaith fellowship event (such as a social dinner)?
- Attended an interfaith worship event, prayer service, or vigil?
- Been an active member of an interfaith organization?
- Heard a speaker or speakers from one or more other faith traditions?
- Participated in a social service activity in your local community that had interfaith participation?
- Participated in an intentionally interfaith demonstration, march, protest, or political forum?
- Volunteered for or donated money to an interfaith organization?
- None of the above

Q2. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements?

Table with 5 columns: Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Neither Disagree nor Agree, Agree, Strongly Agree. Rows a, b, c describing statements about bearing witness, learning about other religions, and energy spent on interfaith work.

Interreligious Knowledge

For the following religious knowledge questions, please answer as best as you can, without looking the answers up.

- Q3. In the Jewish faith, when does the Sabbath begin?
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Q4. Is Ramadan...
- A Jewish day of atonement, The Hindu festival of lights, The Islamic holy month
Q5. Which of these is the king of gods in ancient Greek mythology?
- Apollo, Mars, Zeus
Q6. What is the name of the holy book of Islam?

Q7. With which religious tradition is each figure linked?

	Buddhism	Catholicism	Hinduism	Judaism	Mormonism
a. Joseph Smith	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Mother Teresa	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. The Dalai Lama.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Maimonides.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q8. In which religion are Vishnu and Shiva central figures?

- Hinduism Islam Taoism

Q9. What religion do most people in each of the following countries consider themselves?

	Buddhist	Christian	Hindu	Muslim
a. India	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Indonesia.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Pakistan.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q10. Which of these religions aims at nirvana, the state of being free from suffering?

- Buddhism Hinduism Islam

Theological Understanding

Q11. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree nor Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. As a church committed to Reformed theology, the PC(USA) must take sin very seriously	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Confession is a crucial practice in Reformed traditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Jesus Christ is the only Savior and Lord	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. The Bible cannot be reinterpreted according to the changing circumstances in which we read it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. The concept of God's grace means that everyone, no matter who they are or what they do, is loved by God.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q12. Which statement comes closest to your view? (Please select **only one**.)

- God chooses who is to be saved through Jesus Christ
 People choose Jesus Christ as their Savior
 God saves everyone
 Salvation is an outdated concept

Q13. How important, in general, is each of these to you in making everyday decisions as a Christian?

	Not at All Important	Slightly Important	Important	Very Important	No Opinion
a. Current friend or family member and his or her advice or example.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Current pastor or spiritual advisor and his or her teaching or example.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. God's will.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Jesus Christ's leading through prayer.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Jesus Christ's teaching, life, or example	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. PC(USA) <i>Book of Order</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. PC(USA) creeds and confessions.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Scripture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. The leading of the Holy Spirit.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q14. In your opinion, what is distinctive about Reformed/Presbyterian theology? (Write your answer in the space below.)

Q15. How important are each of these Reformed/Presbyterian principles to you?

	Not at All Important	Slightly Important	Important	Very Important	No Opinion
a. Calling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Connectionalism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Covenant life.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Election.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Grace.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Human tendency to idolatry and tyranny.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Ministers and elders lead the church together.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Priesthood of all believers.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Promotion of social righteousness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Sovereignty of God.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Stewardship.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q16. Please elaborate on your response to the question about the importance to you of various Reformed/Presbyterian principles. (Write your answer in the space below.)

Q17. Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each of the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree nor Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. Church community is essential to life as a Christian	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. I feel comfortable sharing my faith with other people.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. In the realm of values, the final authority about good and bad is the individual.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. In the realm of values, the final authority about good and bad is the Scriptures.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. It is important to share my faith with other people.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Jesus was born of a virgin.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q18. The 222nd General Assembly (2016) in Portland, Oregon, approved changes in the *Directory for Worship*, which will now go to presbyteries for approval. In one of these changes, the directory would no longer specify Baptism as a requirement for taking communion in PC(USA) congregations, but instead would explain that the unbaptized who wish to take communion should also be invited to be baptized subsequently. Do you affirm that those who are not yet baptized should be received and fed at the Lord's Table, then invited into deeper relationship with Christ through Baptism?

- Yes, definitely
 Yes, possibly
 No
 Not sure

Q19. In your opinion, what does this say about the relationship of Baptism to the Lord's Table? (Write your answer in the space below.)

Q20. Another pending addition to the *Directory for Worship* describes worship as a contextual, cross-cultural, transcultural, countercultural, and intercultural event, and invites PC(USA) congregations to pray and sing with the church around the world. How important do you believe it is to consider culture when celebrating or planning worship?

- Not at all important
 Slightly important
 Important
 Very important
 No opinion

Vocational Discernment

Q21. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree nor Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. God elects us for service, not just for salvation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. I have tried to pursue a vocation that best uses the talents and gifts God has given me.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. My entire life's work is a calling to honor and glorify God ...	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. I don't think my work has anything to do with my faith	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q22. Which of the following would you consider part of your vocation? (Fill in **all** that apply.)

- My job
- My (other) role(s) in my congregation
- My engagement with the mission of the Church
- My service to my family
- My interactions with friends, acquaintances, and strangers
- My volunteer work
- Stewardship of my time, money, and talents
- The general commands for all Christians (belief and obedience)
- The gifts, abilities, and interests that God has given me
- All of these are part of my vocation

Q23. Have you ever taken any of the following steps, at any point in your life, to better discern your vocation? (Fill in **all** that apply.)

- Explored possible vocational callings through internships, volunteer work, or job shadowing
- Participated in personal, spiritual, or career counseling
- Read one or more books, articles, etc. about vocational discernment
- Spent intentional time in prayer or Bible study about your vocation
- Talked with a pastor or spiritual elder about your vocation
- Talked with a personal mentor, family member, or friend about your vocation
- Talked with a professional mentor about your vocation
- Taken a class on vocational discernment
- Taken a personality test, a spiritual gifts inventory, or a skills/abilities/interests tests

Q24. How often would you say you feel guided by God in the midst of daily activities?

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| <input type="radio"/> Never or almost never | <input type="radio"/> Every day |
| <input type="radio"/> Once in a while | <input type="radio"/> Many times a day |
| <input type="radio"/> Some days | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
| <input type="radio"/> Most days | |

Q25. Please use the space below for any additional comments about interfaith relations, theology, or your vocation.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.
 Please return it in the postage-paid envelope to:
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