

Ministry Patterns and Priorities

The following chart lists possible areas of outreach ministry that a church could emphasize. Identify how high a priority each item is to you. If the item goes against your understanding of church ministry, circle “Contrary”.

4=Essential to me

3 = Quite Important to me

2=Somewhat Important to me

1= Not Really Important to me

0 = Contrary

1.	Organizing members of the congregation to participate in short-term mission trips.	4	3	2	1	0
2.	Helping transform lives through education, support groups, counseling or spiritual renewal ministries.	4	3	2	1	0
3.	Promoting social or political change through community organizing or collective influence.	4	3	2	1	0
4.	Modeling an alternative way of life to the surrounding secular culture that attracts people to Jesus.	4	3	2	1	0
5.	Promoting community/economic development programs in the church’s neighborhood of ministry.	4	3	2	1	0
6.	Welcoming people into the church who are diverse in age, family situation, ethnicity, and/or income.	4	3	2	1	0
7.	Sponsoring social service ministries to provide aid to persons in need.	4	3	2	1	0
8.	Taking the gospel to non-Christians in the community through organized evangelism program.	4	3	2	1	0
9.	Encouraging members to minister to the needs of others in their daily lives and charitable giving.	4	3	2	1	0
10.	Forming one-on-one mentoring relationships with people in need of guidance or personal development.	4	3	2	1	0
11.	Making the church inviting to people who never attended church or have dropped out of church life.	4	3	2	1	0
12.	Cultivating a relationship, as a church, with a church or other group from a different racial background.	4	3	2	1	0
13.	Caring for the emergency needs of persons in crisis.	4	3	2	1	0
14.	Hosting revivals, Christian concerts, or other special events that invite people to salvation.	4	3	2	1	0
15.	Partnering with other local nonprofits, civic groups and churches for the betterment of the neighborhood.	4	3	2	1	0
16.	Taking a stand and speaking out on social, political, and economic injustices.	4	3	2	1	0
17.	Coming together to pray regularly for non-Christians.	4	3	2	1	0
18.	Training members to share their faith personally with friends, neighbors and strangers.	4	3	2	1	0
19.	Financially supporting mission or aid programs of your denomination or other para-church agencies.	4	3	2	1	0
20.	Incorporating a gospel message into service activities (such as a devotional at a soup kitchen).	4	3	2	1	0

