
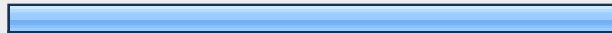






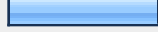



The Baptist Ministers' Fellowship 'Life in Ministry' Questionnaire



1. Gender?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		90.3%	204
Female		9.7%	22
		<i>answered question</i>	226
		<i>skipped question</i>	5


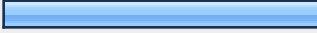
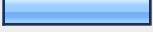


2. Age Band?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
23-34		3.1%	7
35-44		14.0%	32
45-54		25.3%	58
55-64		34.9%	80
65+		22.7%	52
		<i>answered question</i>	229
		<i>skipped question</i>	2

3. Marital status?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Single		3.1%	7
Married		93.4%	212
Widowed		2.2%	5
Separated		0.4%	1
Divorced		0.9%	2
Other		0.0%	0
		answered question	227
		skipped question	4

4. Number of years in Baptist ministry?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
1-3		3.5%	8
4-10		19.5%	44
11-20		26.1%	59
21-30		22.6%	51
31+		28.3%	64
		answered question	226
		skipped question	5

5. Type of ministry? (Please state: Church-based, hospital chaplain etc)		
		Response Count
		227
<i>answered question</i>		227
<i>skipped question</i>		4

6. BUGB accredited?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		97.3%	219
No		2.7%	6
<i>answered question</i>			225
<i>skipped question</i>			6

7. Number of years in present post?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
1-3		25.7%	53
4-10		48.5%	100
11-20		22.3%	46
21-30		2.9%	6
31+		0.5%	1
<i>answered question</i>			206
<i>skipped question</i>			25

8. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your life as a minister? Please select the answer which most closely matches your feelings:- 1= Strongly agree 2= Tend to agree 3= Neither agree nor disagree 4= Tend to disagree 5= strongly disagree 6= Don't know

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Response Count
1. I am happy with my level of stipend:	24.6% (50)	35.5% (72)	19.7% (40)	10.8% (22)	6.4% (13)	3.0% (6)	203
2. My present housing meets my needs:	55.0% (110)	30.0% (60)	6.5% (13)	5.5% (11)	1.0% (2)	2.0% (4)	200
3. The maintenance of my housing is good:	31.8% (62)	35.9% (70)	16.9% (33)	9.2% (18)	3.1% (6)	3.1% (6)	195
4. My expenses are fully reimbursed:	59.3% (118)	23.6% (47)	7.0% (14)	4.0% (8)	4.0% (8)	2.0% (4)	199
5. I have adequate pension arrangements:	33.3% (68)	35.8% (73)	18.6% (38)	7.4% (15)	2.5% (5)	2.5% (5)	204
6. I am happy with my retirement housing provision:	34.7% (69)	18.6% (37)	14.6% (29)	7.0% (14)	10.6% (21)	14.6% (29)	199
If necessary, for clarification, please add brief comments here regarding any of 1-6 above							147
answered question							213
skipped question							18

9. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your life as a minister? Please select the answer which most closely matches your feelings:- 1= Strongly agree 2= Tend to agree 3= Neither agree nor disagree 4= Tend to disagree 5= strongly disagree 6= Don't know 7= Not applicable

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Response Count
1. I feel my theology and the demands of my ministry fit well:	32.4% (69)	56.3% (120)	4.2% (9)	3.8% (8)	0.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	2.3% (5)	213
2. I have good control over my personal life:	23.5% (50)	51.2% (109)	16.0% (34)	8.0% (17)	0.9% (2)	0.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	213
3. I am happy with the amount of work that my church/employed expects of me:	19.8% (42)	45.3% (96)	16.5% (35)	10.8% (23)	3.3% (7)	1.4% (3)	2.8% (6)	212
4. I have an active social life:	12.3% (26)	25.9% (55)	28.3% (60)	20.8% (44)	10.8% (23)	1.9% (4)	0.0% (0)	212
5. I feel well supported by the Baptist Union:	14.8% (31)	37.1% (78)	25.7% (54)	13.3% (28)	7.6% (16)	0.5% (1)	1.0% (2)	210
6. I feel well supported by my family:	64.5% (138)	28.5% (61)	3.3% (7)	0.9% (2)	0.5% (1)	0.5% (1)	1.9% (4)	214
7. I am happy about the well being of my family:	34.8% (73)	40.0% (84)	8.6% (18)	11.4% (24)	1.4% (3)	0.5% (1)	3.3% (7)	210
8. I am happy about the expectations placed on my family my the church/my employer:	28.9% (61)	33.6% (71)	16.1% (34)	9.0% (19)	4.7% (10)	0.5% (1)	7.1% (15)	211
9. My children enjoy/have enjoyed being brought up in a Manse:	7.8% (16)	24.0% (49)	22.1% (45)	13.7% (28)	2.9% (6)	3.4% (7)	26.0% (53)	204
If necessary, for clarification, please add brief comments here regarding any of 1-9 above.								70
answered question								214
skipped question								17

10. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your life as a minister? Please select the answer which most closely matches your feelings:- 1= Strongly agree 2= Tend to agree 3= Neither agree nor disagree 4= Tend to disagree 5= strongly disagree 6= Don't know

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Response Count	
1. I am often asked to work unsociable hours:	23.7% (49)	28.5% (59)	26.1% (54)	16.4% (34)	3.4% (7)	1.9% (4)	207	
2. I am happy with the number of hours that I work:	16.3% (34)	43.3% (90)	19.2% (40)	18.8% (39)	1.9% (4)	0.5% (1)	208	
3. My church/employer gives me adequate resources to do my work properly:	19.9% (41)	45.6% (94)	17.0% (35)	12.6% (26)	3.4% (7)	1.5% (3)	206	
4. My church/employer gives me enough appreciation for my work:	19.1% (40)	40.7% (85)	19.6% (41)	15.8% (33)	3.8% (8)	1.0% (2)	209	
5. I have good support or encouragement from my peers:	24.2% (50)	43.0% (89)	18.8% (39)	10.6% (22)	3.4% (7)	0.0% (0)	207	
6. I am happy with the criteria that are used by my church/employer to judge my competence as a minister:	17.1% (35)	29.8% (61)	22.9% (47)	12.2% (25)	7.8% (16)	10.2% (21)	205	
If necessary, for clarification, please add brief comments here regarding any of 1-6 above.							69	
							answered question	209
							skipped question	22

11. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your life as a minister? Please select the answer which most closely matches your feelings:- 1= Strongly agree 2= Tend to agree 3= Neither agree nor disagree 4= Tend to disagree 5= strongly disagree 6= Don't know

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Response Count
1. I am happy with the changes in the roles of ministers:	8.8% (18)	35.1% (72)	33.7% (69)	13.7% (28)	2.4% (5)	6.3% (13)	205
2. I have the skills to do my work effectively:	20.8% (43)	60.4% (125)	10.6% (22)	7.7% (16)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (1)	207
3. I am happy with my choice of vocation/career:	57.9% (121)	34.0% (71)	5.7% (12)	1.0% (2)	0.5% (1)	1.0% (2)	209
4. If I look to move, my skills, experience and outlook will be valued in a variety of Baptist churches:	18.0% (36)	47.0% (94)	15.5% (31)	7.0% (14)	6.0% (12)	6.5% (13)	200
5. I could access re-training if I chose to leave ministry:	5.1% (10)	12.2% (24)	31.6% (62)	15.3% (30)	11.7% (23)	24.0% (47)	196
If necessary, for clarification, please add brief comments here regarding any of 1-5 above.							69
<i>answered question</i>							210
<i>skipped question</i>							21

12. HAVE WE MISSED OUT SOMETHING WHICH CAUSES YOU CONCERN OR STRESS? IF SO, PLEASE TELL US WHAT IT IS.

	Response Count
	82
<i>answered question</i>	82
<i>skipped question</i>	149

13. If you wish to add your name, please do so here:-

		Response Count
		91
	<i>answered question</i>	91
	<i>skipped question</i>	140