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## 2011 National Church Life Survey

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Greetings,

Every five years since 1991, thousands of churches have taken part in a National Church Life Survey (NCLS). This year, alongside the National Census, some 20-plus denominations have again agreed to take part in the 2011 NCLS. **A national venture is only possible when local churches choose to take part.**

***We warmly extend an invitation to your church to take part in the 2011 National Church Life Survey***

We invite you to set aside the **20 minutes once every five years** for your church attenders to complete a Church Life Survey. It is designed to assist your church to reflect on its life and mission, to find and build on strengths already in your church for the future. The primary purpose is to support churches in their mission.

### **How? When? What and Why?**

The enclosed newsletter outlines the benefits of taking part in the 2011 NCLS and the resources your church will receive. It describes the various surveys, including the new NCLS Plus Surveys, designed for you to hear from a wider group of people in your church and community - children, youth and community contacts.

### **Your NCLS Regional Co-ordinator**

NCLS Research collaborates with Regional Co-ordinators who represent denominations or regions (such as states or dioceses). Some denominations or regions integrate the NCLS with their own strategic plans and directions, and in some cases will subsidise the costs for local churches. Others simply encourage local churches to take part to receive their own local benefits.

**Every local church is welcome to take part in 2011 NCLS - whether or not their region is fully involved.**

**Your NCLS Regional Co-ordinator is:** Regional Coordinator  
Phone: 1234 5678 Email: coordinator@churches.com.au

### **NCLS Admin Key: A direct online link between your local church and NCLS Research**

The NCLS Admin Key is your church's secure direct link to NCLS online. Church leaders and administrators can use your NCLS Admin Key to change your church contact details and access previous results for your church. You can also order surveys forms for the 2011 National Church Life Survey.

**Your NCLS Admin Key is:** ABCD-EFGH-IJKL

Go to [www.2011ncls.org.au](http://www.2011ncls.org.au) for more information about the 2011 NCLS or to log in and apply your NCLS Admin Key.



### Lowest possible price

Services equivalent to those NCLS Research offers can come at substantial cost. Because 2011 NCLS involves widespread participation, we can offer the lowest possible price to you. Some denominations also provide subsidies to their churches. In general terms, the price is \$200 base fee plus \$1 per survey. More information is in the enclosed newsletter or online at [www.2011ncls.org.au](http://www.2011ncls.org.au)

### Endorsements from church leaders

Australian church leaders as well as international colleagues have provided endorsements for the upcoming 2011 National Church Life Survey. They encourage your involvement. See the enclosed letter or [www.2011ncls.org.au/endorsements](http://www.2011ncls.org.au/endorsements).

### Timeline for Surveys - SURVEY ORDERS NEEDED

Each denomination is allocated a Survey Month - either September, October or November 2011. Local churches can choose the most suitable week.

If your church wants to take part, we will need to know how many and what types of survey forms you need. Details of all surveys are in the newsletter and also at [www.2011ncls.org.au/surveys](http://www.2011ncls.org.au/surveys). Please place your orders for surveys:

Group 1: By end of May 2011

Group 2: By end of June 2011

Group 3: By end of July 2011

We ask you to seriously consider this opportunity.



Yours sincerely,

Dr Ruth Powell  
 Director, NCLS Research

PS There are three ways to order 2011 NCLS survey forms

1. Contact your own Regional Co-ordinator
2. Use your local church's NCLS Admin Key to order online at [www.2011ncls.org.au](http://www.2011ncls.org.au)
3. Download the Survey Order form, complete and post to NCLS Research

#### September - Group 1

Baptist Churches, C3 Churches (CCC), Christian Missionary Alliance, CRC Churches International, Christian Outreach Centres, Christian Reformed Churches, Church of the Nazarene, Congregational Churches, Grace Communion, Lutheran Church.

#### October - Group 2

Apostolic Churches, Australian Christian Churches, Bethesda, Brethren, Churches of Christ, Four Square Gospel Churches, Presbyterian Church, Salvation Army, Seventh-day Adventist, Vineyard Fellowship.

#### November - Group 3

Anglican Church, Catholic Church, Uniting Church, Independent churches, House churches, and other movements.



The NCLS team preparing for the 2011 NCLS.