

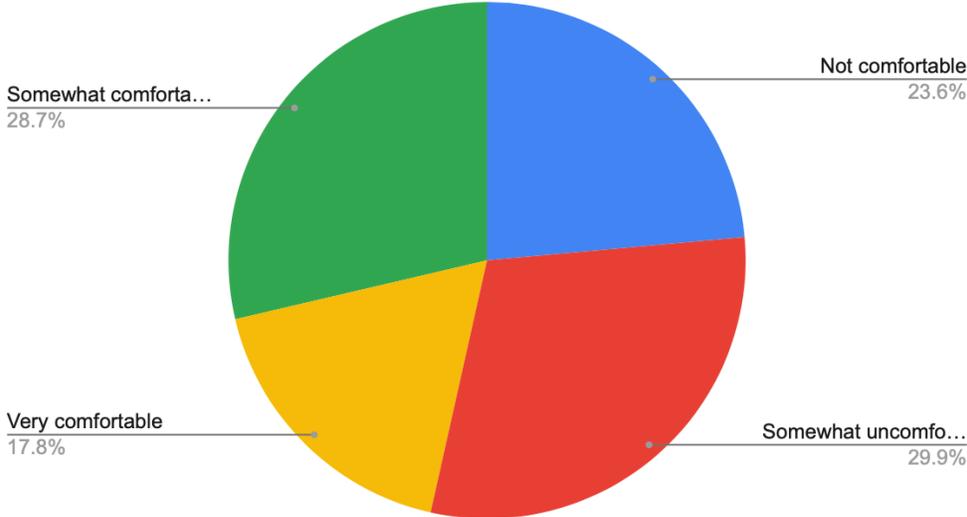
Selected results from the Opening Task Force’s August 2021 Poll

We asked a number of questions in the poll, about personal comfort levels and feelings about risk, vaccination status, and personal practices. Overall, our congregation seems to be more cautious and prefers waiting on regathering for now due to the Delta variant and other factors. Selected questions and results are below, with some analysis. Some of the results were as expected, while others were more surprising.

How comfortable are you at this time in regathering in person at the church, for small group meetings and other smaller gatherings?

- Very comfortable
- Somewhat comfortable
- Somewhat uncomfortable
- Not comfortable

How comfortable are you at this time in regathering in person at the church, for small group meetings and other smaller gatherings? (n=157)

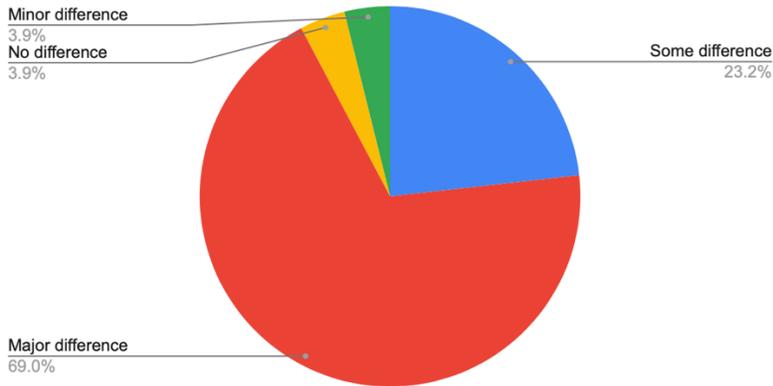


The church has been focusing for some time on ensuring that small groups can begin meeting, both indoors and outdoors. This particular result was surprising because it shows that a significant percentage of our folks – more than half – are still not comfortable with even that.

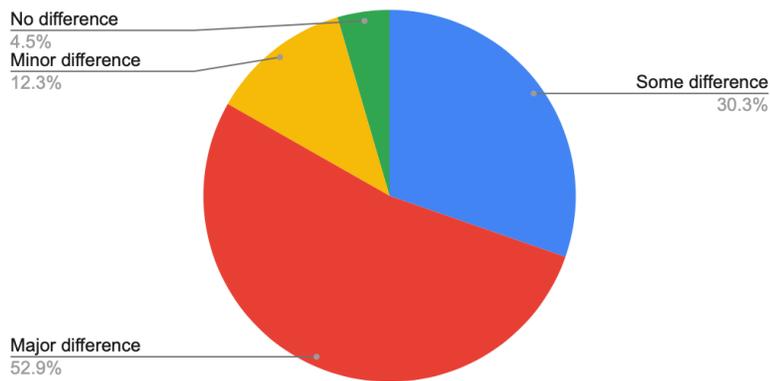
What difference do the following actions make in your comfort level for regathering in person?

	Major difference	Some difference	Minor difference	No difference
Masks required	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social distancing rules in effect	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What difference do masks make in your comfort level?
(n=155)

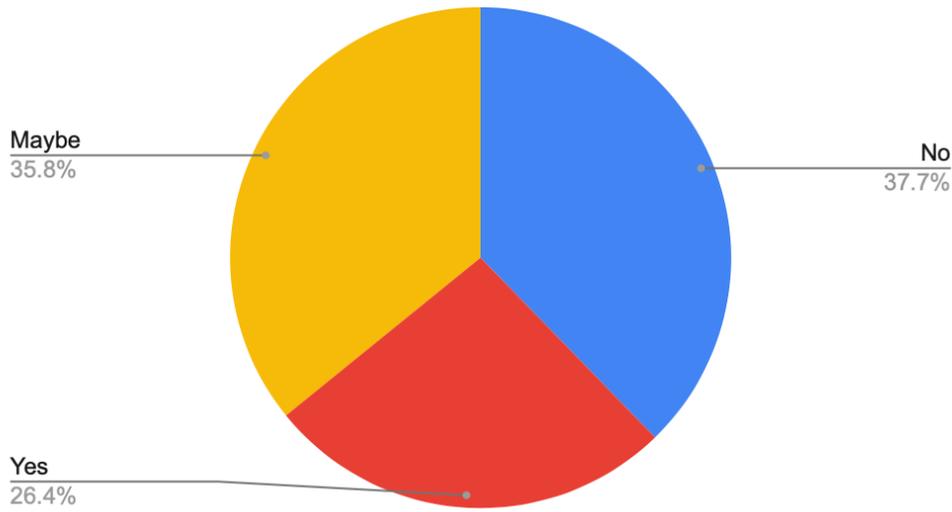


What difference does social distancing make in your comfort level? (n=155)



Not surprising, a majority of our folks reported that wearing masks and requiring distancing were significant factors in their comfort levels regarding any sort of in-person gatherings.

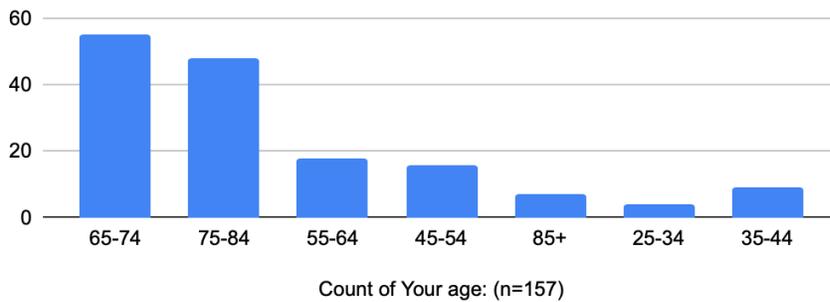
Would you attend indoor in-person services? (n=159)



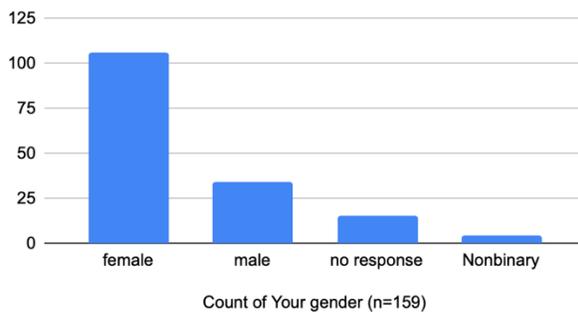
Larger indoor gatherings are still not happening in many areas, and due to Delta and other factors, are being rolled back in others. Even with our upgraded ventilation in the sanctuary and with masking and distancing in effect, just over a quarter of our folks reported being comfortable with re-gathering for indoor in-person worship services.

Some demographics from poll respondents before getting to some really interesting results.

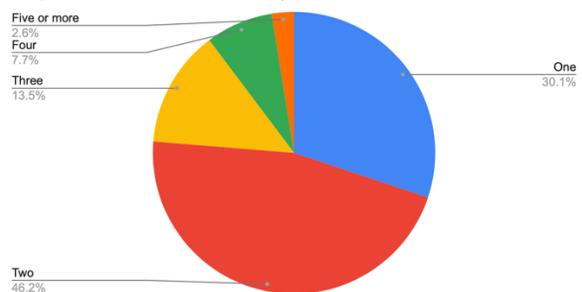
Your age: (n=157)



Your gender (n=159)



Household sizes (may be some duplication for multiple respondents in one household)



The congregation and the Opening Task force remain committed to welcoming and acceptance of all regardless of their vaccination status and other medical conditions. That being said, we still encourage all eligible folks to get the vaccination and to get boosters when those are indicated as well. Vaccinations are an important way to help protect the public health and to best protect our community, including those who are more vulnerable.

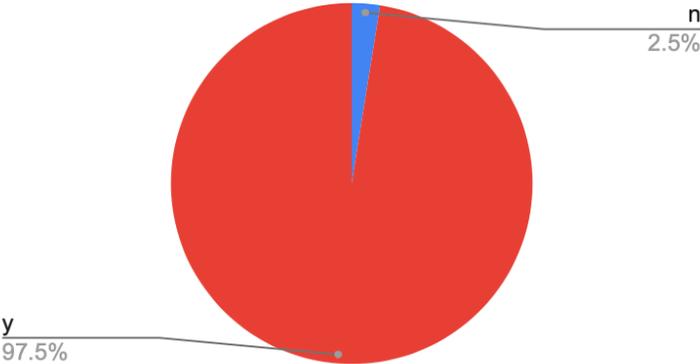
Another thing the congregation remains committed to is not requiring disclosure of personal medical information in order to be a part of our religious community. This includes vaccination status, dates of vaccinations, and other underlying or complicating medical conditions. These are personal and private information, and we welcome and accept all regardless of their private medical information and will never ask for that information.

Given that this poll was conducted anonymously, it provided a good opportunity to be able to ask about some of these factors without infringing on personal privacy to better learn about the dynamics in our church community. Of the 159 respondents to the poll, all of them answered the question regarding vaccination status of themselves, their household, and their personal practices. The question and data follow.

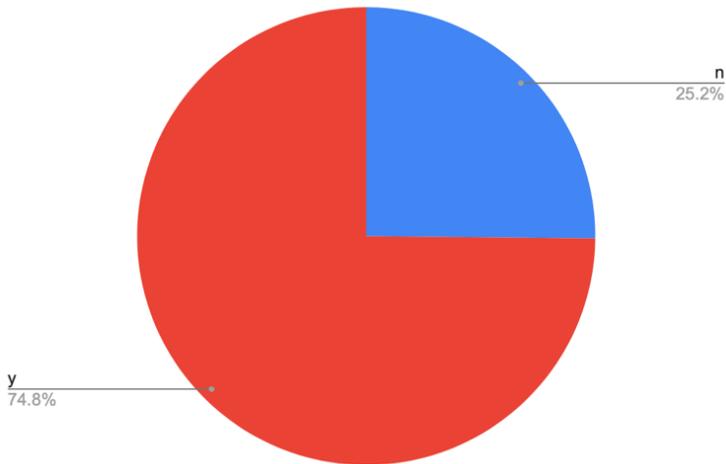
Tell us about your Covid vaccination status: (please choose all options that apply)

- I am fully vaccinated.
- Everyone in my household is fully vaccinated.
- I am careful as I go about my daily life in public places. (e.g., masking, distancing, avoiding crowds)
- I regularly interact with people who are not vaccinated.
- I prefer not to answer.

Fully vaccinated (n=159)



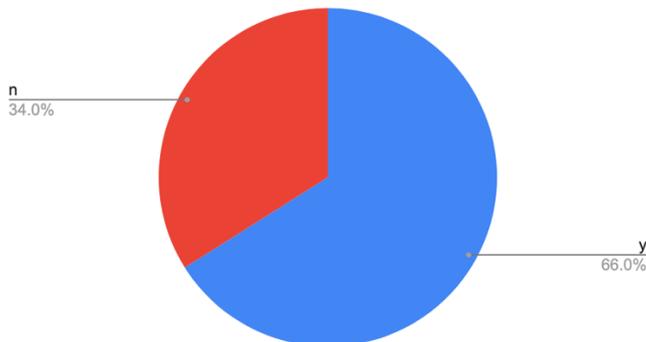
Entire household fully vaccinated (n=159) (note that some duplication may have occurred due to multiple respondents from one household)



Of the respondents, 97.5% reported having received the Covid-19 vaccination. We did not think to include a question about when they received their vaccination, although we do know from a variety of anecdotal data that many of our members were among the earlier ones to receive it meaning that was six to eight months ago which brings them now into the larger question of when boosters are needed, a conversation currently happening in the medical community.

Considering entire households though, a full quarter of respondents reported that their entire household was not vaccinated. There was another question regarding households with children 12 or under in the survey which indicated that only 7% of respondents were in that category, so this does not account for the entire 25%. This percentage may be even higher given the significant proportion of our households of two, where it is likely that both members of the household responded to the poll.

Careful in public (i.e. mask, avoid crowds) (n=159)



The personal practice portion of this question was surprising. A third of respondents self-reported NOT being careful as they went about their daily lives in public places. In many ways, this is as much a transmission risk factor as the vaccination question and should be considered as we make our plans for going forward from here.