

Community of Faith: Demographics Worksheet

Who uses it: Communities of Faith in gathering their profile information for ChurchHub and preparing their Living Faith Story. Copies are sent to the Regional Council in digital form.

Community of Faith: Maple Grove United Church

Regional Council: Horseshoe Falls

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Background information to help prepare your Living Faith Story and to determine your ability to support ministry:

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE: (Multi-point Communities of Faith will complete Part A, B and C for each congregation)

Number of congregations: ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ NA (e.g. for Outreach Ministries)

Congregation A	Maple Grove United Church	326	115
	(Name of Congregation)	(# on roll)	(Avg. Sunday attendance)

We think of ourselves MAINLY as: ☐ Rural ☐ Remote ☐ Small town ☒ Suburban

☐ Urban ☐ Inner City ☐ Other _____

Most of us live (check only one):

☐ In apartments	☒ In single-family homes
☐ In retirement homes	☐ In long-term care homes
☐ On working farms	☐ On rural retirement properties

The rest of us live (check all that apply):

☒ In apartments	☐ In single-family homes
☒ In retirement homes	☒ In long-term care homes
☐ On working farms	☐ On rural retirement properties

Our congregation includes (*approx. number in each group*)

Congregation is overwhelmingly pre-retirement and retirement age with a leavening of younger families including those with children

The proximity of our members to the church are (*approx. number in each group*)

Resident members are spread from Mississauga to Burlington with the great bulk in southeast Oakville

Most of us...: (choose one)

- ☐ Grew up in this area ☒ Moved to this area for work
- ☐ Moved here to be close to family or other resources ☐ Moved here for other reasons

Many of us work in the following industries or sectors: (check all that apply)

- ☒ Health or social services ☒ Education ☐ Manufacturing ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Agriculture and food production ☐ Tourism/Hospitality ☒ Retail
- ☐ Environment ☐ Mining/Forestry ☒ Information Technology
- ☒ Other (specify): Finance

We work as (check all that apply):

- ☒ Employees ☒ Contractors ☒ Owners ☒ Consultants ☒ Managers

Our congregation is like: (choose one that best applies)

- ☐ A big family where we all know each other;
- ☒ A medium sized church where we recognize each other but may not know each other well;
- ☐ A big church with lots of staff, where small groups of people are close to one another based on common interests.
- ☐ Other description:

Our heritage as a Community of Faith: (check one that best applies):

- ☐ Has its roots as a Methodist/Congregationalist/Presbyterian/Local Union/Aboriginal congregation prior to Union in 1925;

OR, Began between

- ☐ 1925 and 1945 ☒ 1945 and 1965 ☐ 1965 and 2000 ☐ After 2000.

We think of our Community of Faith as in the following way: (choose one that best applies):

- ☐ We have a new vision and are really excited; maybe not as organized as we will be but really excited; maybe even a bit unrealistic at times.
- ☐ We are clear about our vision and purpose and are developing the skills and gifts to bring it about; we are excited and optimistic in who we are.
- ☒ We are clear about our vision and purpose; we have the skills, gifts and confidence to move toward our vision.
- ☐ We know we are changing; we haven't yet come to terms with it; we have some anxiety about the future but we are still confident in who we are.
- ☐ Our congregation is changing rapidly and it is clear that we can no longer continue as we have been; we don't know, though, how to go forward; we have some anxiety. We believe that we have a future but we can't yet see it.
- ☐ We see that the ministry within this community is probably winding down after many positive and productive years of faithful ministry, mission and service; we want to celebrate what we have been as we intentionally and graciously end this ministry.

ABOUT OUR TANGIBLE ASSETS**Governance structure:**

How many people are on your Governing Body? 15

How many are typically present at a meeting of your Governing Body? 12

Our Church Building(s): (include information for each building if more than one)

- ☐ We don't have a church building. (if you check this one, please comment briefly on where you worship and what other spaces you use for your ministry.)

How many people does the sanctuary hold? 363

What is the seating/set up in the sanctuary (pews, chairs, choir loft, etc.) pews

Is the sanctuary used other than for Sunday worship? ☐ No ☒ Yes *if yes, how? It is also used for meetings, meditation, centering prayer*

Is there a basement? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are there meeting rooms? ☒ Yes ☐ No

For what are they used?

Is there a nursery? ☒ Yes ☐ No (a room but not a current program)

Are the toys/furniture compliant with current safety standards? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are their Sunday School rooms? ☒ Yes ☐ No

How many? Are they multi-purpose use? ☒ Yes 2 ☐ No

Are there activity rooms? (i.e. quilting, gym, library) ☒ Yes ☐ No *if yes, please describe. gym, library space Friendship Room*

Where is the office located for the minister? On the second floor

Describe it: It is part of an office complex with the administrator, staff associate and a general area with associated kitchen, copy room and bathroom

To what extent is the building available for ministry purposes compared to being rented out?

The Sanctuary, office area, bookkeeper's office and altar guild areas are reserved for Ministry use. The balance of the building is heavily rented although the Friendship Room is often available for church use in the daytime and some evenings. Rental arrangements allow for flexibility to accommodate such things as funerals.

What computers/telephones are provided at the church? The Minister, Staff Associate, Administrator, and Bookkeeper are provided with computers and phones. There are computers in the general area of the office and in the Sanctuary. There is a public phone on the main floor.

Is there a photocopier in the church? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is internet provided at the church? ☐ No ☒ Yes *if yes* ☒ High Speed ☐ Dial-up

Is the church accessible? ☐ No ☒ Yes Tell us how:

Elevator, level entry

What other measures of accessibility do you provide? (e.g. Assistive hearing device, large print, etc.)

Large print bulletins, dedicated wheelchair space, 2 wheel chairs, an active program for lending aids to those with temporary disabilities

Do you have plans for improving accessibility? ☒ No ☐ Yes *if yes, how?*

Support for the Minister:

Is there support for administrative tasks (e.g. bulletin, scheduling, reception)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many hours per week? 36 If yes, is this ☒ paid or ☐ volunteer? (also volunteers)

Who takes the service when your minister is away on holidays or study leave?

Usually staff associate, very occasionally lay members

Ministry and Personnel Committee:

How many members? 4

How often does the committee meet? 6 times a year or as needed

Has one or more of the committee members attended an M&P Committee Training event in the last three years? ☐ Yes ☒ No

ABOUT OUR GEOGRAPHICAL COMMUNITY

This is what we love about our community. This is what makes it unique.

See websites

The three economic, demographic or political challenges facing our area are:

high cost of homes/living in the area, non-resident purchasers leaving homes vacant, isolation (mental health, diverse cultural backgrounds)

Describe briefly the social and ethnic make-up of the community:

Part of GTA. Generally high economic status. Becoming more diverse but still less than average for GTA

Here are two or three websites that offer detailed information about our community:

Oakville – www.oakville.ca

Halton – www.halton.ca

Other faith communities represented in our community/region are:

Most

We have close ties with the following faith communities:

Historically active in Halton Inter-faith Council, joint sponsor of refugees with Jewish and Islamic communities, Joint bible study with reform Jewish synagogue, Leader in Inter-Faith summer peace camp

Pastoral Charge Statistical Information to be entered onto ChurchHub

This information can be found on your most recent Statistical Report, or if there have been significant changes you can use updated information. *(In the future this will automatically update in your profile based on your online submission of your statistical form).* **If you are a multi-point pastoral charge then this is pastoral charge statistics, not individual congregational statistics.**

Number of Preaching Places	1	Removed by Death	8
Number of Church Schools	1	Removed by Certificate or Other	6
Number of households under Pastoral Care	244	Total Membership, Resident and non-Resident	332
Number of financially supported households	0	Total non-Resident Membership	0
Number of Baptisms (adult)	2	Identifiable Givers to Local Expenses	217
Number of Baptisms (children)	11	Identifiable givers to Mission and Service Fund	121
Number of Marriages	6	Average Weekly Attendance at Sunday Worship	115
Number of Funerals	10	Total Membership, Church School	10
Total Membership, Resident and non-Resident (previous year)	330	Total Membership in Christian Education Program	85
Membership by Profession of Faith	6	Membership in Men's Group	25
Received by Certificate or Other	2	Membership in Women's Group	N/A