

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NEWARK, DELAWARE
FINE ARTS QUESTIONNAIRE

Our ministry of music and the arts represents an exciting opportunity for not only our church but for our community. It offers the hope of deepening the affinity between human reason, intuition, affection, spirituality, and the life of the body. It gives parishioners and visitors a new vantage point from which to view their own lives, other people, and the world around them, and God, a view that is based in reality yet emanates in some mysterious way from a transcendent realm that is beyond our ability to fully conceive or replicate. Arts-based ministry promises a more tangible communion with our Christian community and nature, and a heightened sense of life lived as creative people made in the image of our Creator God.

This questionnaire is designed to provide a brief glimpse into the artistic tastes, background, and interests of the congregation.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

AGE GROUP: senior adult high school
 adult middle school

VISUAL ARTS

1. Do you create visual art yourself? If so, please check the appropriate categories:

- painting
- sculpture
- pottery
- photography
- fabric arts:
 - quilting
 - needlepoint
 - embroidery
 - knitting
 - cross stitching
 - sewing
 - other (please specify): _____
- woodworking
- jewelry making
- stained glass
- other (please specify): _____

2. Have you studied how to produce any of these visual art forms?

- No
- Yes
 - College
 - Community education
 - High school

3. Have you ever taken an art history or art appreciation course?

- No
- Yes
 - College
 - Community education
 - High school

4. Do you visit art museums?

- regularly
- on occasion
- never

LITERACY AND DRAMATIC ARTS

1. Have you ever participated in a play?

- No
- Yes
 - College
 - Community education
 - High School

In what capacity?

- acting
- costumes
- set
- lighting
- directing
- other (please specify): _____

2. Have you ever engaged in creative writing?

- No
- Yes
 - poetry
 - plays
 - short stories
 - keeping a journal
 - other (please specify): _____

3. Do you attend plays?

- regularly
- on occasion
- never

4. Do you read?

- poetry
- novels
- science fiction
- nonfiction
- magazines
- other (please specify): _____

5. Do you watch movies?

- regularly
- on occasion
- never

6. What types of movies do you most enjoy seeing?

- art films
- comedies
- dramas
- action films
- horror films
- sci-fi films
- other (please specify): _____

MUSIC AND DANCE

1. Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?

- No
- Yes

What instrument did you learn to play? _____

What instrument do you currently play? _____

2. Have you ever sung in a choir?

- No
- Yes
 - church
 - community

- college
- high school
- middle school
- elementary school

Have you ever studied voice?

- No
 - Yes
3. During a worship service, can you sing an unfamiliar hymn correctly on the first or second verse simply by listening and reading the musical notation of the hymn?
- No
 - Yes
4. What style of music do you prefer to listen to when you are at home or in the car? Please check only the styles which you listen to frequently:
- rock
 - folk
 - classical
 - country
 - pop
 - jazz
 - other (please specify): _____
5. Do you attend concerts?
- regularly
 - on occasion
 - never
6. Have you ever taken a music appreciation, music history, or music theory course?
- No
 - Yes
 - College
 - Community education
 - High School
7. How often do you dance?
- regularly
 - on occasion
 - never

8. Have you ever studied dance?

- No
- Yes
 - ballet
 - tap
 - jazz
 - ballroom
 - social
 - other (please specify): _____

9. Do you attend dance recitals?

- regularly
- on occasion
- never

ARTS MINISTRY

I might be interested in the following possible ministries:

- fil/discussion series
- concert series
- visual art show
- poetry ministry
- drama ministry
- dance ministry
- handbell ensemble
 - seniors
 - adults
 - youth
- adult choir
- youth choir
- arts committee
- other (please specify): _____

“The purpose of the fine arts is to help us to see, to feel, and to appreciate the world in which we live. They are concerned, not with prosaic facts, but with the poetic joy of discovering beauty wherever it may be found. In the landscape, the sea, the sky, the human soul, and many another source, the fine arts discover and picture for those of us who would otherwise be inarticulate, the love, the light, the beauty of God so richly incarnate in Jesus Christ.”

—Cynthia Pearl Maus, *Christ and the Fine Arts*