

Parish Options Worksheet #1

This worksheet is used along with the Parish Options Model. It focuses our attention on the primary seven options. When a parish is static or in decline it may need to engage choices about whether to “downsize” parish structures and programs, consider merging with another parish, or to try to increase its membership and attendance. The Parish Options Model offers the standard possibilities available in such a situation. Leaders can use the diagram to explore the choices before them.

Review the various options below. After each there are a couple of scales to complete.

1. Learn to live a full Christian life as a smaller parish

1) This is a realistic option for us given our assessment of the parish’s life

Very unrealistic				Very Realistic
1	2	3	4	5

2) This is an option I would like us to explore in depth

Not at all				Very Much
1	2	3	4	5

2. Merge

1) This is a realistic option for us given our assessment of the parish’s life

Very unrealistic				Very Realistic
1	2	3	4	5

2) This is an option I would like us to explore in depth

Not at all				Very Much
1	2	3	4	5

3. Move to a new location

1) This is a realistic option for us given our assessment of the parish’s life

Very unrealistic				Very Realistic
1	2	3	4	5

2) This is an option I would like us to explore in depth

Not at all				Very Much
1	2	3	4	5

4. Grow in Membership

1) This is a realistic option for us given our assessment of the parish's life

Very unrealistic				Very Realistic
1	2	3	4	5

2) This is an option I would like us to explore in depth

Not at all				Very Much
1	2	3	4	5

5. Close

1) This is a realistic option for us given our assessment of the parish's life

Very unrealistic				Very Realistic
1	2	3	4	5

2) This is an option I would like us to explore in depth

Not at all				Very Much
1	2	3	4	5

6. Redevelop property with a developer

1) This is a realistic option for us given our assessment of the parish's life

Very unrealistic				Very Realistic
1	2	3	4	5

2) This is an option I would like us to explore in depth

Not at all				Very Much
1	2	3	4	5

7. Increase Financial Giving/Income

1) This is a realistic option for us given our assessment of the parish's life

Very unrealistic				Very Realistic
1	2	3	4	5

2) This is an option I would like us to explore in depth

Not at all				Very Much
1	2	3	4	5