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Your Profile results are based on:

Attender Surveys (aged 15+): 191 forms Church Code: ZANGWK0047

Dear local church,

This Church Life Profile contains your church's unique results from your participation in a 2024 Church Life Survey.

We provide this profile to you, along with supporting resources, to help you strengthen the vitality of your church, grow an owned vision and plan for the future. This profile is part of a Church Life Pack of resources, including the Church Life Survey Workbook, to help you and your church make best use of your results.

Our hope and prayer is that these resources will help, encourage and equip your church in it's mission and ministry.

- The NCLS Research Team

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A summary of results about the people of this church, what they value and prioritise, how they relate to God, each other, and the wider community, as well as vision, innovation and leadership culture.

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Attenders' demographics, patterns of attendance and involvement in church life.

Detailed Review Part 2: Qualities of Church Health
A detailed look at each of the nine core qualities that shape church health and vitality.



Weighing up Your Survey Results

It is always important to consider who participated in the survey and in what context. Compare the number of people surveyed (shown at the bottom of each results page) with the total number in the church. Consider what else was happening in the life of the church at the time of the survey and whether/how it might have influenced their responses.

Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church in:

2024 - 191 forms

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Summary Profile

Dashboard

Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

191 adult attender forms



The People of this Church

Average age (years)	54
Female	60%
University degree	51%
Non-English speaking	100%
New arrivals in last 5 years	26%
Young people aged 15 to 19	3%



What We Value and **Prioritise**

Value: Wider community care or social justice emphasis	51%
Value: Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching	45%
Prioritise: Worship services that are nurturing	25%
Prioritise: Building a sense of community	22%



How We Relate to God

Experienced much growth in faith in past 12 months	61%
Private devotions at least weekly	79 %
Agree faith in God is an important part of who I am	97%
Worship services always/usually challenge me to take action	51%



How We Relate to Each Other

Strong sense of belonging	85%
Found it easy to make friends	52 %
Involved in group activities at church	36%
Satisfied with activities for children under 12 years	79%



How We Relate to Community

Helped others in 3 or more informal ways in last year	67%
Involved in local church service, justice or welfare activities	21%
Part of community groups not connected to local church	40%
Feel at ease sharing faith with others	87%



Our Vision and Leadership

Aware of and strongly committed to church's visi	on 28%
Agree this church is ready to try something new	83%
Attenders who perform at least one leadership o ministry role here	r 39%
Leaders encourage use of gifts & skills to a great extent	20%

People of This Church

This Summary Profile contains a snapshot of your church's unique results from the 2024 National Church Life Survey. This profile is based on 191 responses from attenders aged 15+.

Supporting resources available at ncls.org.au may also help you to make best use of your results, to strengthen the vitality of your church, grow an owned vision and plan for the future.





The language most commonly spoken at home by attenders is

Afrikaans (100%)

Race of attenders in this church

	%
White	99
Black	0
Asian	0
Coloured	1
Other	0

Employment

53% are employed full-time (30 hours plus)

27% are retired

Gender

60% are female

40% are male

N.B. The percent for those who chose 'other' will be included in denominational and national reports. Figures have been rounded to 100%.

Marital status

75% are currently married

Education

51% have a university degree

25% have a trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma



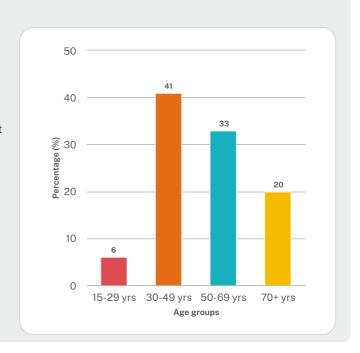
Age and Intergenerational Ministry

54 is the average age of adult attenders

79% are satisfied with what is offered for children aged under 12 years

68% are satisfied with what is offered for youth aged 12 to 18

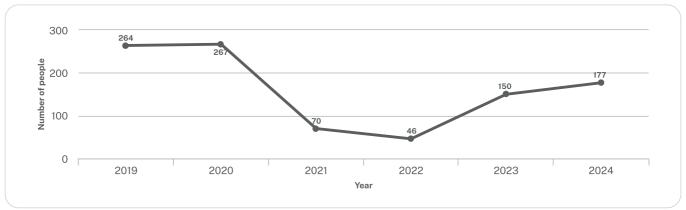
87% agree that people of all ages are encouraged to get involved at this local church



Church Attendance and Background



Estimated attendance



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Attendance at this local church (including online)

94% are frequent attenders (monthly or more)

55% attend weekly or more

72% have attended this church for more than five years

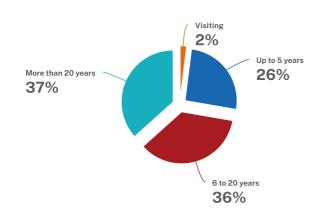
Attendance elsewhere (in person and online)+

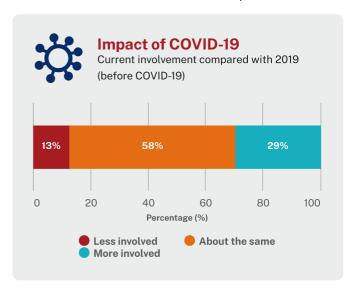
51% do not attend any other church

30% attend elsewhere, in person

30% attend elsewhere, via online services

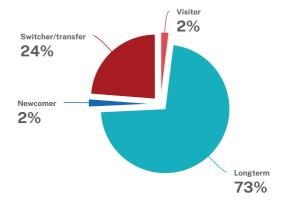
*Note attenders could choose more than one option







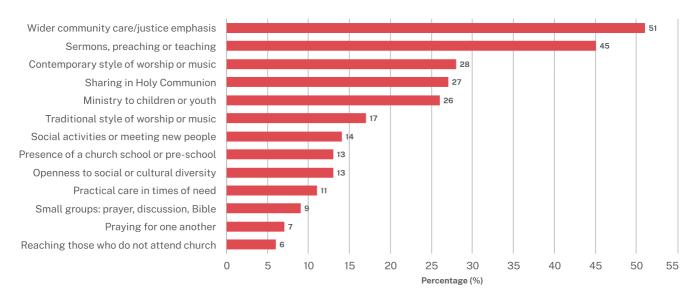
of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years



What People Value and Prioritise

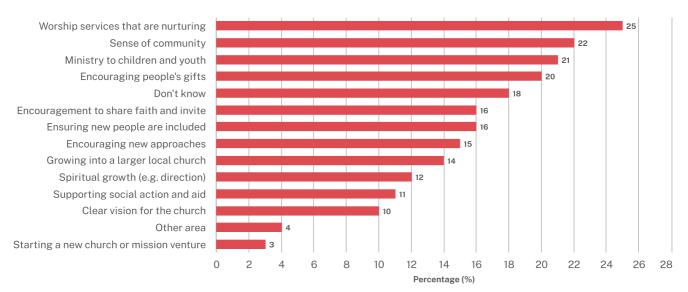


Attenders of this local church most value 'Wider community care or social justice emphasis' and 'Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching'.



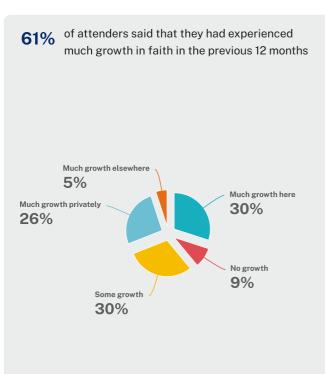


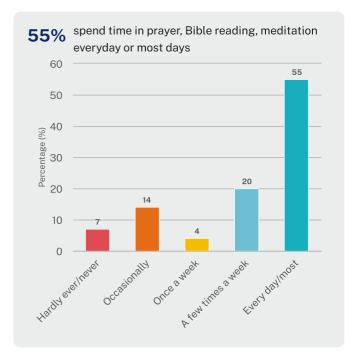
Over the next 12 months most attenders would like priority given to 'Worship services that are nurturing' and 'Building a sense of community'.



How People Relate to God

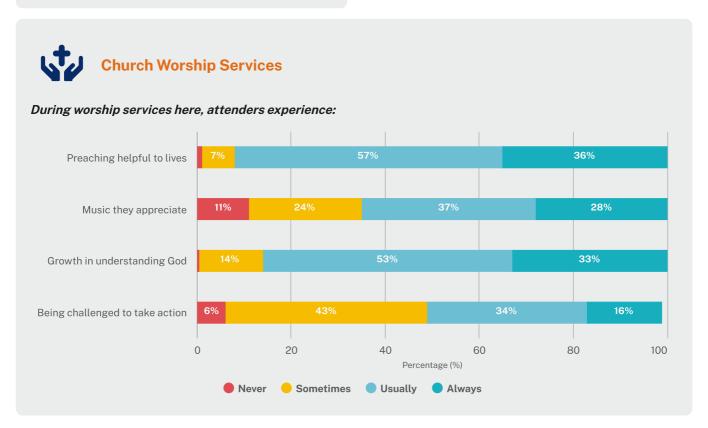




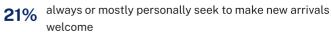


95% agree their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life

97% agree that 'my faith in God is an important part of who I am'



How People Relate to Each Other





33% are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church involvement

Belonging

Have a strong sense of belonging



Inclusive

Agree this church is inclusive of different kinds of people

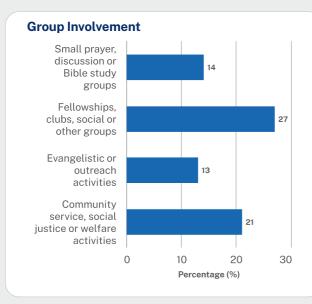


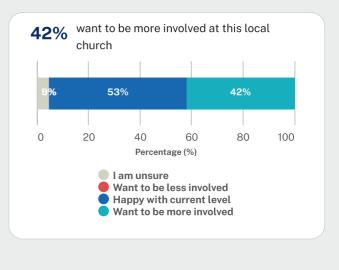
Friendly

Found it easy to make friends in this local church



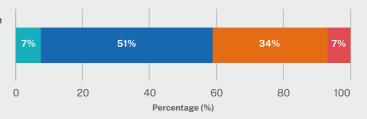
Involvement





Financial Giving

- Give about 10% of their net income to this local church
- Give less than 10% of net income
- Give a small amount when present
- Give no amount to this church





5%

How People Relate to Wider Community



Involvement in groups

40% of people participate in wider community groups

5% are very actively involved in online groups (e.g. social media, community groups)

Church-based activities

reach out to the wider community through activities of this local church

21% are part of community service activities

13% are part of evangelistic outreach activities



Words and Actions

talk about matters of faith with other members of their household (4% live alone)

feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities to do so

Lent or gave money to someone outside your family	65%
Given some of your possessions to someone in need	57%

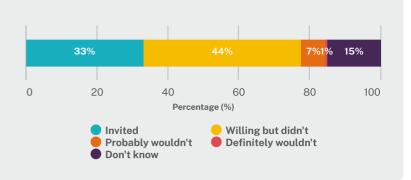
Attenders have offered to help others in the past 12 months

	0.70
Helped someone through a personal crisis (not sickness)	49%
Donated money to a charitable organisation	44%
Visited someone in hospital	36%
Cared for someone who was very sick	33%
Supported a campaign (online or other)	23%
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	10%
Attended a public meeting/march	9%

Contacted a parliamentarian/councillor on a public issue

Inviting others to church

33% invited friends and relatives to a church service in this last year





Acting for the Environment

87% agree that Christians have a responsibility to actively care for the environment

13% are very active

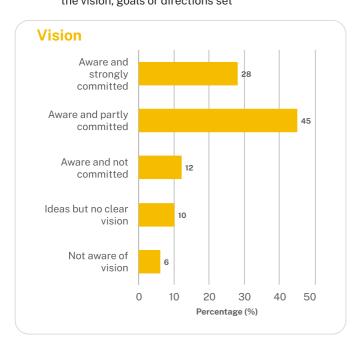
28% are a little active

46% are currently not active

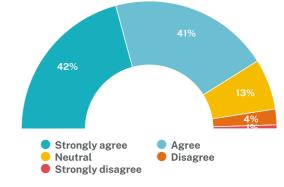
Vision, Innovation & Leadership Culture



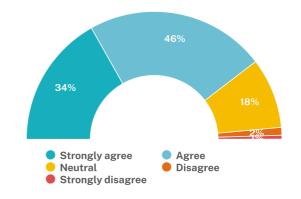
28% of people are both aware and strongly committed to the vision, goals or directions for this local church
 57% are fully confident that this local church can achieve the vision, goals or directions set



83% agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



79% agree that they would support the development of new initiatives in the ministry and mission of this local church





Leadership Culture

74% agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this church (i.e. take on a role)

39% of attenders perform a leadership or ministry role

52% agree 'leaders encourage me to find and use my gifts and skills to great or some extent'

92% agree that this church has good clear systems for how it operates

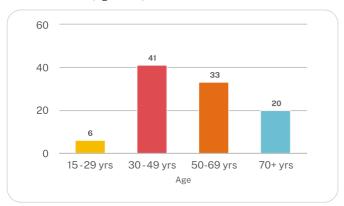
71% agree 'leaders here inspire me to action'

A Demographic Profile



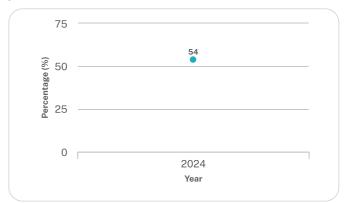
Age Profile

54 years is the average age of attenders at this local church (aged 15+)



Source: , Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Average age of church attenders aged 15+ years.



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Gender

60% are female

* Other not available for local churches to honour commitment to confidentiality. See ncls.org.au/faqs for more.

	(%)	2019 (%)	2019 (%)
Female	60	57	57
Male	40	43	43
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A

Marital Status

75% are currently married

Never married	7	12	11
Married	75	72	73
In a defacto relationship	1	2	1
Separated or divorced	7	5	5
Widowed	10	10	10

Education

51% have a University degree

Primary/secondary school	24	39	40	
Trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma	25	25	25	
University degree	51	36	35	

Employment

68% are employed

Employed	68	56	56
Full-time home duties/family responsibilities	5	7	8
Retired	27	31	31

Ethnicity

Main language used at home. The two most common here were:+

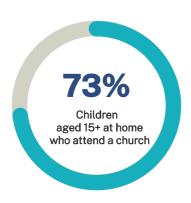
Afrikaans	100	98	98
English	0	1	1

+ Available options were: Afrikaans, English, IsiNdebele, IsiXhosa, IsiZulu, Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Siswati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, Other

Race			
White	99	N/A	N/A
Black	0	N/A	N/A
Asian	0	N/A	N/A
Coloured	1	N/A	N/A
Other	0	N/A	N/A
Not applicable	0	N/A	N/A

Children and Youth

73% is the proportion of attenders' children (aged 15 + and living at home) who attend a church



Source: , Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders' children (aged 15+ and living at home) who attend a church



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Note: Figures are suppressed and replaced with * when there are fewer than 6 cases.

Children and youth of church attenders

88% of attenders' children aged 0 to 14 years living at home attend church here

62% of attenders' children aged 15 and over still living at home attend church here

Attenders' children aged 0-14 still living at home:				
Still attend this church	88	93	94	
Attend elsewhere	2	4	4	
Do not attend any church	6	4	4	
Attenders' children aged 15 and	d over still	living at ho	me:	
Still attend this church	62	63	64	
Attend elsewhere	12	20	21	
Do not attend any church	20	17	15	

Young people at this local church

3% of attenders who completed the survey were aged 15 to 19 years

Young people who:			
Completed the survey	3	5	5
Have been attending more than 5 years	3	3	3
Have been attending 5 years or less	1	1	2

Satisfaction with what local church offers

For children aged under 12 years

79% are very satisfied or satisfied

For youth aged 12 to 18 years

68% are very satisfied or satisfied

Note: Figures are suppressed and replaced with * when there are fewer than 6 cases.

Satisfaction with what is offered here 'for children aged under 12 years':				
All attenders very satisfied or satisfied	79	74	75	
Satisfaction with what is offered here 'for youth aged 12-18 years':				
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	68	youth age	d 12-18 65	

Church Background



Background of Church Attenders

26% of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years



Source: , Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who were new arrivals in the 5 years prior to the survey



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Church Attendance History⁺

26% are new arrivals in the last five years, comprising

24% moved from a different church

2% are newcomers (new to any church in the last 5

73% are long-term having attended here for more than 5 years

2% were visitors

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
New Arrivals (total) 1	26	24	24
Newcomers ²	2	2	2
Returnees: after absence of several years	1	2	1
Never regularly attended	1	1	1
Switchers 3++	5	3	2
Transfers ⁴	19	20	19
Long-term attenders ⁵	73	74	75
Visitors from other churches	1	1	1
Visitors who do not regularly go to church	1	0	0

Length of Attendance at this Church

6% have been here less than 1 year

20% have been here for 1-5 years

37% have been here for more than 20 years

+Note: Church attendance history is calculated from three
survey questions. The figures may not match those for length of $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{$
attendance due to non-responses.

++Note: The wording of the response options to the survey about the denomination of the previous church changed in 2016.

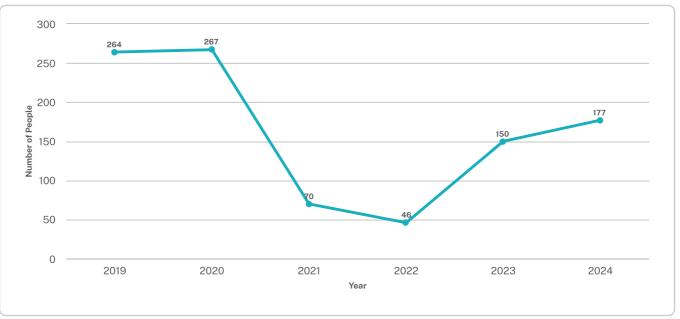
Total new arrivals (new to your local church) in the last 5 years			
Less than 1 year	6	5	5
1-2 years	10	7	7
3-5 years / unsure	10	13	13
6-10 years	18	13	13
11-20 years	17	21	20
More than 20 years	37	39	40

- 1. New Arrivals: attended a different church in the last 5 years
- 2. Newcomers: new to any church in the last 5 years
- 3. Switchers: from another denomination in the last 5 years
- 4. Transfers: from same denomination in the last 5 years
- attended here for more than 5 term attenders: years

Attendance Estimates



Estimated Church Attendance



This chart shows the pattern of attendance change for your church over recent years. It is based on estimates supplied by your local church leader or representative.

Attendance at this Local Church (including online)

94% are frequent attenders (monthly or more)

Attend here (inc. online)			
First time/hardly ever/special occasions only	3	2	2
Less than once a month	3	2	2
Once, twice or three times a month	38	37	36
Usually every week	54	56	58
More than once a week	1	3	3

Attendance Elsewhere

30% attend elsewhere, in person

30% attend elsewhere, via online services

Attend elsewhere				
No	51	N/A	N/A	
Yes, attend in person elsewhere	30	N/A	N/A	
Yes, via online services	30	N/A	N/A	

Impact of COVID on Involvement

29% are more involved than in 2019

58% are involved about the same as in 2019

13% are less involved than in 2019

Compared to 2019, more or less involved here				
More involved	29	N/A	N/A	
About the same	58	N/A	N/A	
Less involved	13	N/A	N/A	

Inflow and Outflow



How do churches grow? In numerical terms churches grow when the inflow of church attenders exceeds the outflow.

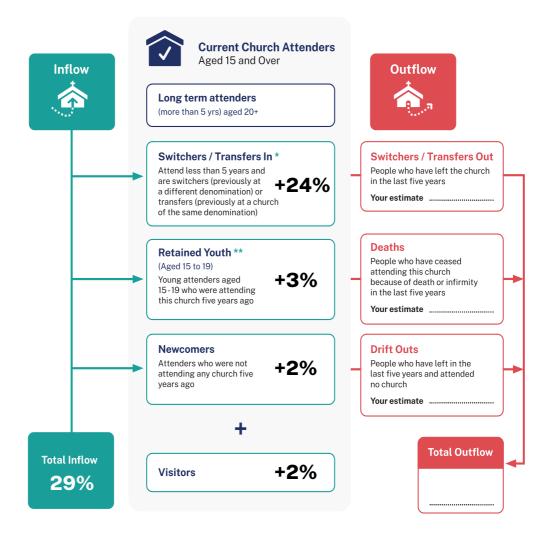


About the NCLS Inflow Outflow model

Long term attenders have attended a local church for 5 or more years. There are three types of inflow. For each inflow path, there is a matching outflow:

- 1. People arrive from other churches and leave to go to other churches.
- 2. Children are born to church attenders** and people die.
- 3. Newcomers with no church background start attending and others drift out from church life.

Information from your church attenders (aged 15 and over) is used to calculate three types of inflows. Based on your current attendance, you will need to estimate your outflows.



Notes

Current church attenders = Long-term attenders + inflow in past 5 years + visitors = 100%

- * About Switchers and Transfers: Switchers change denominations. Transfers change churches within the same denomination.
- ** About Retained Youth: Instead of births, the calculation includes youth who are still attending and who were attending this church five years ago.

Detailed Review

About the 9 Core Qualities of Church Life

Over 30 years NCLS Research has identified 9 Core Qualities shown to be central to the life of a vital and healthy church. The blend of these qualities points to the unique character of each church, its areas of strength and its potential for growth. These Core Qualities are measured and grouped into three areas of church life:

The Internal Core Qualities

The Outward Core Qualities

The Inspirational Core Qualities



Faith



Service



Vision



Worship



Faith Sharing



Innovation



Belonging



Inclusion



Leadership Culture

Internal Core Qualities

focus on the inner life of the community of faith, and a measure is made of the extent to which the community:

- has an alive and growing faith
- experiences vital and nurturing worship
- feels a strong and growing belonging

Outward Core Qualities

focus on the outward looking life of the church, and a measure is made of the extent to which the church undertakes:

- practical and diverse service
- willing and effective faith-sharing
- intentional and welcoming inclusion

Inspirational Core Qualities

focus on the vigour of a church and the catalysts that inspire a church culture to move forward. They give a measure of the extent to which the church has:

- a clear and owned vision
- openness to imaginative and flexible innovation
- an inspiring and empowering leadership culture

NCLS Research also explores three attendance measures for every church:



Young adult retention - the extent to which the children of the faith community remain regular attenders when they grow into young adulthood.



Newcomers - the extent to which newcomers with no church background who have arrived in the previous five years make up the congregation.



Attendance change - the extent to which attendance numbers have changed over the last five years through the inflow and outflow of people.

For more detail on the NCLS Research Vitality Framework refer to the book: Enriching Church Life 3rd Editon



or go to:

ncls.org.au/church-vitality

Detailed Review

Circle of Strengths

Core Qualities Overview

Over 30 years of research in Australian churches, the NCLS has highlighted key indicators for each of the nine Core Qualities of church health and vitality. This Circle of Strengths is a simple 'broad brush' view of your church's survey results in each Core Quality of church life.

A single indicator of responses has been chosen for each Core Quality area. The order of the Core Qualities in the Circle of Strengths is based on ranking the indicator scores from highest to lowest.



Headline Indicators

In Rank Order		Quality	Indicator	Score out of 10
1		Innovation	Strongly agree this church is always ready to try something new	10.0
2		Worship	Always experience inspiration in church worship services	7.2
3	2	Service	Number of different ways attenders have helped others in the last 12 months	6.2
4	①	Faith	Much growth in faith in the past year, through this church	5.9
5	/A \	Vision	Aware of and strongly committed to the vision of this church	4.6
6		Faith Sharing	Have invited someone in the last 12 months	4.1
7		Leadership Culture	Agree that leaders encourage attenders to find their gifts and skills to a great extent	3.9
8	(iii)	Belonging	Sense of belonging is strong and growing	3.1
9		Inclusion	Attenders certain they would follow up someone drifting from church	3.0

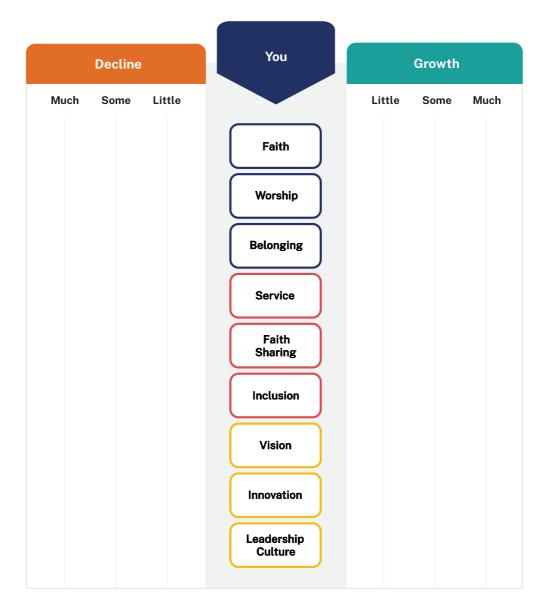
How do these scores work?

For each indicator question the percentage of the people in the church who selected a given response is converted into a score between 1 and 10. A score of 5 is the average across a representative sample of Australian local churches. See more at ncls.org.au/church-vitality

Change Over Time

When a church takes part in a Church Life Survey more than once, it's possible to see changes over time.

This chart shows how selected indicators of the qualities of church health have changed since the last Church Life Survey. (See ncls.org.au/church-vitality for more information)



No results for Change Over Time?

For each Core Quality ask if this is an area of church life that has improved, declined or stayed the same over the past five years?

Any church can conduct a Church Life Survey at any time that suits them into the future. New results will be compared with previous results. Contact NCLS Research for details.

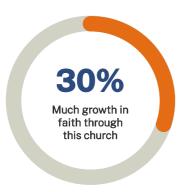
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Faith: Alive and Growing



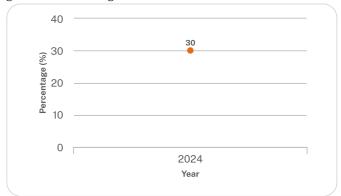
Growth in Faith through this Local Church

30% said they had experienced much growth in faith through this local church in the last 12 months



Source: , Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percentage of attenders who experienced much growth in faith through this local church in the last 12 months



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Growth in Faith in the Past Year

91% have grown their faith, either through this church, other groups or churches or through private activity

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Much: this local church	30	39	41
Much: other groups	5	10	10
Much: private activity	26	23	22
Some growth	30	23	22

Private Devotional Activity

79% spend time in prayer, Bible reading or meditation at least weekly

Everyday/most days	55	70	71
A few times a week	20	15	15
Once a week	4	2	2
Occasionally	14	10	9
Hardly ever/never	7	3	3

Identification with Matters of Faith

Attenders chose up to 2 out of 6 options (e.g. Catholic or Anglo-Catholic; Pentecostal or Charismatic; Evangelistic or Reformed; Liberal or Progressive; Other and 'Do not identify')

65% chose Evangelical or Reformed

25% chose I do not identify with such descriptions

Evangelical or Reformed	65	N/A	N/A
I do not identify with such descriptions	25	N/A	N/A
Pentecostal or charismatic	14	N/A	N/A
Liberal or Progressive	6	N/A	N/A

Faith and Life

95% agree or strongly agree that their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life

97% agree or strongly agree their faith in God is an important part of who they are

My faith influences decisions and actions in my daily life				
Agree or strongly agree	95	N/A	N/A	
Neutral or unsure	4	N/A	N/A	
Disagree or strongly disagree	1	N/A	N/A	
Faith in God is an important part of wh	o I am			
Agree or strongly agree	97	N/A	N/A	
Neutral or unsure	1	N/A	N/A	
Disagree or strongly disagree	2	N/A	N/A	

Worship: Vital and Nurturing



Experience Inspiration during Church Services

83% of attenders said they always/usually experience inspiration during services



Source: , Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who always/usually experience inspiration during services



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Inspiration

83% always/usually experience inspiration during church services

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Always	27	41	43
Usually	56	43	42

Helpful Preaching

93% always/usually experience preaching very helpful to their lives during church services

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)	
Always	36	48	50	
Usually	57	40	39	

Appreciate Music

65% always/usually experience music they appreciate during church services

Always	28	47	48
Usually	37	38	37

Presence and Growth in Understanding of God

88% always/usually experience a sense of God's presence during church services

86% always/usually experience growth in understanding of God during church services

Always	52	63	64
Usually	36	28	27

Always	33	48	49
Usually	53	41	40

Being Challenged to Take Action

51% always/usually experience being challenged to take action

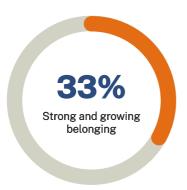
Always	16	24	25
Usually	34	39	39

Belonging: Strong and Growing



A Strong and Growing Sense of Belonging

of attenders said they have a strong sense of belonging to this church which is growing



Source:, Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percentage of attenders who have a strong and growing sense of belonging to this church



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Sense of Belonging to their Local Church

85% have a strong sense of belonging to this local church

13% do not feel they belong

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Sense of belonging			
Strong and growing	33	45	47
Strong and stable	36	27	27
Strong but weakening	15	11	11
No, but new here	4	4	3
No, and wish they did	5	4	4
No, but happy	4	7	6
Don't know / NA	2	2	2

Regular Participation in their Local Church's Activities

36% take part in group activities at this local church

29% take part in activities of the local church that reach out to the wider community

Small prayer, discussion	14	28	27
Fellowship, clubs or other social groups	27	25	25
Evangelical or outreach	13	9	9
Community service, social justice or welfare	21	22	23

Financial Giving

7% regularly give 10% of net income

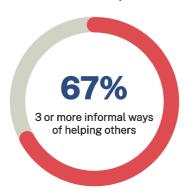
Regularly give 10%	7	13	13
Regularly give up to 9% of net income	51	58	58
Give a small amount whenever I am here	34	25	24

Service: Practical and Diverse



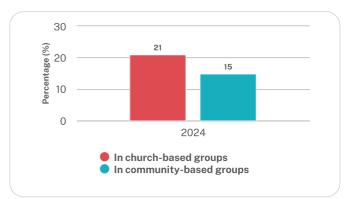
Acts of Service

67% of attenders said they had informally helped others in three or more of a list of ways in the last year



Source: , Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who have been involved in community service, care or welfare groups or activities



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Informal Ways of Helping Others (in the last year)

97% said they had informally helped others in at least one of the ways listed in the last year

+ Note: Was changed from 'lent money' in 2011 to 'lent or gave money' in 2016 and 2021

++ Note: Added in 2021

	(%)	2019 (%)	2019 (%)
Lent or gave money outside family+	65	34	33
Attended a public meeting/march++	9	N/A	N/A
Supported a campaign (online or other)++	23	N/A	N/A
Cared for someone who was very sick	33	30	31
Helped someone through a personal crisis	49	45	44
Visited someone in hospital	36	42	42
Gave possessions to a person in need	57	44	43
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	10	9	9
Donated money to a charitable organisation	44	42	41
Contact parliamentarian/councillor about issue	5	5	5

Community Activities

21% are regularly involved in community service, social justice or welfare activit based in this local churc 40% are regularly involved in community groups not

community service, social
justice or welfare activities
based in this local church
are regularly involved in
community groups not
connected to this local church

In community service or justice activities based in local church	21	22	23
Involvement in community groups not connected to this	local churc	:h	
Community service, care or welfare groups	15	19	19
Social action, justice or lobby groups	4	2	2
Sport, recreation or hobby groups	17	12	12
School or youth groups (e.g. P&C Scouts)	11	10	9
Another kind of group	5	7	6
Online groups or communities	5	N/A	N/A
Not involved with such groups	60	N/A	N/A

Care for the Environment

87% agree Christians should care for the environment

41% are currently active

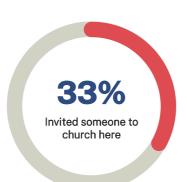
Belief about Christian responsibility to actively care for the environment			
Yes, am very active	13	19	19
Yes, and am a little active	28	41	41
Yes, but currently not active	46	37	37
No	2	1	1
Unsure	11	2	2

Faith Sharing: Willing and Effective



Inviting Others to Church

of attenders said they had invited a friend or relative who does not currently attend church to a service here in the last year



Source: , Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who invited a friend or relative who does not currently attend church to a service here in the last year



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Inviting Others to Church here

78% are willing to invite someone to a church service

Willingness to invite to a church service here any friends/relatives who don't currently attend a church			
Invited someone in the last 12 months	33	34	36
Willing, but didn't invite someone in the last 12 months	44	49	48
Probably wouldn't invite someone	7	5	5
Definitely wouldn't invite someone	1	1	1
Don't know	15	11	10

Willing and Effective Faith-sharing

are involved regularly in outreach or evangelistic activity

87% feel at ease talking about their faith

Attenders involved regularly in outreach or evangelistic activity			У
Feel at ease talking about their faith and look for opportunities	11	14	14
Mostly feel at ease talking about their faith and do so if it comes up	76	67	68
Find it hard to talk about their faith in ordinary language	8	11	10
Do not like to talk about their faith; life and actions are sufficient	5	8	8
Do not have faith	1	0	0

Faith-sharing in Households

frequently talk about matters of faith with other members of their household

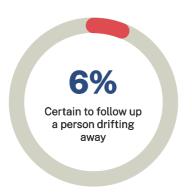
Attenders talk about faith with other members of their household			
No, live alone	4	N/A	N/A
No, do not talk about matters of faith	4	N/A	N/A
Yes, occasionally	32	N/A	N/A
Yes, frequently in informal ways	44	N/A	N/A
Yes, frequently in informal ways as well as part of family or household devotions	16	N/A	N/A

Inclusion: Intentional and Welcoming

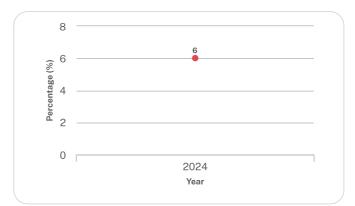


Follow-up of People Drifting Away

6% of attenders said they would certainly follow up someone they knew who was drifting away from church



Change over time: Percent of attenders who are certain they would follow up someone they knew who was drifting away from church



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Source: , Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

Views about Inclusiveness of Local Church

80% agree that this local church is inclusive of different kinds of people

This local church is inclusive of different kinds of people				
Strongly agree	42	N/A	N/A	
Agree	38	N/A	N/A	
Neutral/Unsure	17	N/A	N/A	
Disagree	3	N/A	N/A	
Strongly disagree	1	N/A	N/A	

Likelihood of Follow-up of Those Drifting Away

33% are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church

Likelihood of attenders to follow up someone drifting away from church			
Certain	6	7	7
Very likely	6	6	6
Likely	21	22	22
Hard to say	47	41	41
Unlikely	20	25	24

Welcoming New Arrivals

21% always or mostly personally seek out and welcome people they know who are new arrivals

Attenders personally seek out and welcome new arrivals			
Always	12	11	11
Mostly	9	18	19
Sometimes	20	29	29
Rarely/Never/Not applicable	59	42	41

Making Friends

52% have found it easy to make friends here

Attenders found it easy to make friends here			
Attenders agree or strongly agree	52	70	71
Attenders disagree or strongly disagree	10	8	7
Among arrivals in the last five years:			
Agree or strongly agree	48	63	65
Disagree or strongly disagree	6	10	9

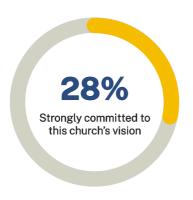
Vision: Clear and Owned





Committed to this Local Church's Vision

of attenders said they are aware of and strongly committed to this local church's vision, goals or directions



Change over time: Percent of attenders who are aware of and strongly committed to this local church's vision, goals or directions



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Source: , Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

Aware of Vision, Goals and Directions of Local Church

72% are aware and strongly or partly committed to the vision, goals or direction of the local church

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Aware and strongly committed	28	25	28
Aware and partly committed	45	34	34
Aware and not committed	12	17	16
Aware of ideas not of any clear vision	10	15	14
Unaware of any clear vision, goals or direction	6	9	9

Confidence that the Local Church can Achieve its Vision, Goals or Directions

57% are fully confident that the vision can be achieved

Fully confident the vision can be achieved	57	38	40
Partly confident vision can be achieved	31	44	44
Not confident the vision can be achieved	2	2	1

Attenders' Views on Priorities for this Local Church in the Next 12 Months: + Spiritual growth (e.g. spiritual direction, prayer groups) 17 17 Worship services that are nurturing to people's faith 25 22 21 Building a strong sense of community within this local church 22 19 19 Creating a clear vision for this local church's future 10 11 10 Encouraging people here to discover/use their gifts 20 24 24 Encouraging new approaches to ministry and mission 10 10 15 Supporting social justice and aid to people in need 11 13 12 Encouraging people here to share their faith or invite others 16 14 14 Ensuring new peope are included well in church life 20 20 16 Ministry to children and youth 21 19 19 Growing into a larger local church 14 20 21 3 2 Starting a new church or mission venture 2

You in 2024 | Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church (ZANGWK0047, 191 forms)
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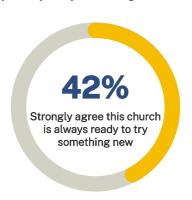
*Note: The wording on the introduction to this question changed slightly from 2016 onwards

Innovation: Imaginative and Flexible



Ready to Try Something New

42% of attenders strongly agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



Source: , Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

Change over time: Percent of attenders who strongly agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Willingness of the Local Church to Try New Things

83% strongly agree or agree that this local church is always ready to try something new

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
This local church is always read	ly to try so	mething n	ew
Strongly agree	42	26	26
Agree	41	46	45
Neutral/Unsure	13	21	21
Disagree	4	6	6
Strongly disagree	1	2	1

Leaders Encourage Innovation

82% strongly agree or agree that leaders here encourage innovation and creative thinking

Leaders here encourage innovation				
Strongly agree	35	26	26	
Agree	47	49	48	
Neutral/Unsure	14	20	20	
Disagree	4	4	4	
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	

Openness to New Initiatives

79% support the development of new initiatives in ministry and mission in this local church

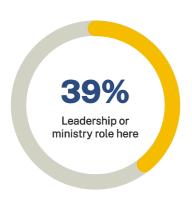
I would support the development of new initiatives in ministry and mission in the local church				
Strongly agree	34	33	33	
Agree	46	48	48	
Neutral/Unsure	18	18	18	
Disagree	2	1	1	
Strongly disagree	1	0	0	

Leadership Culture: Inspiring and Empowering



Leadership Roles

39% of attenders perform at least one leadership or ministry role here



Change over time: Percent of attenders who perform at least one leadership or ministry role here



Source: Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church, NCLS 2024

Source: , Parow Welgelegen Dutch Reformed Church

Leadership and Ministry Roles Performed by Attenders	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS ii 2019 (%)
Worship services (teach/preach, music, lead/assist in service)	25	11	10
Children's ministry/youth ministry role	14	6	7
Small group leadership	5	7	7
Administrator role	4	4	4
Compliance role (e.g. safe church)	5	N/A	N/A
Council/board/elder/deacon	6	13	14
Committee/task force member	5	9	9
Pastoral care/visitation role	3	2	2
Communications/news	6	N/A	N/A
Some other role	18	N/A	N/A
Perform any of above leadership/ministry roles here	39	34	35

Views about Local Church Leaders

agree this local church's leaders encourage them to find and use their gifts and skills to a great extent

71% agree leaders here inspire them to action

Local leaders encourage attenders to find and use gifts and skills					
To a great extent	20	17	17		
To some extent	31	27	27		
Attenders strongly agree or agree that					
Leaders here inspire me to action	71	68	68		
Leaders encourage innovation & creativity 82 74 75					
Local church has good and clear systems	92	84	85		

Getting Involved Here

74% agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this church (i.e. take on a role)

42% would like to be more involved here

Attenders strongly agree or agree that				
It is easy to get involved in ministry here	74	N/A	N/A	
All (ages) encouraged to get involved	87	N/A	N/A	
Evaluation of involvement here				
Would like to be more involved	42	35	34	
Happy with current level of involvement	53	57	58	
Would like to be less involved	0	1	1	



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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

I feel positive about the future of our Denom in 2019 (%) country I feel positive about the future of our country Strongly agree 11 Agree 47 27 28 Neutral/Unsure 27 33 33 Disagree 6 20 20 Strongly agree or agree Strongly disagree 9 9

The redistribution of land enhances justice in our country



Strongly agree or agree

The redistribution of land enhances justice in our country			
Strongly agree	3	3	3
Agree	8	12	12
Neutral/Unsure	40	26	25
Disagree	27	33	33
Strongly disagree	22	26	27

We as citizens have made progress in reconciliation since the end of apartheid



Strongly agree or agree

	(%)	2019 (%)	2019 (%)		
We as citizens have made progress in reconciliation since the end of apartheid					
Strongly agree	10	8	7		
Agree	54	33	32		
Neutral/Unsure	21	24	24		
Disagree	12	24	24		
Strongly disagree	3	12	13		

Believers of all churches should work together to build our country



Believers of all churches should work together to build our country				
Strongly agree	59	58	57	
Agree	39	37	37	
Neutral/Unsure	2	4	4	
Disagree	1	1	1	
Strongly disagree	0	1	1	

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?



The church does not treat men and women as equals



Strongly agree or agree

The church does not treat men and women as equals						
Strongly agree	gly agree 5 N/A N/A					
Agree	8	N/A	N/A			
Neutral/Unsure	12	N/A	N/A			
Disagree	25	N/A	N/A			
Strongly disagree	51	N/A	N/A			



Women should be able to hold any leadership position in the congregation



Women should be able to hold any congregation	leadershi _l	p position i	n the
Strongly agree	56	N/A	N/A
Agree	33	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	6	N/A	N/A
Disagree	2	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	3	N/A	N/A



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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?





Strongly agree or agree

	(%)	2019 (%)	2019 (%)			
Our congregation should play a role in rectifying economic injustices in our community						
Strongly agree	19	N/A	N/A			
Agree	43	N/A	N/A			
Neutral/Unsure	28	N/A	N/A			
Disagree	6	N/A	N/A			
Strongly disagree	3	N/A	N/A			

The church should not make pronouncements regarding the sexuality of people



Strongly agree or agree

The church should not make pronouncements regarding the sexuality of people			
Strongly agree	22	N/A	N/A
Agree	24	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	28	N/A	N/A
Disagree	19	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	6	N/A	N/A

Welfare grants are essential



Strongly agree or agree

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Welfare grants are essentialy			
Strongly agree	17	N/A	N/A
Agree	45	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	30	N/A	N/A
Disagree	5	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	2	N/A	N/A

Our congregation plays a vital role in improving race relationships in our community



Our congregation plays a vital role in improving race relationships in our community			
Strongly agree	24	N/A	N/A
Agree	52	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	19	N/A	N/A
Disagree	3	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	1	N/A	N/A

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?





Strongly agree or agree

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)
Our congregation should be inv gender - based violence	olved with	actions ag	ainst
Strongly agree	36	N/A	N/A
Agree	41	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	17	N/A	N/A
Disagree	4	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	1	N/A	N/A

Believers should work together to protect the rights of foreigners in the country



Strongly agree or agree

Believers should work together to protect the rights of foreigners in the country			
Strongly agree	14	N/A	N/A
Agree	34	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	40	N/A	N/A
Disagree	9	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	3	N/A	N/A

People living in same-sex relationships should be entirely accepted in the congregation



Strongly agree or agree

	You in 2024 (%)	Denom in 2019 (%)	All NCLS in 2019 (%)		
People living in same-sex relationships should be entirely accepted in the congregation					
Strongly agree	30	N/A	N/A		
Agree	40	N/A	N/A		
Neutral/Unsure	20	N/A	N/A		
Disagree	4	N/A	N/A		
Strongly disagree	6	N/A	N/A		

The church should promote climate-friendly behaviour



Strongly agree or agree

The church should promote climate-friendly behaviour			
Strongly agree	51	N/A	N/A
Agree	41	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	6	N/A	N/A
Disagree	1	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	1	N/A	N/A

The church should be involved in the promotion of human rights



The church should be involved in the promotion of human rights			
Strongly agree	29	N/A	N/A
Agree	40	N/A	N/A
Neutral/Unsure	23	N/A	N/A
Disagree	5	N/A	N/A
Strongly disagree	3	N/A	N/A

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