



# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HEALTHCHECK

When looking at developing your church's ministry with children and young people, it is good to review where you are now and that can help you plan towards the future.

This questionnaire offers a starting point to explore this.

Put a cross as to where you think your church is on the continuum line ('5' being the best).

## BEING CHURCH TOGETHER

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- Our church takes seriously Jesus' challenge to welcome and include children and young people
- The adults in our congregation talk to the children and know their names.
- Our church listens to different perspectives from all ages within the congregation.
- Our church values children and young people's presence in our main worship gatherings.
- People in our church pray for children and young people and our schools and youth work
- Our church considers children and young people to be full and active members of the Body of Christ
- We promote intentional interaction between the generations that promotes the faith and spiritual development of all ages.

## FORMING TOGETHER

- Our church helps children and young people to grow in belonging and discipleship
- Our church is a place where children, young people and families can journey and grow together, in their relationship with God.
- We are all growing in our discipleship - including children and young people
- Our church invests sufficient resources in our children and young people

## WORKING TOGETHER

- Our church has enough volunteers or staff members who minister to children and young people.
- Our church invests in training for children and youth leaders
- Children and young people are encouraged to join in and contribute to various church activities, as well as worship.
- Our church has varied ways of reaching out and connecting to children and young people
- Our church makes a difference to children and young people in our community
- Our church recognises and supports children and young people with the problems they face in their daily lives.
- Our church is aware of issues faced by children and young people in our community

Once you have completed the Health Check, take a look at your results.

**What are your strengths?**

**Can you build on them?**

**Are there areas you might like to develop?**

Discuss this and formulate a plan on how to move forward as a whole congregation!

You might like to explore what you do, related to children and young people, through various groups in your church and community and explore new areas to grow and develop.

	Current Engagement	Future Possibilities
In Worship		
In Discipleship		
In the Kirk Session		
For Young Children		
For Children		
For Teenagers		
For Young Adults		
For Families		
For Leaders		
In the Community		
In Schools		

This Health Check looks at the 3 core sections explored in detail in the recent

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