**COMMUNITY SURVEY QUESTIONS**

Community Survey questions are designed to assist you in learning more about the community from those who live in the community. It will give you their view of the who is there, what the needs are, the strengths and how this person views the church/God as an individual and how their neighbors view God.

The following are some questions to help you conduct interviews. They may be used to conduct different interviews at different times. You do not have to ask all these questions at one time. Feel free to adapt the questions to meet your need. Keep the interview informal and conversational. Generally it is recommended to record answers after the interview is over to avoid unnecessary apprehension by the person with whom you are talking. If you feel the need to record while talking then be sure there are 2 persons and ask permission for one of you to make a few notes to help you remember pertinent information for praying and serving the community. Be careful with your wording to not say ‘what are the needs the church can meet’ as they can list things that you cannot meet but now have an expectation that you will do so.

*INTRODUCTION:* Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I/we are trying to understand our community better. I have several questions I would like to ask your opinion about. There is no wrong or right answer. Would you be willing to take a few minutes and help me/us.

1. How would you describe this community?

2. What do you like best about this community? What do you like least?

3. What are the community’s greatest needs? Or, what are 3 changes you’d like to see that could make life better in this community?

4. What languages are spoken here other than English?

5. What group or organization is doing the best job of serving needs in this community?

6. If you were looking for a church, what qualities or characteristics would you look for?

7. What do you think is the reason many people today do not affiliate with a church or attend worship? How do people in this community view God?

8. Are there specific ways that we can pray for the community? For you and your family?

9. Would you be interested in discussing spiritual issues with me/us in the future? If yes, ask him or her to give you contact information for follow up.