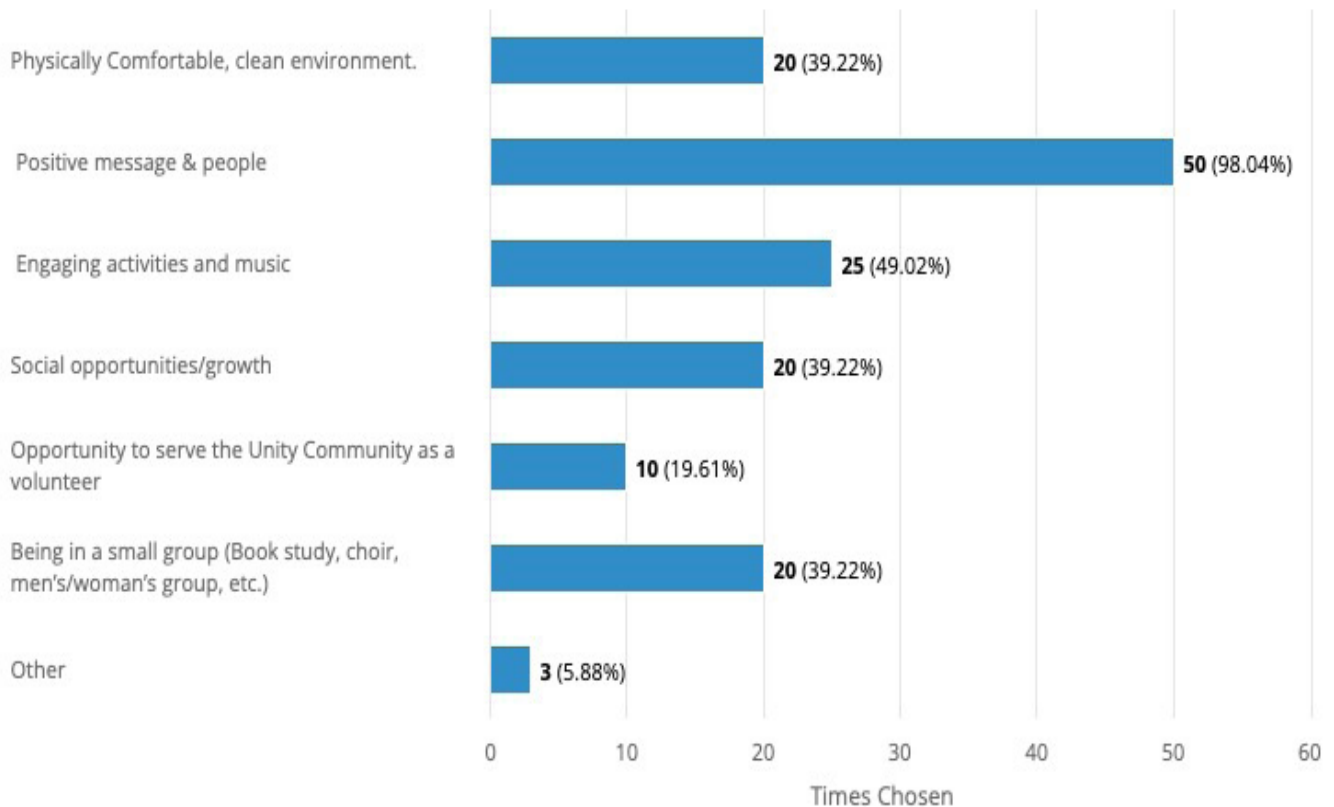


Unity-Five Cities Congregational Survey June 20, 2023

Results:

What things are important to you in the area of Fellowship and feeling part of a community

Number of responses: 51



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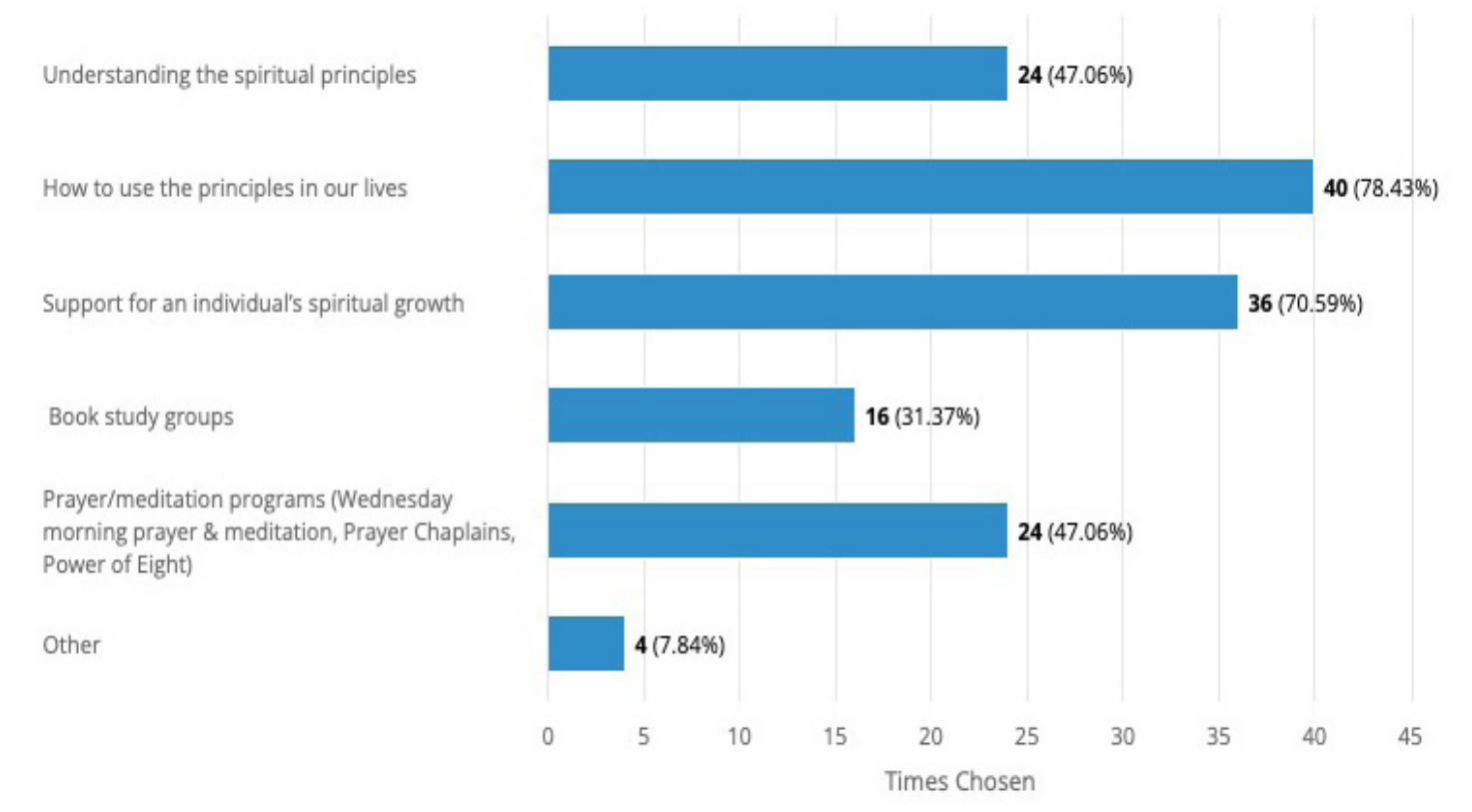
USING ZOOM

I'd pick ALL of them. It seems that you offer all of this too.

Srvce to Unity and the rest of the community as a volunteer.

What things are important to you in the area of Spiritual Inspiration, Renewal, Transformation

Number of responses: 51

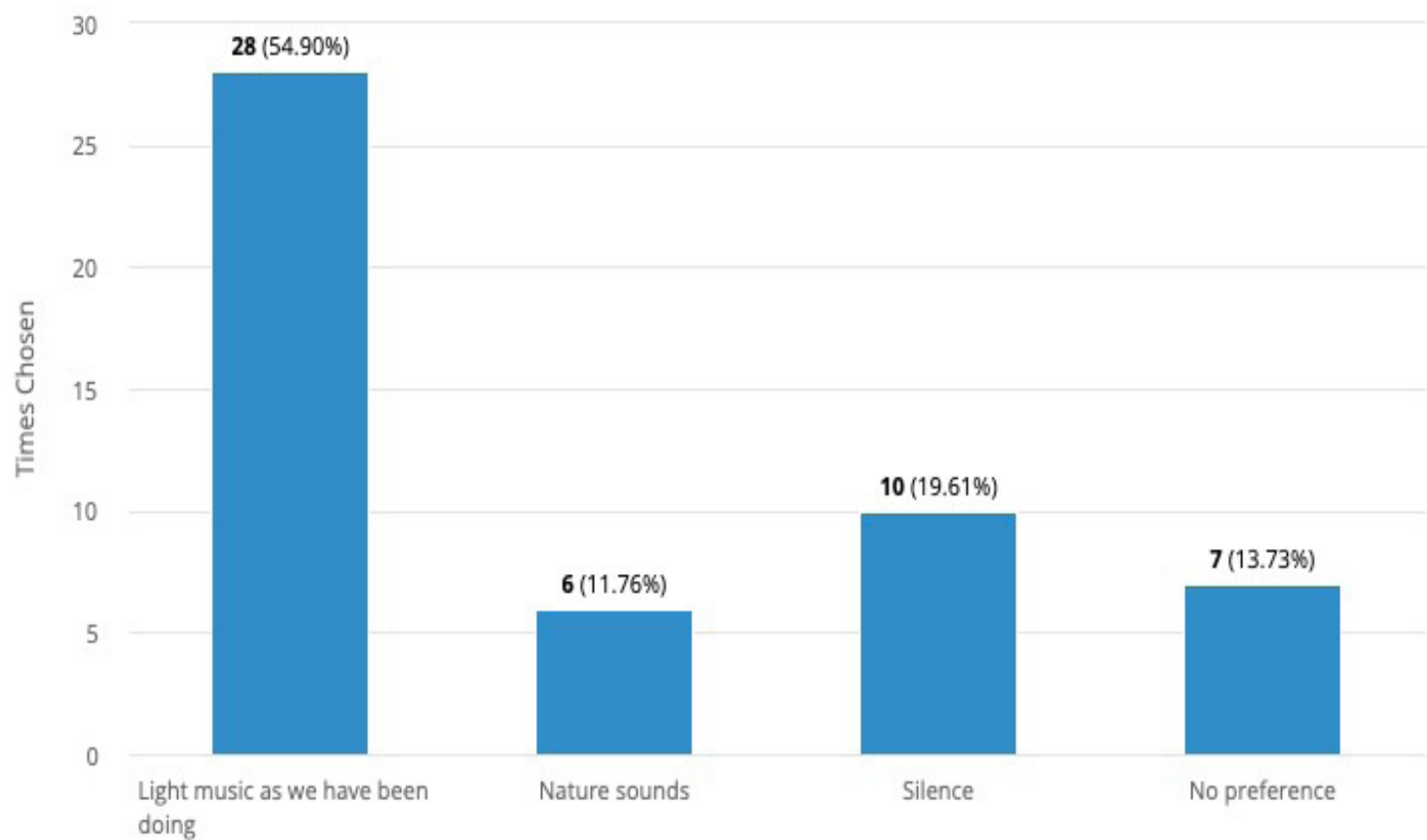


"Other" text answers:

- Again, I'd say all are important and it seems you're doing this.
- Straight meditation program daily. Possibly a YouTube that can be used.
- Variety of sources
- Men's Group

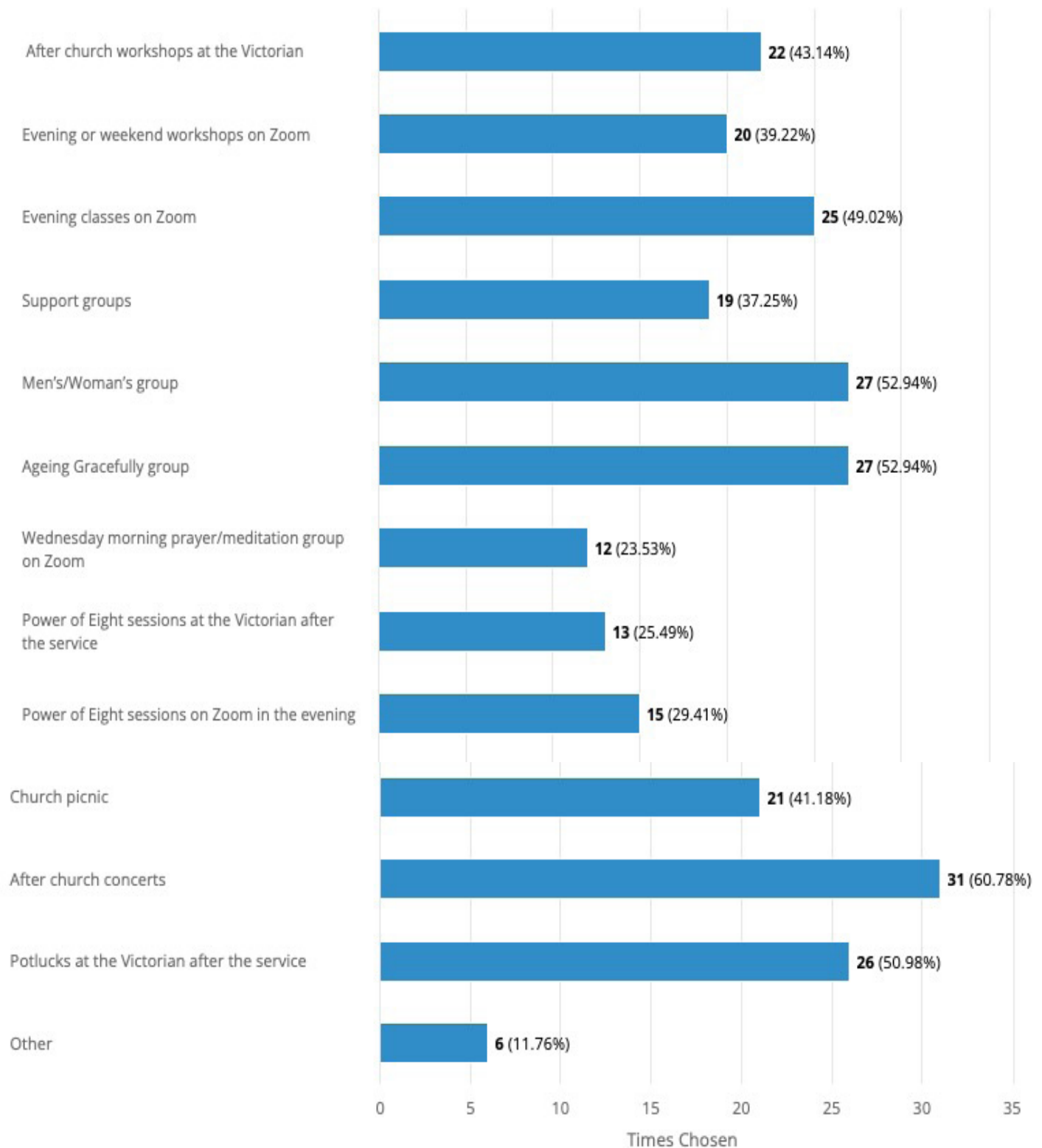
What do you prefer during the meditation part of the service?

Number of responses: 51



In what congregational activities will you participate?

Number of responses: 51

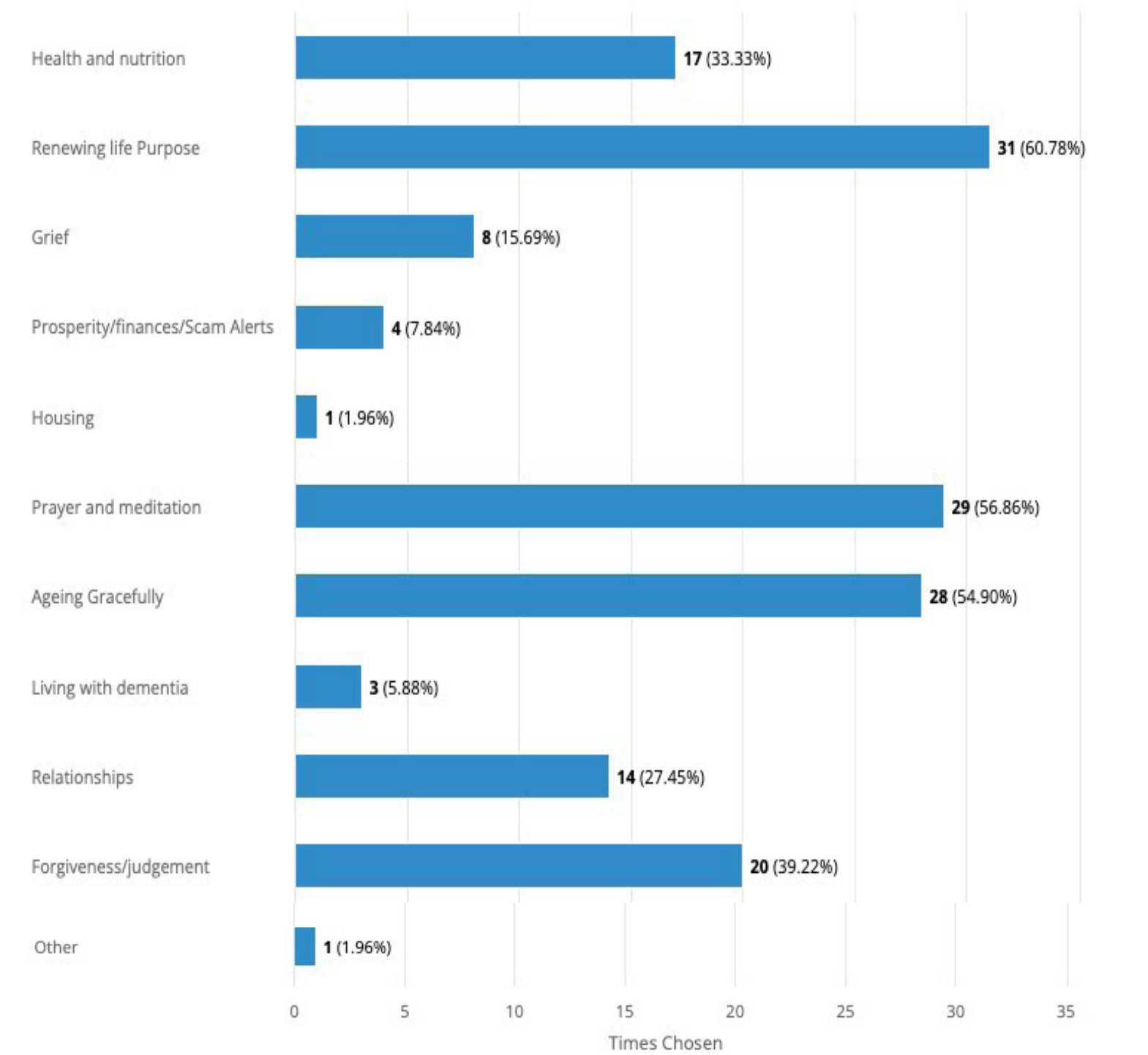


"Other" text answers:

choir
AVAILABILITY OF USING ZOOM
Yup.....almost all are of interest. I prefer in-person but appreciate the opportunity to participate on ZOOM too, especially evening classes.
Social outings with Unity members
choir
As I can, have quite a bit of time comittment with my grandchildren at present

What things are important to you in the area of support in dealing with life challenges

Number of responses: 51

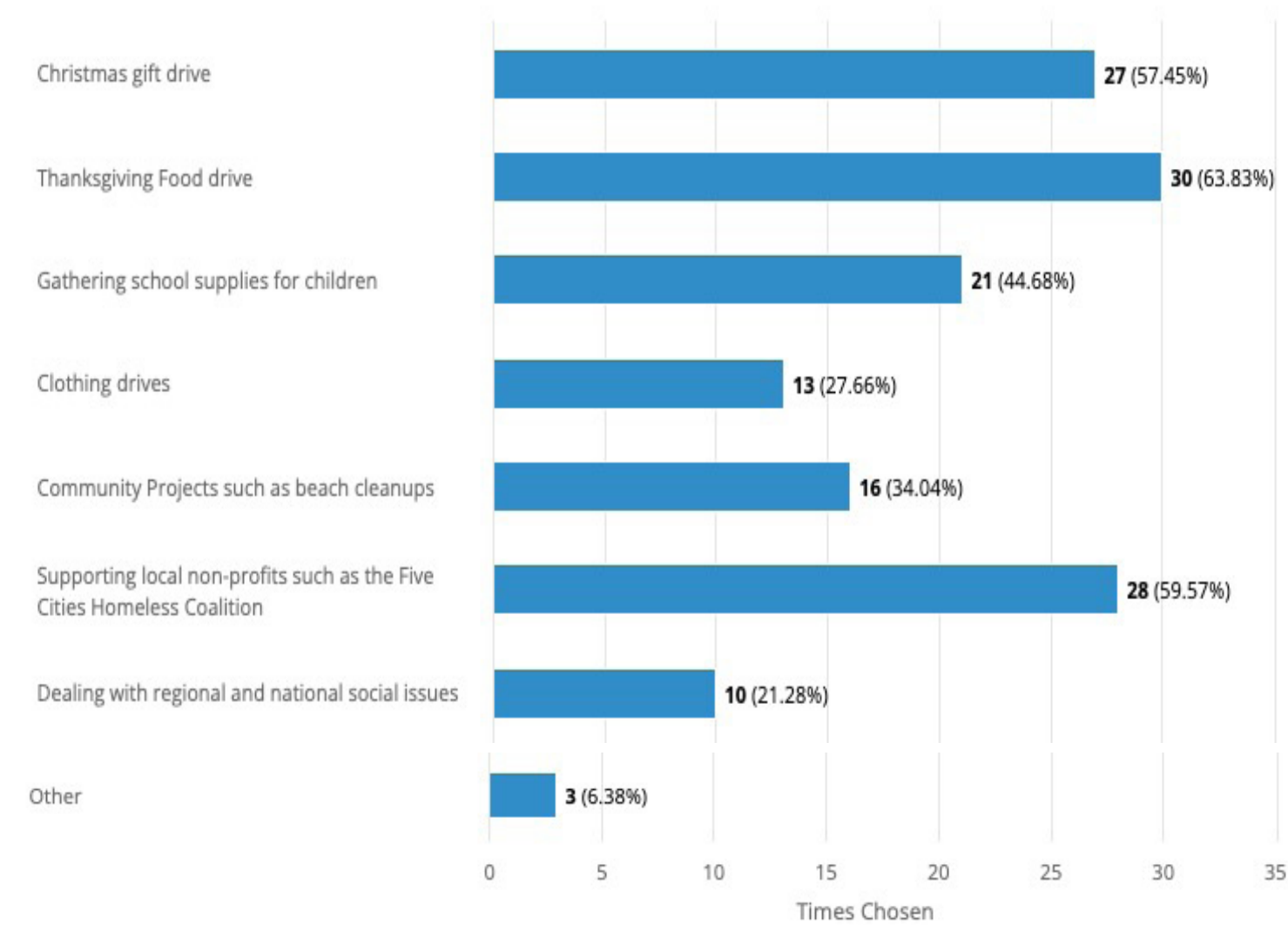


"Other" text answers:

Enjoying life

What projects would you participate in that support the greater community

Number of responses: 47



"Other" text answers:

- Being on call to help congregation when needed: handyman, rides, emotional support - whatever is needed.
- Supporting LGBTQ issues and people
- volunteer for the church

Optional - What do you like about our Ministry? Number of responses: 36

Text answers:

focus on prayer and meditation

The Loving, giving ministry of each member to other members and visitors.

Wonderful speakers, music, inspiring leadership and church members. A wonderful, invigorating community that welcomes participation.

I LIKE THE GUEST SPEAKERS

It is very inclusive of all people

Great teachers, positive people, zest for living

I like how inclusive and accepting everyone is to one another, no matter what. The room vibrates with unconditional love.

I owner listening to the women and there points of view to what is important in the world at this. time
Pretty much everything.

Welcoming and experience-based. The teachers are genuine people speaking from the heart.
The opportunity for spiritual growth.

Variety of speakers

The variety of presenters, music, Inspiration yet within a theme. Sense of love and acceptance of attendees. Very important to continue with hybrid activities.

The speakers are exceptional, and their messages are inspirational and uplifting. I also like the musicians that are brought in.

Warm, inviting, comfortable non judgmental

I like the messages. I like the music. I feel comfortable and accepted in the group.

The open, loving, accepting, supportive environment.

I love the focus on finding God/Presence within and cultivating gratitude and positivity every day.

The comradery, fellowship, supporting each others' spiritual growth.

The openness to all people's different spiritual growth. I love the fun everyone exhibits. Such a great group of people. The teachings are so simple, deep recognizable and understandable.
Diversity of topics/focus.

The inclusiveness of having many different readers and speakers.

The principles on which it is based are non dogmatic and inclusive. And mostly, they work.

Visioning Process to develop direction of church activities and programs. Rotation of Speakers and music each Sunday. Women in leadership positions.

Reaching out to all in a spirit of acceptance and commonality.

Inclusive opportunities

Support for spiritual growth

Bonding with others

The inspiring people, musical inspiration, support groups, classes, and setting!

The communal spirit, the congregation-led services, the format of the services, the ministerial leadership, transparency by and encouragement from The Board.

Love our Minister BRYAN who has added so much to our community with his messages, cartoons, Kathy, and stretching us all

with some latest scientific and consciousness messages. The music from all. Zoom which allows us to continue being part of the community.

Activities which are varied. Burning bowl and white stone rituals. INTERESTING AND LOVING PEOPLE

The variety of speakers and musicians. The fact that our church is not too large so easier to get to know everyone. The events in the outdoor garden when the weather is nice. How welcoming and accepting everyone is.

Appreciate this spiritual likeminded community.

REV. BRIAN WALKER!! The people, the music, the community, the Victorian, the different speakers, the fellowship, and the fact that LOVE and GOODWILL permeate throughout our congregation.

Camaraderie and loyal congregants

Excellent teaching of Unity principles.

I love how our community involvement is such a large part of Unity5Cities. It's wonderful to be able to contribute to the group in that way.

Loving atmosphere and the variety of group activities

Optional - Suggestions for improving our Ministry Number of responses: 27

Text answers:

I like the cartoons in the newsletters. Music could be varied and expanded perhaps.

More control over use of the facility (like during the week or weekends).

Some of the speakers style and or message are not appealing to me. Everyone has different tastes, so you can't please everyone all the time.

I enjoy the variety of speakers and appreciate when I can tell a speaker has given a lot of time, thought and effort to their presentation. It feels as if I matter and am respected.

I would like to hear more women sharing their life experiences and important issues and views for women ... We really could use a "real home," but that may be way out of reach financially.

One-day or weekend retreats

The church service music could use a little more variety.

I'd like to see after church coffee. It seems that so many people have jobs to do prior to service setting up, setting up for lunch, putting things away, that there's a little time for just chatting and getting acquainted. I like to.

Very important to continue hybrid services and activities. I appreciate the extra work that goes into this process.

Make more efforts to welcome and reach out to newcomers. I don't think handing them a welcome packet is sufficient. I think someone should personally invite them to stay for coffee and that person should sit with them. I also think a follow up call to the visitor to invite them back might help retain new people.

I know at one of the planning sessions people were talking about growing the church and that's not a bad idea but I like the size of the church now. If it gets really big you lose the "family" feel to it.

I don't know how but attract more middle age/ young people.

None, I am enjoying being a member of Unity Five Cities and am happy with the ministry as it is.

home visits for disabled members !

None. (;

More "how to" for living our spiritual principles, e.g., prayer, meditation, healing.

A permanent home would be great, but I don't see it with the state of our donations

Video Rev. Brian's class on Prayer and upload to the website for those who were not able to attend.

Encouraging more sharing. Miracles and Milestones ~ an important element to continue.

Outreach to disenfranchised local groups welcoming all. I.e people of color, Lgbtq, house-bound people. We could ask volunteers to help them learn zoom so they can attend classes and services. So many elderly feel isolated.

Turn up the mics a bit on Sunday, or get a more hands-free, mic stand, for the speaker!

More contemporary music, more opportunities/suggestions on projects we can do as a community to live the principles, and more connection with Unity activities and events.

,ADDITIONAL MARKETING. FREE NOTICE IN NEW TIMES REGARDING SERVICE ON SUNDAYS
PRAYER SERVICE ON WED. CONTACT #

More volunteers to help out - knowing that is not an easy solution.

I know zoom is important since some cannot physically come to church but encourage all who can to come. Glad to see a few new people speaking such as Tink and Richard Long. And glad to see Mark Welch coming up. Would like to see him added in as a musician if possible.

I like things the way that they are!

More one on one meetings.

I sometimes wonder if the size of the meeting room in the Victorian is limiting our growth. Or are we satisfied with the size of the congregation? More isn't always better.

Getting the Victorian chairs cleaned

Would like to hear Gale & Bob include more "Church Music" on the Sunday's they play. They are very talented and I's sure some more gospel and hymns would be appreciated by many besides me.

Do you have any further comments? Number of responses: 17

Text answers:

Brian and his staff are doing great job.

Love is what binds people together. People who touch each other - handshakes, hugs, pats on the back etc. - find it easier to talk to each other.

No

I wish there were a way to attract younger, more physically able members. I confess that I have not been actively involved in the Unity community for nearly a year or more. I loved nearly everything about Unity and yet I never really connected and stayed friends with anyone over time. My current group meets on Sundays from 9-11, so it just isn't in the flow for me to go to Unity on Sundays. I appreciate this survey though as it reminds me of what ya'll meant to me. Perhaps I'll come back for some of the upcoming events. LOVE TO ALL!

My wisdom is limited. I trust the church members and board are better informed.

One thought...combine a light picnic/potluck with a volunteer effort. Working together builds better teams. I am one to show my "truth" by working it. Just a thought.

Love listening to the musical artists and the choir

I'm grateful to have the church nearby and that so many people are friendly and outgoing. It's a welcoming group.

Thank you all for your dedication.

How do we get the word out? Advertise? I always try to invite a friend to our events. I think the Unity message is good for a lot of people but they don't know about it.

I really appreciate the friendly and conscious people who come to the Sunday service!

No.

It is nice to be welcomed and gradually get to know

Oh, I love Unity! It fills my Spiritual and social needs.

Feeling appreciate for the opportunities for community, spiritual growth, learning, and service.

It's so important to reach out to newcomers with love and acceptance. To help them feel welcomed without feeling over-whelmed. To invite each to stay afterward for refreshments and to join them in doing so.

I love Unity 5 Cities! Our heartfelt community is very special and I feel extremely fortunate to be a part of it!

I like our minister and the congregants I know. Friendly environment.

Thanks for providing such a loving, fun and supportive community.