

MMOJ Annual Survey 2023 Results 11/11/23
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Question 1:

Should we continue the practice of tithing to a recipient quarterly:

N=21,

100% Yes – quarterly

0% No, note in comments your suggestion

Question 2:

Tithing percentage:

N=20

100% Yes – agree with the 5% of monthly income

0% No – increase the percentage, note in comments

0% No – decrease the percentage, note in comments

Comments

-Would like to know the monthly dollar amount before I vote. Thanks

-5% per quarter has been working well for us. I don't see a reason to change the % or the frequency.

Question 3:

Should special additional donations be made twice a year as needs arise and funds become available.

N=20

95%. Agree, please comment

5% Disagree, please comment

Comments:

-Local disasters, homeless, children in need

-Yes, as money is available and as situations arise that members feel strongly about and that align with MMOJ mission and values. Also, we are committed to an annual Saints Day donation as a memorial donation on behalf of deceased members

-Since MMOJ is no longer paying a monthly fee to St A's, we should be able to make a quarterly donation to a charity of our choice,

-We should be able to meet unexpected situations smoothly,

-Natural disasters that hit our area

-Yes... I think as funds become available.

-If a sudden need arises and we have surplus funds, we should make an additional donations once or twice a year.

Question 4

Please rank your preferences for Global organizations from 1 to 4, with "1" being the most important.

Global N=18, % Ranked 1+2

72% Coalition of Immokalee Workers
50% Food for the Poor
50% World Central Kitchen – Chef Andres
22% Mary's Pence
5% Other _____

Q5 Please rank the following Local organizations from 1 to 4 with "1" being the most important.

Local N=18, % Ranked 1+2

83% All Faiths Food Bank of Sarasota
50% Meals on Wheels of Englewood
39% Community Foundation of Sarasota
22% Florida Center for Early Childhood
6% Other _____

Q6 What are your suggestions for additional Global and Local organizations we should consider supporting? Please be specific.

N=12

- Local--Family Promise of Sarasota-Manatee and also Mothers Helping Mothers of Sarasota County. These are mentioned to help keep them "on the radar" for the future-
- Doctors Without Borders
- Meals on wheels of sarasota or manatees Not always Englewood-
- Local: Dynasty Stars of Dynasty Dance studios. Dynasty Stars is a creation of Dynasty Dance providing dance scholarships to children and adults with special needs. It has been amazing to see how these people with special needs just shine on the dance floor. It improves their memory and motor skills and mostly their self-esteem. motor coordination skills, sensory pro
- Meals on wheels of Sarasota Streets of Paradise. Only local.
- Sarasota County School Lunch Program
- I think we should stay open to offer assistance locally and globally to different needs as they occur as our number 1 or 2 priorities. Tragedies occur and we can give directly to individuals and communities not just organizations. The ones we give too are all ok but others fund them . Why not try to give to people in need as we find out about them. How about scholarship to a Latina elderly house keeper's daughter for example?
- Red Cross for natural disasters in our area
- Global: Greenpeace; Kathleen Deignan, CND, Institute for Earth and Spirit

- Green Peace
- Local: Second chance last opportunity Global: ?
- Project Phoenix, Englewood. (Women's Protection from Abuse) Global Ukraine

LITURGIES

Our liturgies now take place entirely on Zoom. We would like to know how you feel about this practice. What do you like or dislike? What can be done to improve the liturgies?

Question 7 How satisfied are you with the liturgies?

N=20

80% **Very**

10% **Somewhat**

10% **Not at all**

Comments:

- Zoom church is not appealing. It loses the ability to really feel community.
- Suggest a return to periodic in person
- Very enjoyable and allows my family to follow the example of the early Christians in sharing with each other.
- Each liturgy is Special and offers new concepts.
- I feel a connection and bond with the community. It's wonderful to see people's faces and to be able to chat with them.
- am able to connect fully on zoom and don't want to lose my MMOJ community.
- I enjoy the diversity of presiders and liturgy teams.
- Love, love the music videos

Question 8

Suggest at least one change that you would make to improve the liturgies. N=13

- Mix of songs we can sing along
- Have a sign, PLEASE UNMUTE that leader can hold up for readers
- Would suggest keeping to the time limit of one hour. However, I cannot think of any major way I would change them--we have come a long way in a few years—
- I can't think of anything. They are beautiful!
- Cannot think of any.
- Less Graphics!
- Invite more people in local area to join us by placing an announcement in local papers. Emphasizing inclusive ministries to the marginalized such as gay Catholic weddings, baptisms for parents who don't qualify because of marital status in local churches. Place ad for our inclusive church without walls on Facebook and social media
- Limit length of songs to a few minutes

-I appreciate all that goes into preparing each liturgy. However, I find some have very lengthy prayers that are very repetitious. I would suggest shortening them and focus on one prayer intention.

-I am very appreciative of those who work so hard to prepare the liturgies. I might suggest, because I share a lot, that when the time for community sharing occurs, it is announced, "Maybe someone who hasn't shared would like to go first."

-Shorter readings

-Shorter prepared prayers; more scripture

-Shorter prayers. some liturgies are too "wordy"

Q9 How often do you attend the MMOJ virtual liturgies? (select one)

N=20

80% **Weekly**

10% **Couple times month**

0% **Monthly**

10% **Occasionally**

Question 10 Do you access the website for MMOJ? marymotherofjesus.net

N=20

10% **Weekly**

15% **Monthly**

65% **Occasionally**

Q11 What additional materials would you like to see posted on the website?

Comments:

-pertinent readings

-I would suggest having willing community members make a video of how MMOJ has influenced or changed their experience of church. The videos could all be posted as part of our efforts to interest new members or could be posted one at a time for a visitor to view. I also think members who are willing could take turns posting a weekly reflection on a Sunday reading or a reading of their choice. If we do one or both of these things, we should couple it with some or work to draw new members.

-Suggestions for Great books to read.

-pictures of priests with a short biography

-Newsletter

55 Question 12

Would you be interested in participating in any of the following activities?

N=15

- 1 Work on community Newsletter**
- 11 Book club on spirituality**
- 9 Discussion of the meaning of Eucharist**
- 10 Day of Reflection**
- 5 Holistic Health - Lifespan/Healthspan**

Question 13

To assist with the budget planning, as we look to 2024, would you consider increasing your donation to MMOJ?

N=19

- 7 Yes**
- 12 No**