



## Presbytery of Lake Michigan

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

### Vital Congregations Initiative (VCI) Survey Top Needs Identified by Teaching Elders September 2021

Participants were asked to rank the importance of fifteen (15) pastoral activities and ministry components as being low (1), somewhat low (2), average (3), somewhat high (4), and high (5) or not applicable (0).

This table lists the pastoral activities and ministry components, identifies a sum of the response values and shows the average value of the responses. Those responses that were valued more greatly are at the top of the list.

Pastoral Activity/ Ministry Component	Sum of Response Values	Average of Response Values
Developing Lay Leaders	80	3.20
Long-range Planning	78	3.12
Connecting with the Community	77	3.08
Dismantling Systemic Racism	77	3.08
Eradicating Poverty	75	3.00
Using Technology in Worship	73	2.92
Self-Care	73	2.92
Stewardship and Finances	71	2.84
Managing Conflict	69	2.76
Addressing Political Divisions in Congregation	69	2.76
Sharing the Good News	64	2.56
Clergy Groups or Cohorts	60	2.40
Providing Christian Education	58	2.32
Planning and Preparing for Worship	57	2.28
Providing Pastoral Care	56	2.24
Other	25	1.00