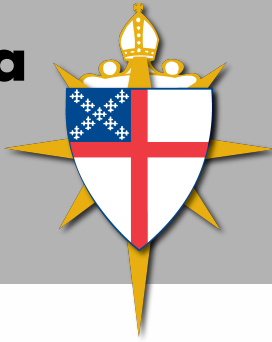


Clergy in the Anglican Church in North America

Survey of 250 ACNA clergy in July/August 2017.

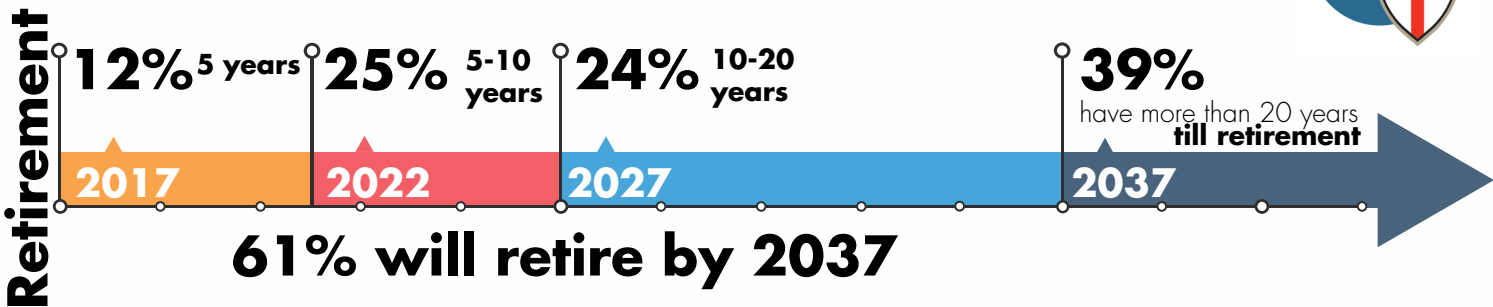
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89% Male 11% Female Avg. age is **59**



What are the **most significant obstacles** to the **growth of your congregation?**

32% said their **congregation's attitude or actions** were among the most significant obstacles to growth.

15% said the **aging demographics** in their congregation was among the most significant obstacles to growth

11% said the **lack of and inability to reach young families** with children/ youth was among the most significant obstacles to growth



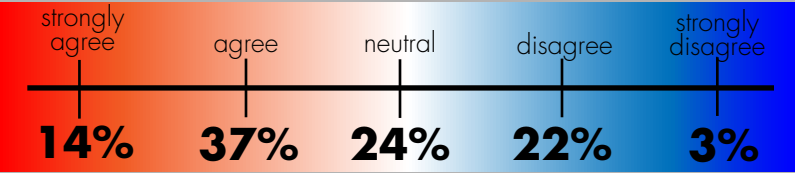
"Inward focus (people unwilling, (not) interested in, lack (of) confidence in reaching outside of the church's walls) average congregation member thinking outreach is the staff's job"

"Congregational members are aging 'Boomers' who are tired, worn-out, and exhausted."

"Busyness among parishioners. Lack of urgency for sharing the Gospel among parishioners"

"The greatest need is children's ministry...We need to realize that people with children want a place that is relevant and also provides quality ministry. These young couples and their children hold the future for the Anglican Church. Without growth we will die from attrition. It has to be more than babysitting, and we must be willing to invest our time, money and resources to reaching families."

"My seminary education prepared me for the obstacles that I am facing in ministry."



What are the most **significant personal obstacles** that you face in your work in the church?

22% of clergy in charge of a congregation said **balancing the demands of ministry** is among the most significant personal obstacles they face.

19% of clergy in charge of a congregation said **a lack of parish financial resources** was among the most significant personal obstacles they face.

18% of clergy in charge of a congregation felt that **a deficiency in their leadership ability** was a significant personal obstacle.



"Time management, correctly prioritizing, and keeping my eyes fixed on Jesus."

"I need some clergy help, but cannot afford to hire anyone full-time, so few takers."

"I have so much on my plate that at times I'm the blockage/hindrance in the system. So I'm trying to compensate by 'doing it myself' instead of raising up a team which would be better by far."

