



St. Lawrence Anglican Church
Portugal Cove, NL

**Parish Connect
Interview Guide**

INTRODUCTION

Our Mission

St. Lawrence Anglican Church has a mission to actively build a unified, loving Christian faith community by providing positive worship experiences; teaching biblical stewardship; delivering educational and spiritual growth opportunities; healing and changing lives through local ministry; and spreading Jesus' teachings and God's love.

Your Value

Our church recognizes your value to our community and are committed to offering meaningful experiences for you. To demonstrate this commitment, we have designed our Parish Connect program.

Parish Connect Overview

Parish Connect is a program designed to determine the wants and needs of its congregation and the community at large by reaching out to people and getting their perspective on a variety of spiritual issues. With the information we receive, we will be able to design more effective and meaningful programs which respond to the spiritual and social realities of today's world.

Follow-up Action

By participating in Parish Connect, you will engage in a confidential interview that will provide an opportunity for you to express your honest opinions about church, religion, spirituality, and in what ways your parish can better meet your needs. If during the interview we identify any information or assistance you may require, we can arrange for follow-up with your approval. We can also share a copy of your interview summary with you at your request.

Positive Environment

While your individual responses will be kept confidential, they will be pooled and analyzed to identify common issues and opportunities for the church. This high-level information will be summarized into reports and used to inform the activities of our parish to benefit you.

Interview Content

The interview guide contains the following sections:

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INTERVIEW AGREEMENT

Skip-It Rule

This Interview guide will cover a variety of topics. If you would like to skip a question at anytime you may do so.

CONFIDENTIALITY UNDERTAKING

St. Lawrence Anglican Church acknowledges that the information collected in this interview will be kept confidential. It will only be disclosed to persons who are entitled to receive it in his or her capacity as a member of the Parish Connect program.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The first section of the interview covers background information on you:

1. Please confirm the following general information.

Name:

Street Address:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Facebook Name:

2. How many people are in your household in the following age ranges:

Children (under 12)

Youth (12 to 19)

Young Adults (20 to 34)

Adults (35 to 54)

Senior Adults (55 +)

OUTREACH: HELPING OTHERS

Outreach is defined as a standard way for groups such as social service agencies, non-profit groups, and church or other religious groups to identify a certain specific need and provide services to the people who need it.

3. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being not important, and 10 being extremely important, how important is it to you that your church is involved in outreach activities locally?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

4. a) What are the top three (3) issues in your community that the church should be addressing?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Negative self-image | <input type="checkbox"/> Addictions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing / Homelessness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health and well-being |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racism | <input type="checkbox"/> Intolerance of sexual orientation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right-wing extremism | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender inequality (sexism) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intimate partner violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
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- b) How can the church address these issues in your community?

5. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being not important, and 10 being extremely important, how important is it to you that your church is involved in outreach activities nationally or internationally?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6. a) What are the top three (3) national or international issues that the church should be addressing?

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster relief | <input type="checkbox"/> Addictions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing / Homelessness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refugees | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health and well-being |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming new Canadians | <input type="checkbox"/> Racism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wealth inequality | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
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b) How can the church address these national or international issues?

7. Would you have an interest in helping to determine your church's outreach programs?

- Yes No

8. Would you have an interest in taking part in your church's outreach programs?

- Yes No

TODAY'S CHURCH

The focus of this questionnaire is not to convince people to come to church, but rather to find out how the church can better serve its people. A part of this process involves getting a sense of your experiences with your church.

9. Why are you affiliated with St. Lawrence church?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> It's the church I grew up in | <input type="checkbox"/> It's where my child was baptized |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It's where I was married | <input type="checkbox"/> It's the closest Anglican church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The approach to services | <input type="checkbox"/> Availability of religious education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's programming | <input type="checkbox"/> I go with someone who attends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

10. What was your most positive experience (or experiences) at church?

11. a) Does the church plays a role in your life today?

- Yes No

b) Why or why not?

12. How often do you attend church:

Always When Possible When Something Interests Me Never

- a) Services?
- b) Regular Meetings?
- c) Special Events?

13. a) Are you interested in attending church services more often?

- Yes No (*go to Question 15*)

14. What currently prevents you from attending church services more often?

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Time of the services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not comfortable | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal conflicts with others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Family schedule conflicts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Work schedule conflicts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No online format | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't agree with beliefs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't like the format | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inconvenient | |
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15. a) Are you interested in participating in parish activities more often?

- Yes No (*go to Question 17*)

16. What currently prevents you from participating in parish activities more often?

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of awareness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested in what's offered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work schedule conflicts | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family schedule conflicts | |
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17. When you attend church services at St. Lawrence, on a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with the:

a) Physical Comfort?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

b) Personal Interaction?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

c) Friendliness?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

d) Children's Activities?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

e) Music?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

f) Sermon?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

g) Opportunity to take part?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

h) Overall experience?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

18. On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being poor, and 10 being excellent, how well do you think your parish currently conducts the following activities?

a) Church Services?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

b) Social Events (fellowship activities)?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

c) Pastoral Care (ministry to the sick, dying, and distraught)?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

d) Religious Education (adult)?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

e) Religious Education (youth)?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

f) Social Justice Advocacy (for example: senior's rights, climate change, poverty reduction, homelessness, political lobbying, etc)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

g) Outreach (e.g. food banks, thrift stores)?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

h) Other

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 n/a

19. a) On a scale of 1 to 10, describe your overall satisfaction level with your church?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

b) What are your suggestions for improvement?

20. If this parish—the church, its services and its activities—ceased to exist, what effect would that have on you?

YOUR SPIRITUALITY

Our understanding of “God” comes to us through a variety of experiences, self-directed education and formal education (church-based and otherwise). Through this section, we hope to learn more about what spirituality means to you.

21. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being not important, and 10 being extremely important, how important to you is “Spirituality”?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

22. Do you use, or do you have an interest in using, any of the following to explore spirituality?

	Use	Not Use	Interest	No Interest
a) Church services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Church sermons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Bible study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Online courses in spirituality & religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Group courses in spirituality & religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Conferences and retreats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Guest speakers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Book clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Books and magazines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Pub theology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Informal discussions with peers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Meditation and Christian contemplation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m) Television programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n) Radio programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o) Online discussion groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p) Internet articles and online readings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q) Facebook page	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
r) Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

STAYING CONNECTED

We appreciate your time and honesty, and we would like to stay connected.

23. May we add you to our:

	Yes	No
a) Email list	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Text list	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Parish list	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Facebook page	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24. May we contact you about events in the future?

Yes, please No, thank-you

25. Would you like our Rector to contact you?

Yes No

26. Would you be interested in signing up for pre-authorized debit in order to support the ministry of St. Lawrence Church?

Yes

No

