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# Confidential Survey of Our Restoration Movement Churches

Independent Christian Church/Church of Christ



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Recent research indicates that the Evangelical Church in the United States is in decline, as are Protestant Denominations and the Catholic Church. The following individuals or groups have all published articles recently documenting this truth: The Ridge Fellowship, Dennis McCallum, Thom Rainer, President and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources, the Barna Group, Hartford Institute for Religion Research, Institute of Church Leadership Development, the New York Times, The Christian Chronicle, Gallup, the American Religion Data Archive, Glenmary Research Center, and the list goes on and on and on.

But what about the Independent Christian Church/Church of Christ Congregations that are a part of the Restoration Movement? Separating our statistics from the broader Church in America is difficult. That is why we want your participation in this important Confidential Survey of Restoration Movement Churches.

Please take a few minutes of your time and answer the following brief questions. Help us get a handle on the state of the Restoration Movement in America. If you don't immediately know the answer to a question, please feel free to estimate or skip the answer. Your responses will be kept confidential. If you would prefer, you may take this survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/N3Z9W6S> . If you answer the questions on this document, please mail to: Confidential Restoration Movement Survey | Kairos Legacy Partners | 11461 Ebony Street | Firestone, CO 80504. Thank you for your participation!

### BASIC CHURCH INFORMATION

|   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date:   |  |  |  |  |  |
| What is the name of your church?                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Has your church ever changed its name?                            | <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes   | If yes, previous name?                                   |  |  |  |
| What is the physical address of your church?                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| City:   | State:   | Zip Code:  | Phone #:   |  |  |
| Does your church have a website?                                  | <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes   | Address:   |  |  |  |
| What year was your church established?                            |  | Has your congregation ever experienced a "church split"? | <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes |  |  |
| Was your church initially started by one of the following?        | <input type="radio"/> An evangelistic association <input type="radio"/> Church planting group<br><input type="radio"/> A parenting church <input type="radio"/> A group leaving another church <input type="radio"/> Other |  |  |  |  |
| Is your church ...  | <input type="radio"/> A Single Entity <input type="radio"/> A Multi-Site Entity <input type="radio"/> A Missional Group <input type="radio"/> A House Church   |  |  |  |  |
| Please provide the name of the individual completing this survey? |  |  |  |  |  |
| May we contact you with questions?                                | <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes   | Phone #:   |  |  |  |
| Please provide the your email address:                            |  |  |  |  |  |



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### PASTORAL STAFF

|   |  |                                 |   |
|---|--|---------------------------------|---|
| What is the name of your Senior Minister/Pastor?  |  |                                 |   |
| Is your Senior Minister/Pastor Full-time, Part-time or a Volunteer?                     |  | <input type="radio"/> Full-time | <input type="radio"/> Part-time <input type="radio"/> Volunteer |
| What is the ethnicity of your Senior Minister/Pastor?                                   |  | <input type="radio"/> Caucasian | <input type="radio"/> Black/African American                    |
|   |  | <input type="radio"/> Hispanic  | <input type="radio"/> Asian <input type="radio"/> Other         |
| Did your Senior Minister/Pastor attend or graduate from a Christian College?            |  | <input type="radio"/> No        | <input type="radio"/> Yes                                       |
| If yes, what is the name of that Christian College?                                     |  |                                 |   |
| Did your Senior Minister/Pastor attend or graduate from a Seminary or Graduate Program? |  | <input type="radio"/> No        | <input type="radio"/> Yes                                       |
| If yes, what is the name of that Seminary or Graduate Program?                          |  |                                 |   |
| What is the total number of ministry staff members employed by your church?             |  |                                 |   |
| How many of your ministry staff members are employed full-time by your church?          |  |                                 |   |
| How many of your ministry staff members are employed part-time by your church?          |  |                                 |   |

### ATTENDANCE

|   |  |                                      |  |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| What was your approximate average weekend worship attendance for 2013?  |  |                                      |  |
| How does your approximate 2013 average weekend worship attendance compare to five years ago, 2008?  |  | <input type="radio"/> Higher         | <input type="radio"/> Slightly Higher <input type="radio"/> About the Same |
|   |  | <input type="radio"/> Slightly Lower | <input type="radio"/> Lower  |
| If possible, please provide your approximate average weekly worship attendance for the following five years:  |  |                                      |  |
| 2014:   |  | 2013:                                |  |
|   |  | 2012:                                |  |
|   |  | 2011:                                |  |
|   |  | 2010:                                |  |
| What percentage of your congregation attends worship <b>and</b> at least one additional church ministry every week, such as Sunday School, small groups, midweek services, Bible studies, etc.? |  |                                      | %  |
| What percentage of your congregation actively serves in the ministries offered by the congregation?   |  |                                      | %  |
| What do you believe is the approximate average age of those who attend your worship services?   |  |                                      |  |
| What do you believe is the approximate average age of the church compared to your community?  |  | <input type="radio"/> Higher         | <input type="radio"/> Slightly Higher <input type="radio"/> About the Same |
|   |  | <input type="radio"/> Slightly Lower | <input type="radio"/> Lower  |
| How many individuals were added to the membership of your church in the calendar year 2013?   |  |                                      |  |
| How many by baptism?  |  | How many by transfer of membership?  |  |



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## FINANCIAL

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|---|---|
| What was the congregation's approximate total income for 2013?  | \$  |
| How does your approximate total income for 2013 compare to your total income five years ago, 2008?  | <input type="radio"/> Higher <input type="radio"/> Slightly Higher <input type="radio"/> About the Same<br><input type="radio"/> Slightly Lower <input type="radio"/> Lower |
| Does your congregation own or rent its worship facilities?  | <input type="radio"/> Own <input type="radio"/> Rent  |
| If your congregation owns its worships facilities, what do you believe is the approximate current market value of all land and buildings? | \$  |
| Does your congregation have a mortgage on its property, if yes also indicate the remaining amount?  | <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes    \$  |
| If your congregation has a mortgage on its property, is that debt owed to (select all that apply):  | <input type="radio"/> Individual <input type="radio"/> Bank <input type="radio"/> Bond Company<br><input type="radio"/> Church Lending Ministry <input type="radio"/> Other |
| If your congregation owns its worship facilities, what year was the most recent building constructed?                                     |   |

## IMPRESSIONS

|  |   |                  |   |          |   |       |   |       |   |
|--|---|------------------|---|----------|---|-------|---|-------|---|
| How would you describe the ethnic composition of your church? Please estimate the percentages below, total should equal 100%:  |   |                  |   |          |   |       |   |       |   |
| Caucasian  | % | African American | % | Hispanic | % | Asian | % | Other | % |
| How would you describe the ethnic composition of your community? Please estimate the percentages below, total should equal 100%:   |   |                  |   |          |   |       |   |       |   |
| Caucasian  | % | African American | % | Hispanic | % | Asian | % | Other | % |
| On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being low and 5 being high, how do you respond to the following statement?<br>I am confident in the future of our congregation: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5 |   |                  |   |          |   |       |   |       |   |
| How do you respond to the following statement?<br>The best days of our congregation are: <input type="radio"/> In the Past <input type="radio"/> Presently being Experienced <input type="radio"/> In the Future   |   |                  |   |          |   |       |   |       |   |