

Building Blocks Assessment

This assessment is based on the Apgar scoring method used to describe the health of newborns right after birth. It is meant to be a quick, first-impression look at how the four Building Blocks of Faith are evident in your congregation. Don’t overthink your responses—go with your initial reaction to each item.

Based on your experience in this church **in the past three months**, write a number (0, 1, or 2, described as follows) in front of each of the statements below.

**0**  (Not at all) **1** (Yes, sometimes) **2** (Yes, most of the time)

## I Belong

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I know that I belong to God.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ This community is a warm, welcoming place.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I feel welcomed and embraced by this community.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ We treat one another with respect and care about our relationships with each other.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have a place or way to contribute to this community.

## I Know and Understand

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ We encourage each other to know God and God’s stories.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I frequently learn new things about God.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A Bible study or prayer group is available for me.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I hear stories of how God is working in the lives of people in this church.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I read the Bible and pray regularly.

## I Have Hope

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ We listen to each other, telling and hearing faith stories.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am confident in the expectation that God will renew this world.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Our actions show and reinforce the hope that our congregation has in Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am sure enough of the hope I have in Christ that my life decisions are based on it.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Our congregation works in our community to show Christ’s love in concrete ways.

## I Am Called and Equipped

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am encouraged by this congregation to discern my gifts and my calling.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am affirmed in my calling by this congregation.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ There are opportunities to serve God in a variety of ways in this congregation.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Our congregation responds to needs in our church, our community, and our world.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I encourage others in the use of their gifts.

## About You

*Check the age group that describes you:*

\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_ Teen \_\_\_ Young Adult \_\_\_ Middle Adult \_\_\_ Older Adult

*Your gender*

\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female

*How long have you attended this church?*

\_\_\_ 5 years or less \_\_\_ 5-10 years \_\_\_ 10+ years