

Introduce Goal

Workshop Goal

To effectively present a community information report that can assist a congregation in their mission and ministry efforts.

Engage Group

- ▶ Review the location of the study area so all are clear on the area being discussed.
- ▶ Have each person complete **10 Questions** without consultation from other participants.
- ▶ Then, in groups of no more than 5, have each group complete a composite **10 Questions**.
- ▶ Finally, have them put their composite on newsprint and display for all participants to view.

Present Answers

Present the **Ministry Area Profile Interview page**.

Highlight and discuss the comparisons between the responses of the participants and the actual numbers.

Group Discussion

- ▶ In the groups formed in step 2, ask them to respond to what they are learning and how it might effect the mission and ministry of their church.
- ▶ Provide examples such as: If the report states that the average age of the population is 23, and the average age of our worshipping congregation on a given Sunday is 55, what questions does that pose for our future ministry?
- ▶ Have them list as many questions as possible for each fact on the page. Do not allow them to make simplistic statements such as "we need to get more young people."
- ▶ Have each group present their questions and look for themes that they can understand and accept.

Conclusion

Direct them to an action step that they commit to completing by a certain time and offer them some next steps that can assist them in this process. Set up a time line of activity and action that results in this activity becoming integrated into the life of the congregation.