

OHIO DISTRICT MINSTERS SURVEY

Columbus, Ohio

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Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Total Responses: 169

Men: 106

Women: 63

1. Is the ministry harder than it used to be?

Total Responses

Yes: 120 (71%)

No: 49 (29%)

Men

Yes: 74 (70%)

No: 32 (30%)

Women

Yes: 46 (73%)

No: 17 (27%)

2. What are your top 2-3 ministry leadership challenges?

Total Responses: Leadership development and commitment surpassed all other issues by far, for both women and men.

Men—top responses in priority order:

#1 Leadership development (recruiting, training, motivating)

#2 Commitment of leaders (ownership, apathy, tenure)

#3 Staff (stability, training, relationships)

#5 People issues (conflict resolution, skills, difficult people)

#4 Vision casting

Women—top responses in priority order:

#1 Leadership development (recruiting, training, motivating)

#2 Commitment of leaders (ownership, apathy, tenure)

#3 Time management

#4 Change management

#5 Staff

3. What one word describes your life right now?

Total responses: overwhelmingly positive (happy, excited, fulfilled, growing)

Men:

Positive: 95 out of 106 responses

Theme is a life of learning/adventure/morphing/challenge.

Negative: 11 out of 106 responses, for example...

"frustrated"

"ready to leave the AG"

"stressful"

"unfulfilled"

"drained"

"weary"

Women:

Positive: 60 out of 63 responses

Theme is a busy/happy/transition life—"fast"

Negative: 3 responses out of 63

"broken"

"overwhelmed"

"dissatisfied"