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Presbytery of Chicago

**Presbytery Reformation Task Force:
Survey of Ministers of Word and Sacrament
Fall 2009**

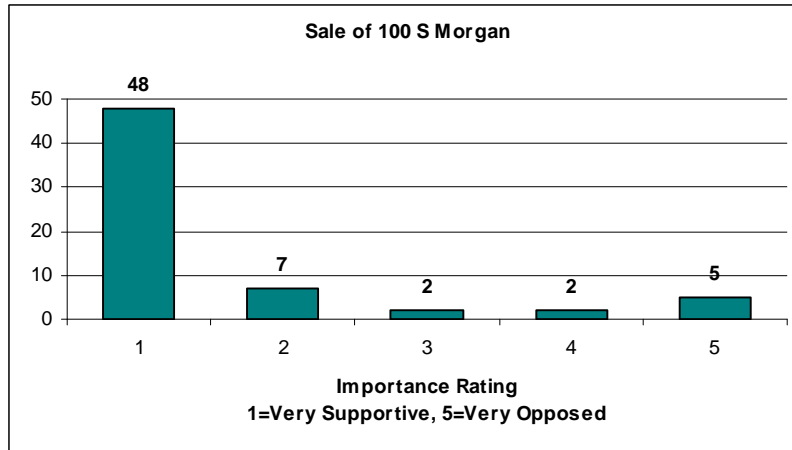


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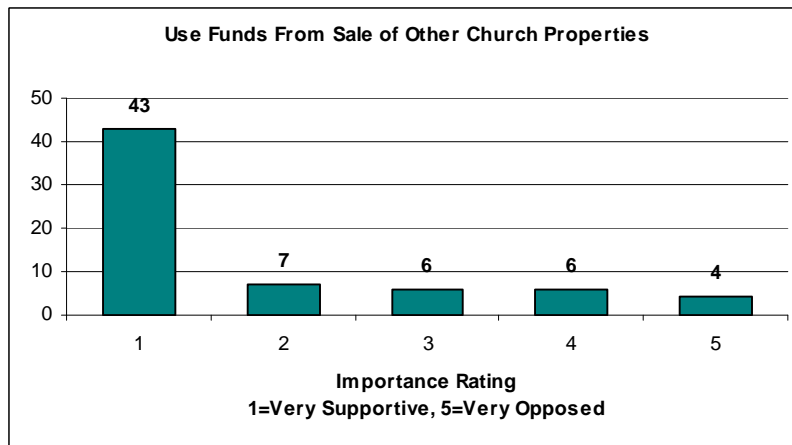
- n Survey conducted of Presbytery of Chicago ministers of word and sacrament
 - i Lunch meetings held between September 17, 2009 and November 20, 2009.
 - i Short presentation followed by discussion and survey
 - i 73 clergy responses
- n Purpose of survey
 - i To learn opinions of ministers about Presbytery of Chicago revenue raising options
 - n Through sale of church properties
 - n Through a possible capital campaign
 - i To hear the ministers' perspectives on the priority of a Presbyterian camping ministry



Sale of Property to Raise Funds

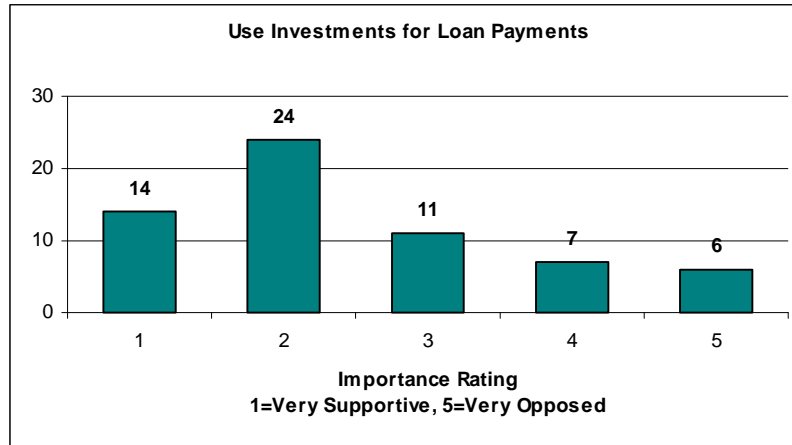


- n There is strong support for the sale of 100 S. Morgan and other church property owned by the Presbytery (e.g., Elmwood Park).

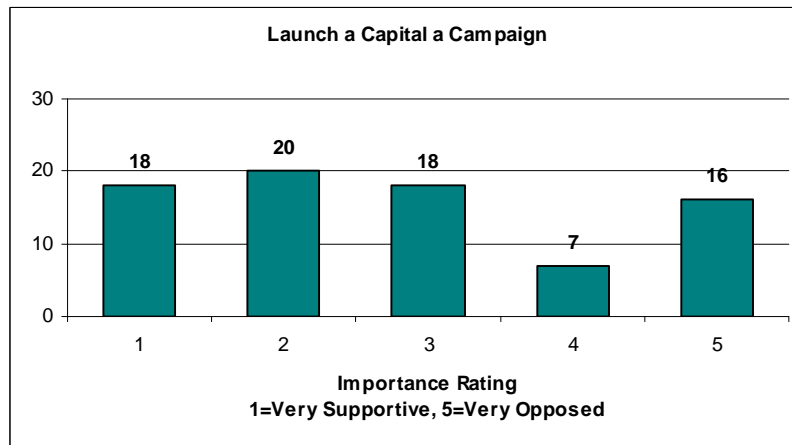




Other Fund Raising Opportunities



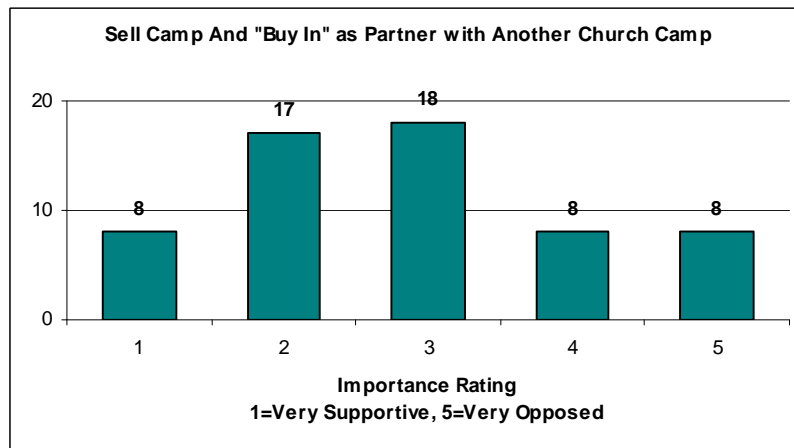
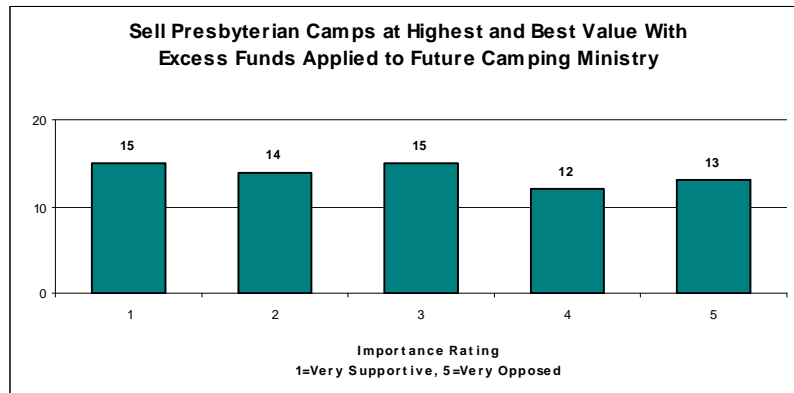
- n There is favorable support for using our limited investments to pay down our debt.



- n The idea of a capital campaign is supported but also received the most responses as “very opposed.”



Sale of Presbyterian Camp: #1 & #2

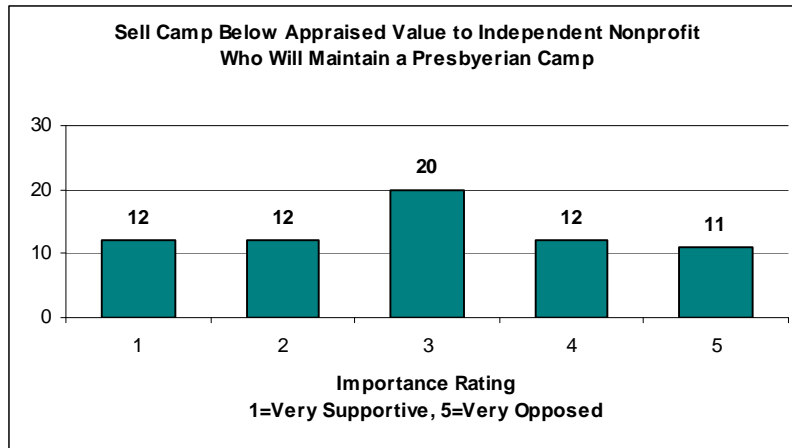


- n This statement suggested selling the existing camp and applying excess funds to a future camping ministry (not site specific)
- n Responses were the most evenly distributed of all questions
- n 29 rated as more favorable and 25 rated as less favorable.

- n There is some support for possibly partnering with another camp.
- n This statement had the lowest overall response rate of all statements (only 59 answered)



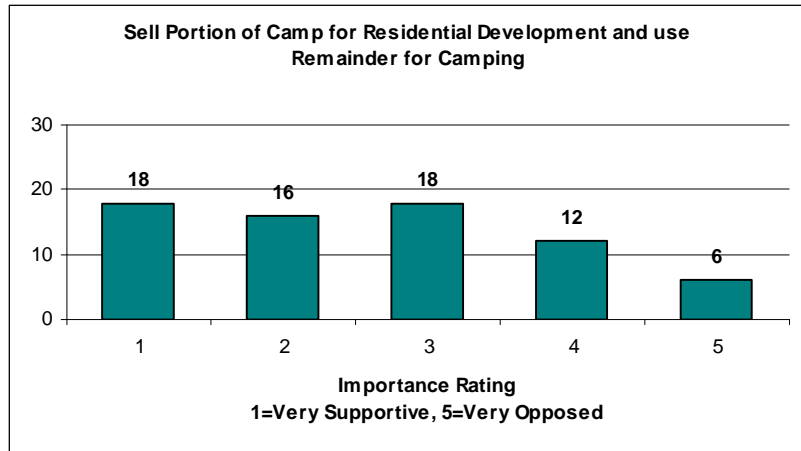
Sale of Presbyterian Camp: #3



- n This statement asked about selling the camp to a 3rd party who will use it for a Presbyterian camping ministry
- n Responses were equally divided on support for this option.
- n This statement generated the highest number of middle importance or “3” ratings.



Sale of Presbyterian Camp: #4



- n This option assumes we can sell part of the property for residential development and retain the rest for a camping program.
- n Responses were generally favorable.
- n This statement generated the highest number of overall responses (70 answered).



Use of Other Camping Facilities

- n Ministers were asked if their congregation had used any other camping facilities in the past 2 years.

Location	Mentions
Stronghold	6
Wonderland	1
Tower Hill, MI	3
Luther Gale	1
Conference Point	1
Covenant Harbor	3
Timber Lee	2
Lake Geneva Center	1
Walcomp	1
Camp Shaw	1
East Bay Camp	1
Wesley Woods	1
Camp Manitoqua	1
Pine Trails	1
Don't know	4
No	3
Total mentions	31



Importance of Camping Ministry

- n Minister's shared these thoughts about the question "How important is it that the camping ministry be at Saugatuck?"
 - i *Some congregations strongly favor a camp at Saugatuck*
 - n *"One member's husband's ashes are there. The camp is a very emotional issue in my congregation."*
 - n *"Some members of our congregation would rank this question as #1"*
 - i *Others are less attached to the specific location*
 - n *"I find the camping ministry very important and though the camp is beautiful I am not attached."*
 - n *"Not necessarily Saugatuck"*



Congregation Preferences

- n Ministers were asked to state the preference of their congregation for the Presbytery's camping ministry.

Description	Mentions
• Preserving a creative camping ministry, whether or not at the Saugatuck property	18
• Retaining the Saugatuck property for camping	15
• A Presbytery sponsored camping ministry is unnecessary	7

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