

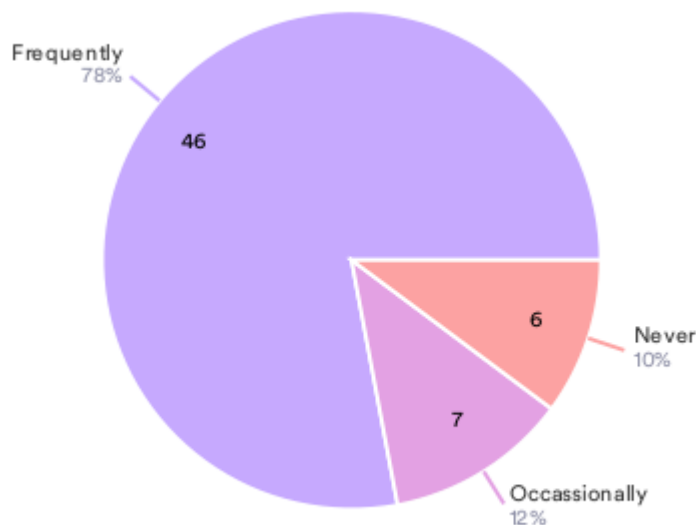
Oakville Presbyterian Church Livestream Survey Report

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To help Session decide whether or not and, if so, how, to continue livestreaming worship services subsequent to relaxation of government lockdown orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic, during June and July 2021 we conducted a survey of members of the congregation to ascertain their opinions on the matter. Two forms of the survey were offered to the congregation, a JotForm online form (<https://www.jotform.com/>) and a paper survey available at the church.

Sixty-one surveys were completed and submitted, 41 online, 20 on paper. Following are the survey items, each followed by pie chart of descriptive statistics of the responses (from a standard JotForm summary report) and a brief interpretation.

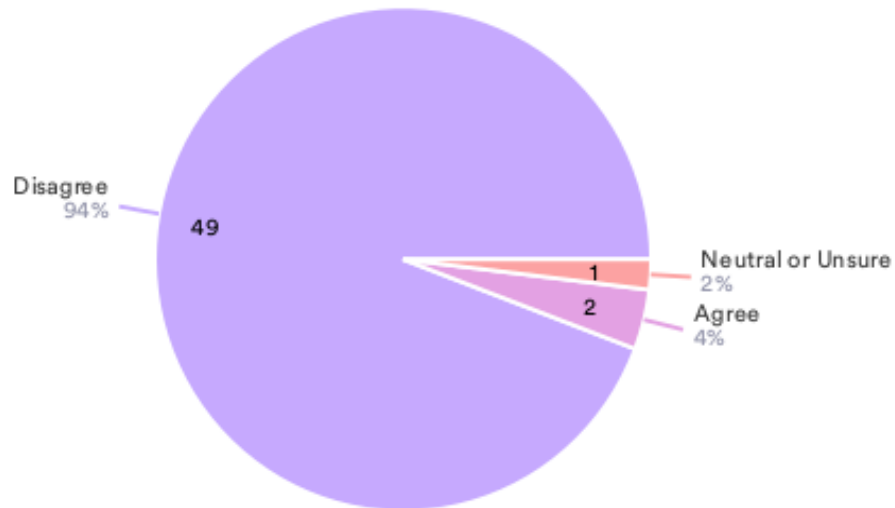
1. Prior to the pandemic, I attended Oakville services in person: (59 Responses- 2 Empty)



A modest number who worshiped with us during the pandemic were new to Oakville: prior to the pandemic, 13 of 59 respondents (22%) attended Oakville never or just occasionally.

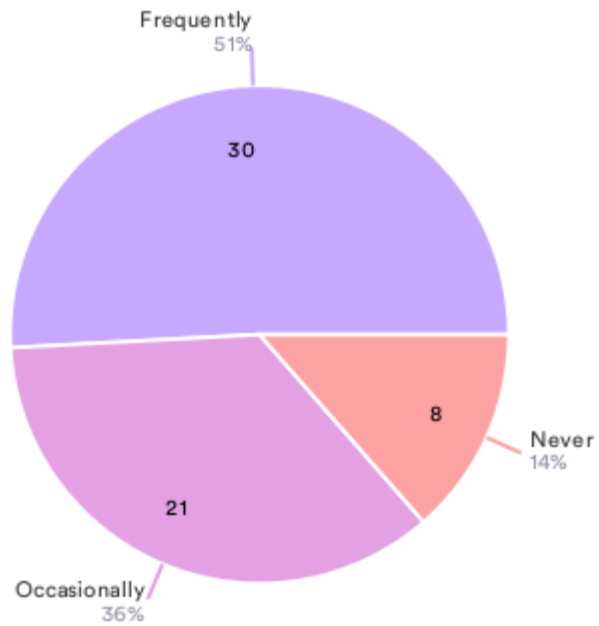
2. I knew little or nothing about Oakville Presbyterian Church until I came across or was directed to its livestreamed services and online videos.

(52 Responses- 9 Empty)



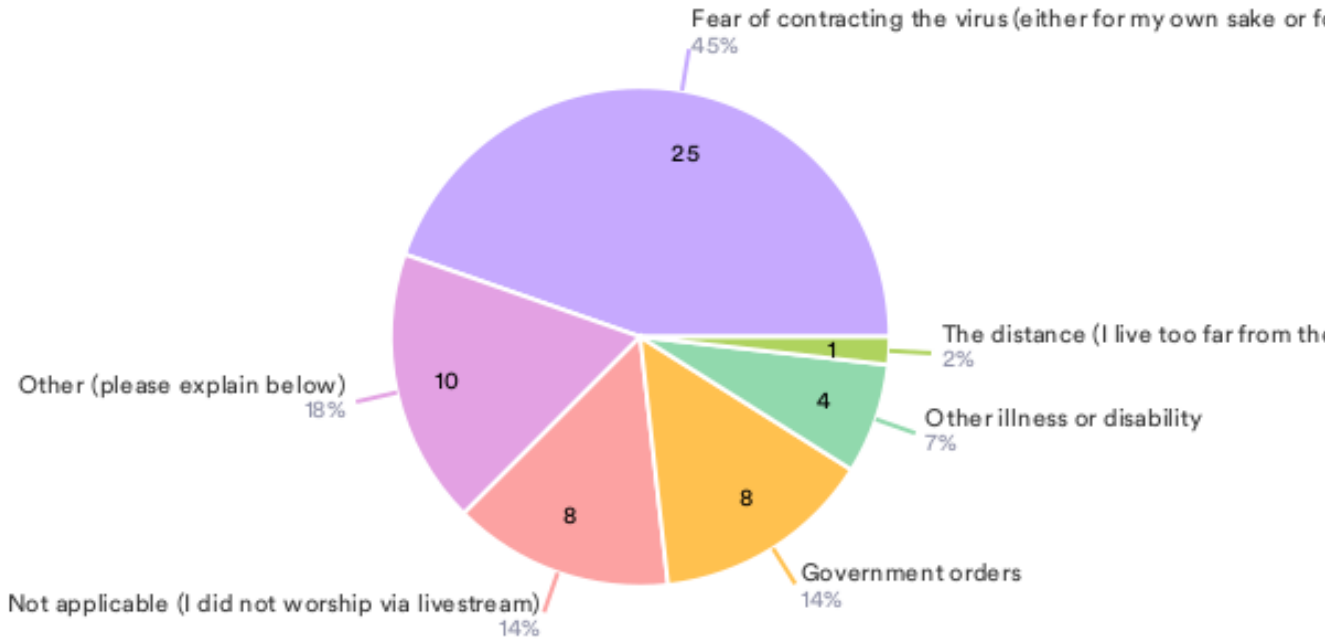
Very few respondents were previously unfamiliar with Oakville: only 2 of 52 respondents (4%) knew little or nothing about Oakville before finding us online.

3. During the pandemic, I participated in Oakville worship via livestream:
(59 Responses- 2 Empty)



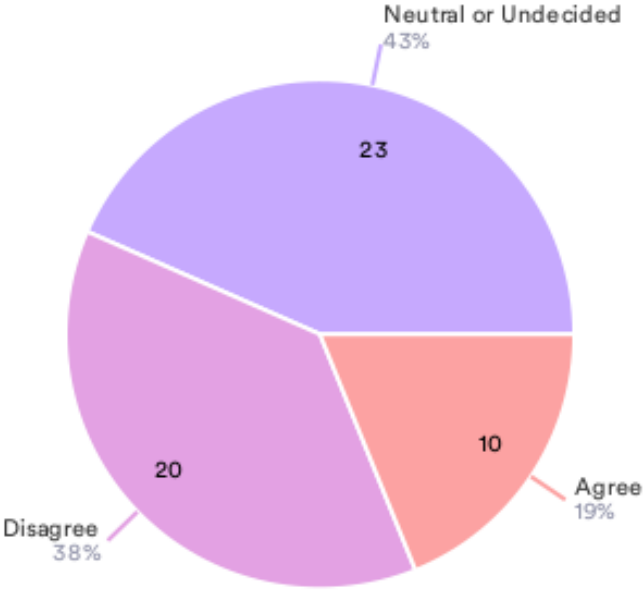
Livestream was well utilized during the pandemic: 51 of 59 respondents (87%) participated in worship by livestream at least occasionally.

4. During the pandemic, I worshiped via livestream (if at all) primarily because of:
 (56 Responses- 5 Empty)



COVID-19 appears to have been the reason -- directly or indirectly -- most who participated by livestream did so: 33 of the 48 respondents who participated by livestream (69%) did so for fear of contracting the virus or because of government orders. Other reasons for participating by livestream included other illness or disability, distance, to allow others to attend in person, and traveling out of the area.

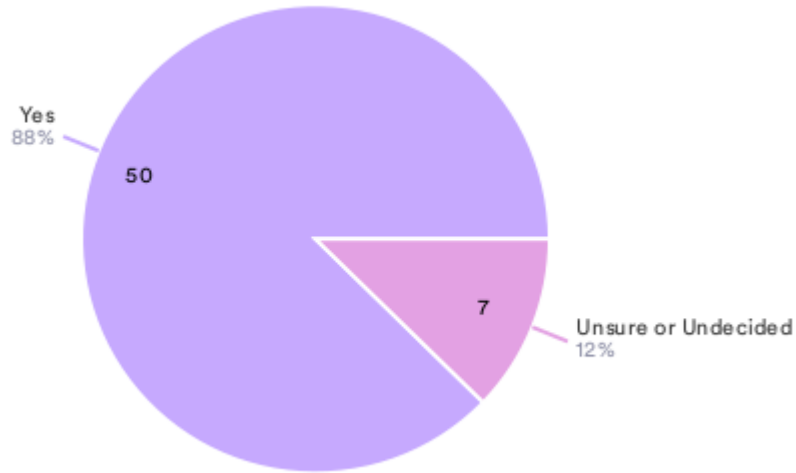
5. Were I to consider playing an active role in an Oakville service - for example as a Worship Leader, musician, or reader - I would rather not appear on livestream and in posted videos of the service.
(53 Responses- 8 Empty)



A sizable number of respondents (although a minority) **would rather not appear in livestream or in posted videos:** 10 of 53 respondents (19%).

6. When the pandemic has abated to the extent that government orders are relaxed and Oakville services can return to pre-pandemic normal, I plan to attend Oakville worship services in person.

(57 Responses- 4 Empty)

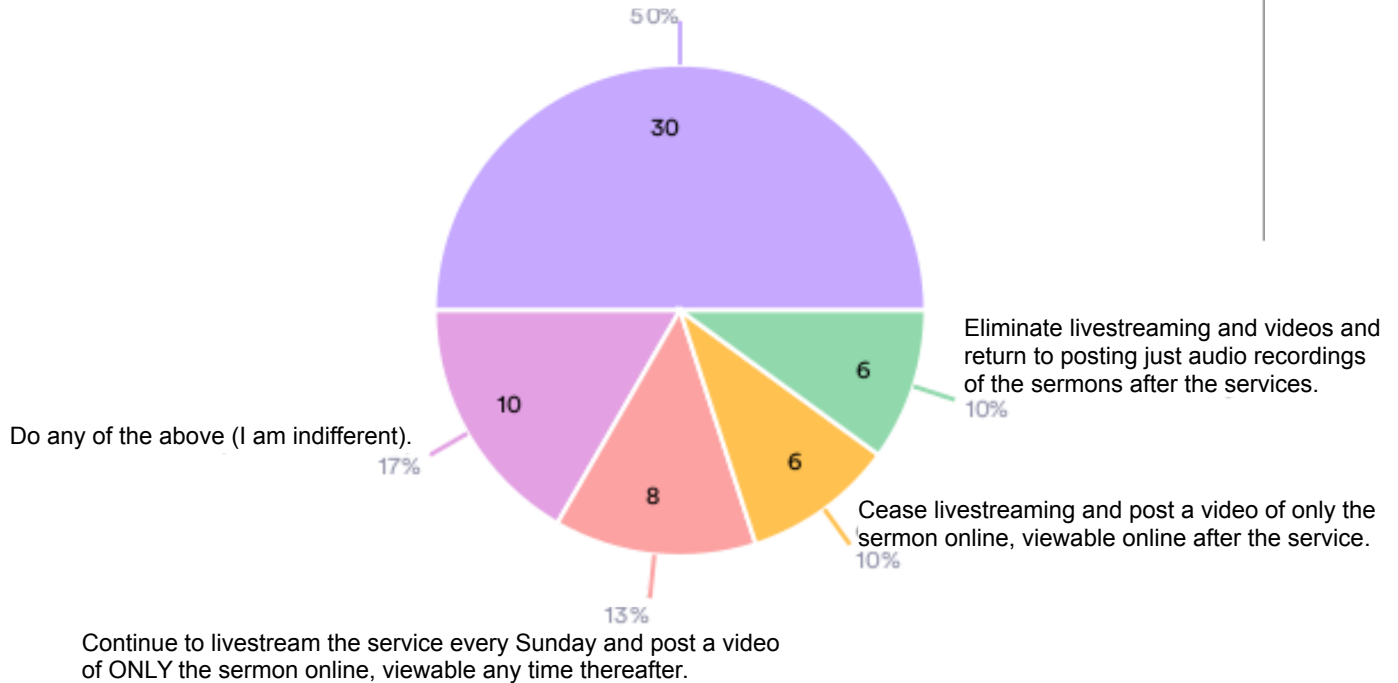


No respondents said they would not attend Oakville in person after the lockdowns are relaxed: 50 of 57 respondents (88%) said they would and 7 (12%) were unsure or undecided.

Livestreaming may have brought us a modest number of new attenders: Of the 13 respondents who, prior to the pandemic, attended Oakville never or occasionally (see p. 1), 7 (54%) said they planned to attend in-person when lockdowns are relaxed (although we did not ask about planned frequency of attendance) and 6 (46%) were undecided, unsure, or did not respond.

7. When Oakville services can return to pre-pandemic normal, Oakville should:
 (60 Responses- 1 Empty)

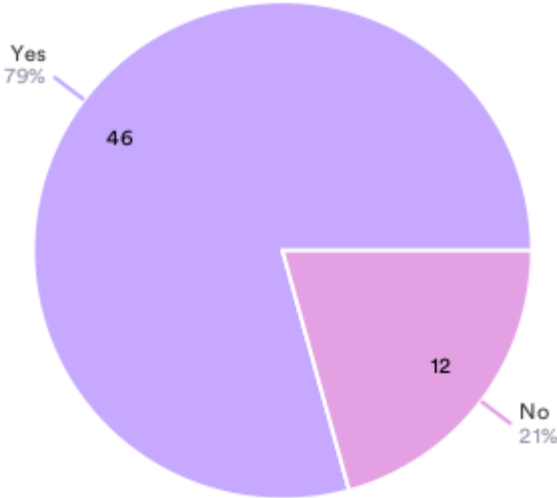
Continue to livestream the service every Sunday and post a video of the service online, viewable any time thereafter.



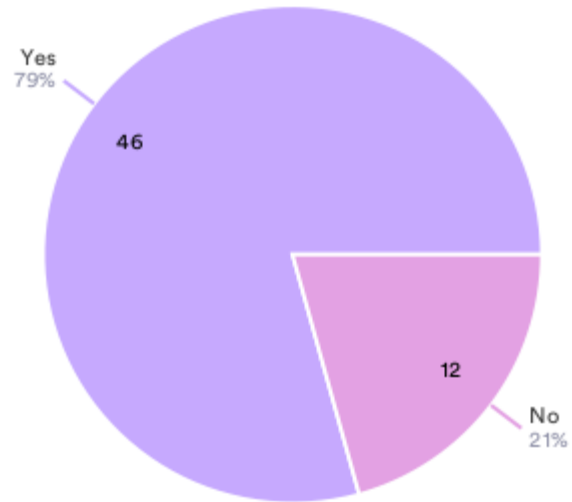
Half of the respondents said that after the lockdowns, we should continue livestreaming and posting full videos: 30 of 60 respondents (50%); 10 (17%) were indifferent and 8 (13%) said we should continue livestreaming but post only the sermon video.

8. I am an official member of Oakville Presbyterian Church, having been formally inducted:

(58 Responses- 3 Empty)



9. On a related topic, I would prefer that Oakville worship services begin at:
(58 Responses- 3 Empty)



Most would prefer a 10:00 AM service: 46 of 58 respondents (79%) voted for 10:00, 12 (21%) chose 11:00.

10. If you would like to explain, qualify, or comment on any of your responses (please identify by number), or to make general comments or suggestions, please do so in the space provided below.

To protect the confidentiality of respondents, these responses, many of which could identify the writer, have been removed from this version of the report.

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