NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH | **50 SURVEYS**

Transition Survey Results

What our congregation values, hopes for, and sees as important for Northview's next chapter

WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST?

Focus on neighborhood
▪▪▪▪▪▪▪▪ 54%

Good youth group
▪▪▪▪▪ 34%

Caters to all generations
▪▪▪▪ 30%

CONCERNS ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Tired members & leaders
▪▪▪▪▪▪▪▪ 58.7%

Music
▪▪▪▪▪▪ 41%

Discouraged
▪▪▪▪▪ 32%

WHO IS NORTHVIEW MOST ATTRACTIVE TO?

Families
▪▪▪▪▪▪▪▪▪▪ 67%

Free Methodist
▪▪▪▪▪▪▪▪ 56%

People who are searching
▪▪▪▪▪▪ 42%

WHO DO YOU WISH WE ATTRACTED MORE?

People who are searching
▪▪▪▪▪▪▪▪▪▪ 72%

Families
▪▪▪▪▪▪▪▪▪ 60%

Young adults
▪▪▪▪▪▪▪▪ 53%

How can we be more attractive to these groups?

31%	25%	21%
Small groups	New pastor	Family-friendly activities / place to bring friends

STRONGEST AGREEMENT

- Lifelong learning is essential to knowing God intimately and being faithful.
- Everyone needs to know Jesus and have opportunities to use their spiritual gifts to reach out.
- Generosity in the local church glorifies God and shows His love to others.

TRANSITION SIGNALS

- Services should balance the needs of the people we are trying to reach.
- It is important that new people become part of this church.
- Respondents disagreed with simply taking things as they come, with the idea that change is easy, and that the most important tasks should be done by the pastor.

What We Heard

CONGREGATIONAL COMMENTS

Pastoral Leadership
Pastoral leadership: biblical teaching together with genuine compassionate care, relational presence and vision. Strengthen follow-up, discipleship, small groups, shared volunteering, youth/family ministry, Argyle Park outreach, and varied worship grounded in prayer.

Connection & Discipleship
A recurring concern was strengthening care and connection through pastoral follow-up, small groups, discipleship, and meaningful opportunities to build relationships.

Shared Ministry & Participation
Many noted that too much responsibility falls on a small number of volunteers. Respondents want more people by way of loving encouragement to use their gifts and leadership abilities. There is a desire for fresh and new expression of worship and participation in our Sunday morning gatherings.

Family, Youth & Neighborhood Outreach
Youth and family ministry, community outreach, and stronger connections with the surrounding Argyle Park community were identified as important opportunities for growth.

YOUTH | WHAT THEY VALUE

Close-knit, family-like community; welcoming and supportive people; outreach beyond the church.

YOUTH | WHAT IS MISSING

Better connections for newcomers who may leave after one or two Sundays; more opportunities beyond youth group, including personal small-group conversations, support through life's ups and downs, and more events.

YOUTH | HOPES FOR THE NEXT 2–3 YEARS

Gym access (possibly through Dr. Hanna); a pastor with a personal, relational approach rather than primarily theological emphasis; and experience working with youth.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DAY | COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Appreciation for free food, clothing and events. Requests for more weekend/holiday gatherings, karaoke, movies, Bible trivia, family welcome opportunities, community volunteers, more advertising and a digital announcement board.

HUSTON HEIGHTS | SHARON CUMMINS, BUILDING MANAGER

Interviewed by members of the Transition team. Sharon recalled Northview's BBQs, clothing giveaways, Halloween Warming Centre, VBS, wheelchair washing and Christmas gift wrapping. She said these show care and help residents with limited incomes.

HUSTON HEIGHTS | NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Residents live independently with care-team support for physical, cognitive or mental health challenges. The nonprofit rents its lounge ($10/hour or $75/day) and is fundraising for a garden gazebo. Volunteer needs: evening/weekend event serving, gift wrapping, wheelchair and walker cleaning. An Evangelical Free Church volunteer offers Friday Bible study. Northview could help host socials in the lounge (TV and Wi-Fi available).

DR. L.M. HANNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | COMMUNITY INTERVIEW

Principal Angela Hutton and Vice-Principal Stacey Bradley interviewed by Transition Team members.

Existing partnership: Northview school supplies, clothing giveaway and Halloween Warming Centre are valued; the school shares notices via EDSBY and promotes Northview parking for school events and pick-up/drop-off.

School community: Approximately 500 students; diverse family structures and incomes, with about half of families from other countries. Kindergarten students speak 16 languages. The population is relatively stable.

Strengths: Before/after-school programming nearby, well-used school gym and community hall, parks and basketball courts, local businesses, and close student relationships.

Challenges and other support: Food storage, sensitivities and no cooking/microwaves complicate snack provision. A Cobs Bread donation trial required substantial sorting and distribution; community members donate knitted winter items, while the vice-principal provides spare clothing.

Specific opportunity: Non-perishable snacks or suitable baking for classrooms would help children without lunches. The School Community Council (SCC) is another contact; community supporters can join without having children at the school.

SHARED DIRECTION

Deepen relationships both within Northview and its surrounding community, welcome newcomers, involve more people in ministry, nurture youth and strengthen practical neighbourhood partnerships.