

08.06.2024 church assessment

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Siburt information on Church Health Assessment here - <https://www.siburtinstitute.org/cha>

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From: **Shelby Coble** <src20c@acu.edu>

Date: Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 11:25 AM

Subject: Re: church assessment

To: **Steve Awtrey** <steve.awtrey@gmail.com>

Gentlemen,

i received this from Sibert this morning the questions you asked me to address are answered. Got home earlier today from hand surgery. everything went well. It is very tedious to type! Thanks for the prayers!!

Steve

Hi Steve,

Yes, it has been particularly hot these past few weeks, we had it a little easier earlier in the summer. I told my roommate yesterday, I'm over the hot weather and yet it's not going anywhere soon.

I'm happy to answer those questions regarding the CHA.

The items measured in the assessment, why are those measurables important?

These measures were developed through an external review of literature and three major health assessments. In addition, scholars, practitioners, researchers, and consultants connected to the Siburt Institute met to confirm these areas in conjunction with the literature and other health assessments for churches. Obviously, a number of additional variables could be considered, yet these factors are consistently present for healthy churches.

Once the assessments are completed and growth areas are revealed do you give us remedies?

Our basic response is to spend time reviewing the results with a leadership team and then spending a couple of hours helping a team consider possible remedies or better, next steps. These conversations typically take place on a Saturday morning visit with the Sunday being a space for sharing the results with the full congregation. In many contexts a church may choose to engage Siburt for longer term development of strategic work in light of the learnings from the instrument and the current season of the church's life.

Of course, what is the cost?

The survey is \$395 plus a weekend, typically \$1800 (including preaching Sunday am and report to church).

Can you give us some names of churches that have done your assessments?

Yes, I can. Let me reach out to some contacts and make them aware they may be hearing from you or other elders at McKnight. I'll circle back around asap on that.

If this raises more questions, please don't hesitate to reach out,
Shelby

On Mon, Aug 5, 2024 at 5:20 PM Steve Awtrey <steve.awtrey@gmail.com> wrote:

Greetings Shelby!

I hope you are staying cool and out of that hot Texas sun! It has been very hot and humid here in St. Louis! You may have us beat on the temperature but we have you beat on the humidity! Last week I was in Colorado helping Aaron move and I really enjoyed the mild temperatures!

I talked with the elders two weeks ago about a church assessment and they had these questions:

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That's all for now! Hope we get to see you Labor Day weekend!

Steve