

Meeting the Needs of Millennials: Faith, Academics and Service-Learning

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Panelists

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- **Jennifer Lindholm and Helen Astin: UCLA**
- **Robert Duke: Azusa Pacific University**
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- **Gabe Goldman: American Jewish University**
- **Annie Tsai: Azusa Pacific University**
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Millennials seek the spiritual in college experience

- Research: Millennials desire that their college years be a time of spiritual development. *“They want to be able to live their lives and to offer them, if necessary, for something worthy of sacrifice and service; and they want to live so as to leave the world a better place than the mess that they have inherited.”* Peter Gomes Harvard University College Pastor for 20 years

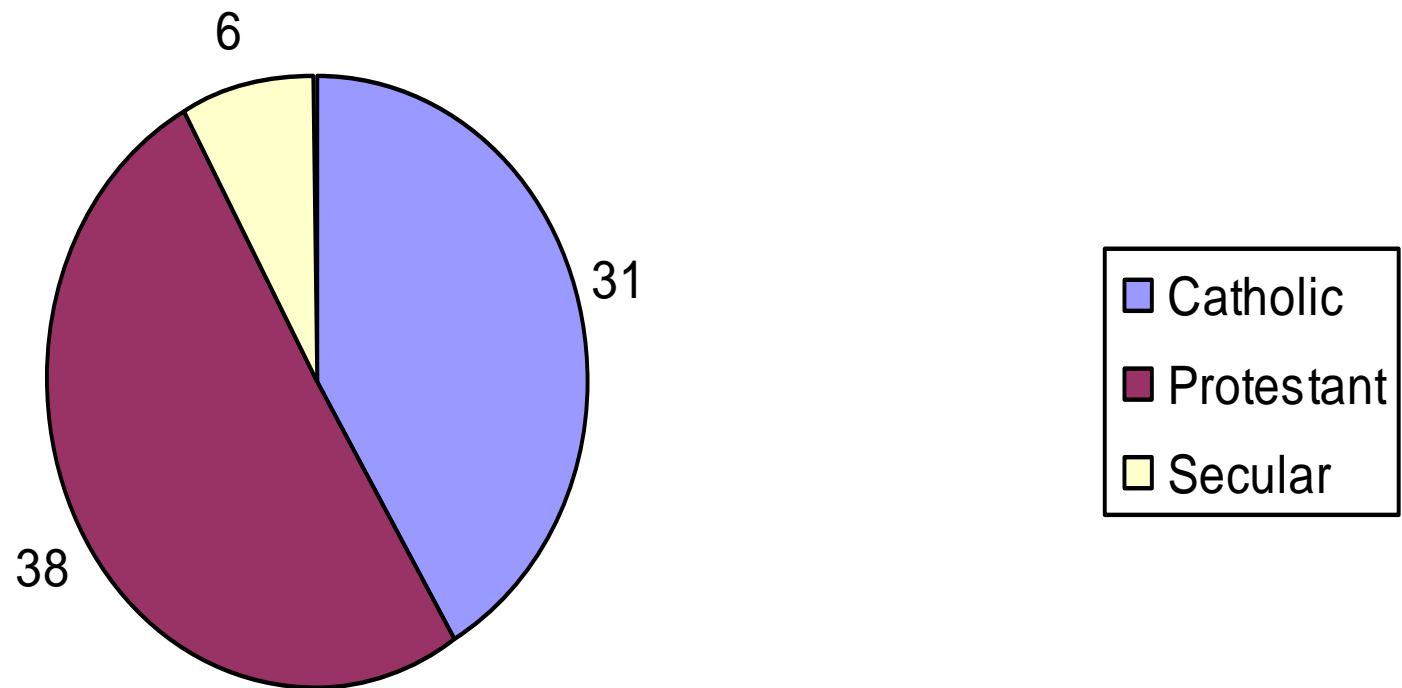
Characteristics of Millennials

- Want to learn by working collaboratively, teamwork
- Want to be involved in real-life issues that matter to them
- Religion matters when they can apply it to their lives
- They seek for meaning, purpose and relationship within their college experience

Campus Compact Wingspread Declaration on Religion and Public Life: Engaging Higher Education, July 2005

- *“Colleges and universities must explore new curricula and programs to consider a variety of worldviews, both secular and religious.”*
- *“Programs designed to address student concerns regarding meaning, purpose, and integration of learning with religious worldviews, whether such programs be academic or non-academic parts of student life or a combination, should complement and enrich a student's disciplinary studies and educational experience.”*

Profile of 80 Survey Respondents out of 100 Registered Participants in a 2004 Messiah Conference on Faith and Service Learning



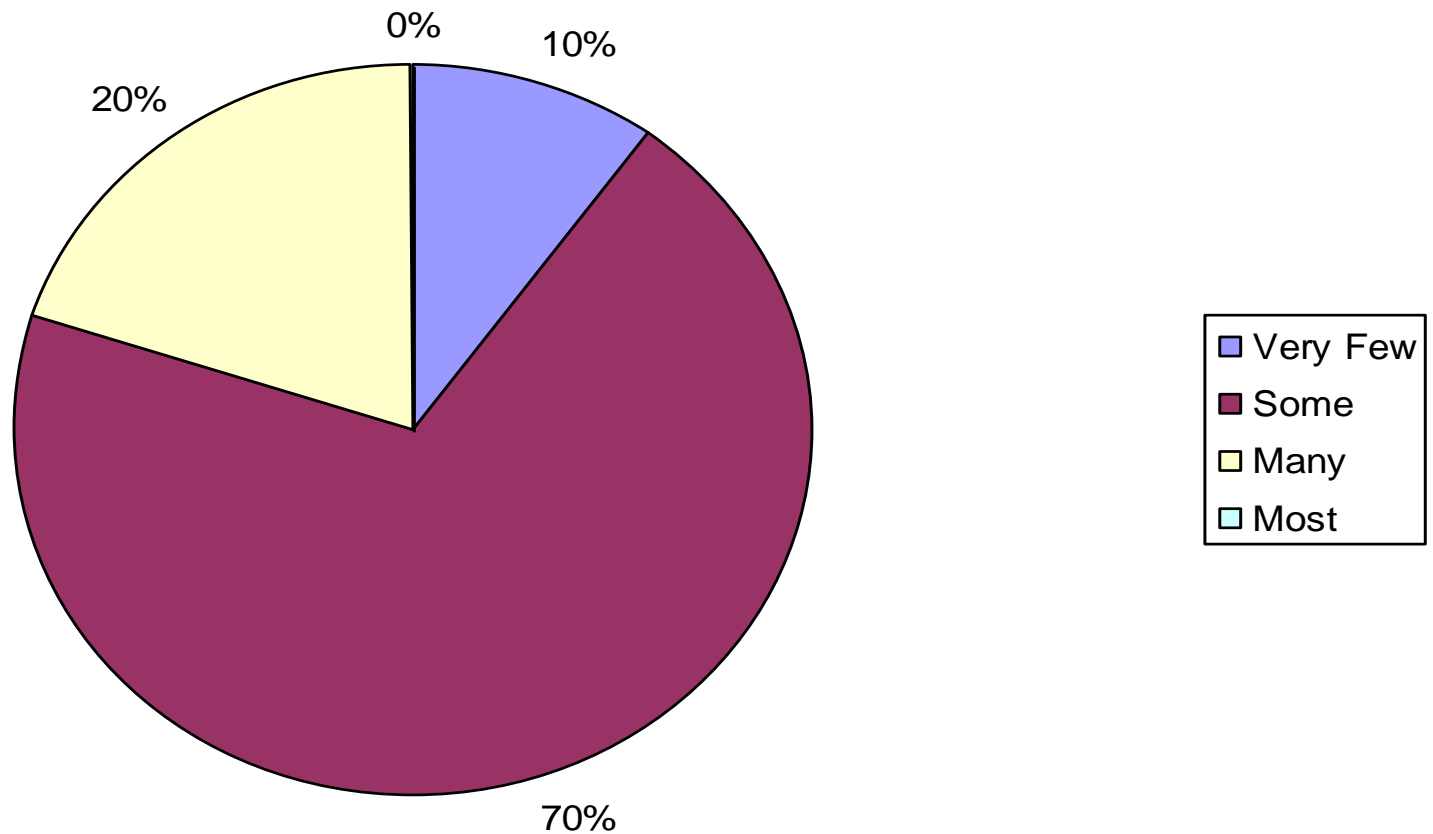
Catholic Orders

- Benedictine
- Bernadine Sisters of St. Francis
- Congregation of the Holy Cross
- Diocese of Erie
- Dominican
- Felician Sisters - Franciscan tradition
- Franciscan
- Holy Cross
- Jesuit
- Lasallian (Brothers of the Christian Schools)
- Mercy
- Roman
- Sisters of Mercy
- Sisters of the Holy Cross
- Spiritan
- St. Francis of Desales
- Vincentian

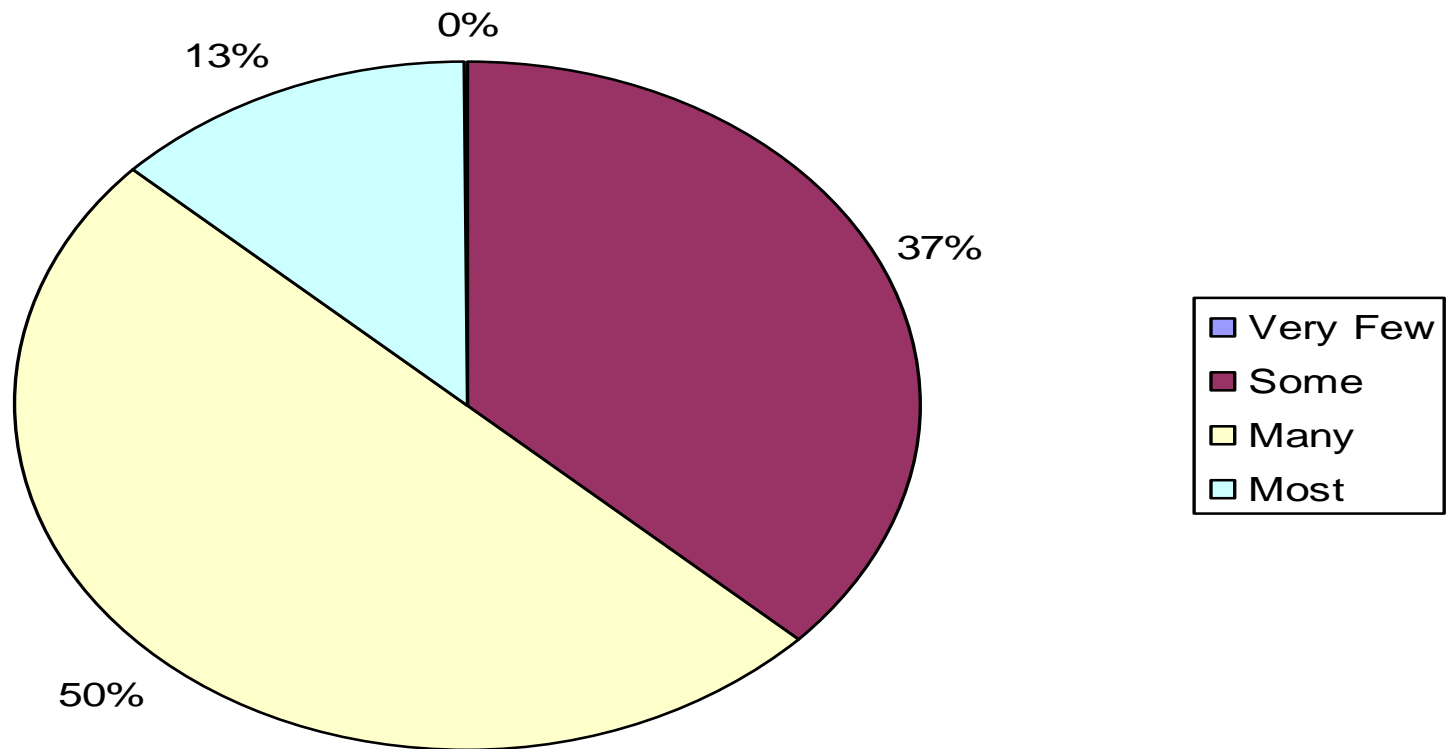
Protestant Denominations

- Brethren in Christ
- Christian Reformed
- Church of Christ
- Church of God
- Evangelical Free
- Evangelical Friends
- Friends
- Independent Bible Church
- Interdenominational
- Lutheran
- Lutheran - Missouri Synod
- Lutheran (ELCA)
- Mennonite
- Methodist
- Non-denominational
- Nondenominational Christian; Wesleyan Holiness tradition
- Non-denominational, evangelical
- Presbyterian
- Reformed Church of America
- Southern Baptist
- United Methodist
- Wesleyan
- Wesleyan, Quaker

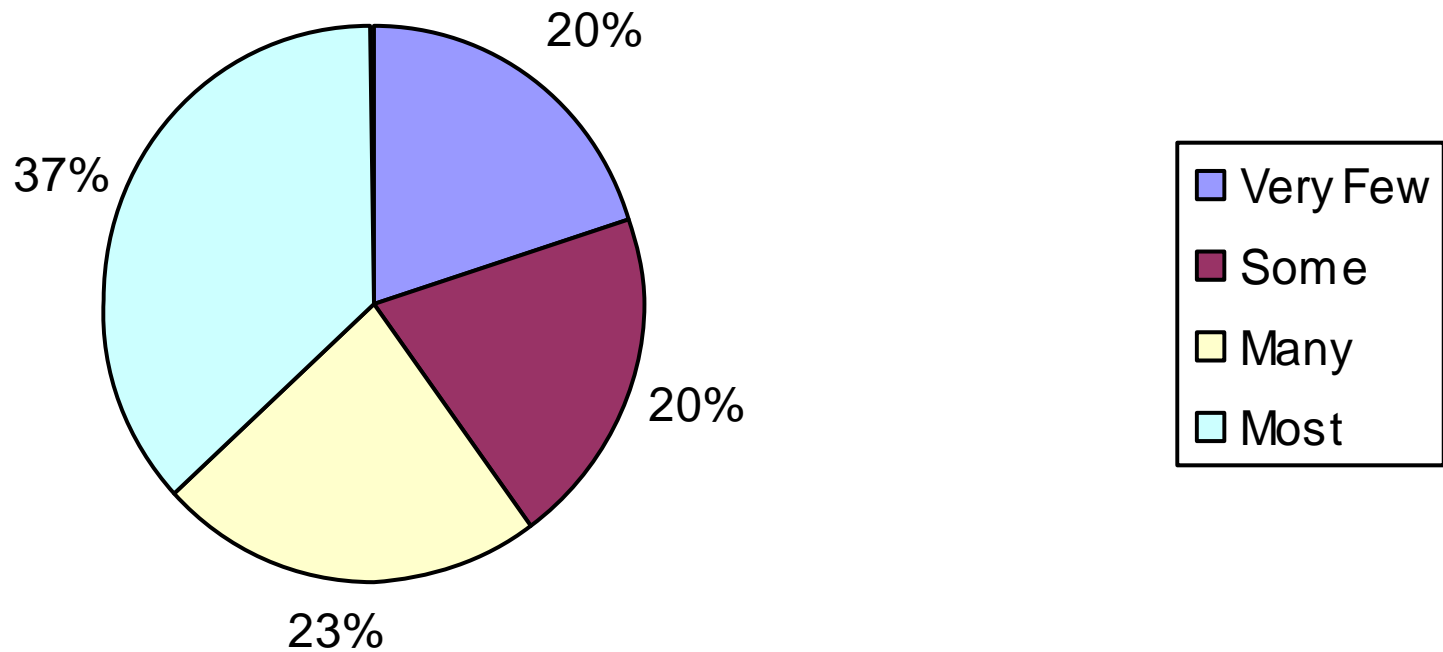
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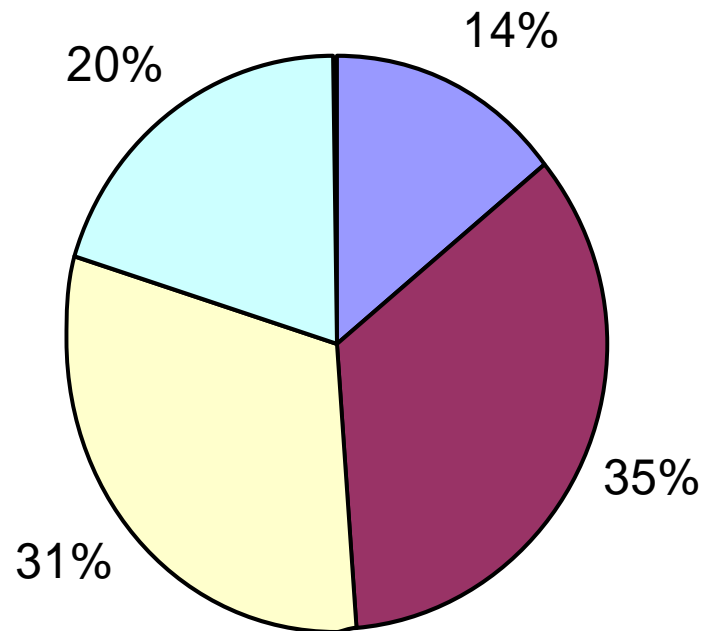
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Service Learning as a Bridge

- *“Service-learning challenges students to consider what they believe... and studies have shown that service-learning impacts students’ spirituality and allows them to make the connection between their personal faith and values and their service to the community.”*

Regan Schaffer, Pepperdine University