

# OUR CHURCH WIDE SURVEY

## Workshop Invitation: Thriving in Community

Our church belongs to the California-Nevada Conference, whose vision is **“Following Jesus, Thriving in Community, Healing the World.”** In alignment with this vision, we aim to focus on ministries that emphasize **Thriving in Community.**

I deeply desire for our church to move beyond surviving and become a thriving congregation. I believe that when we strive to be a thriving church, the natural outcome will be a community that follows Jesus and brings healing to the world.

No one wants to see a declining or dying church. Yet, the reality is clear in the statistics from our own conference. This should serve as a wake-up call for us. If we continue clinging solely to traditions without adapting, we risk heading down the same path. Let us be vigilant and make every effort to ensure that does not happen.

To do so, we need open hearts and open minds. Will we remain a church that focuses only on those already inside, or will we transform into a church that reaches out to those who do not yet know Jesus? The answer is clear. We must read the signs of the times and adapt them to our context to ensure our church continues to grow and thrive.

This is why we are holding this workshop. Together, we will reflect on what it means to be a thriving church and explore how we can transform into that vision. I invite all of you to join this important conversation.

Below is the workshop schedule. Your participation is crucial. Committee chairs are encouraged to take this workshop seriously by meeting with their members beforehand to create a **3-year plan** for helping our church become a thriving congregation. During the workshop, we will come together to share and refine these plans to ensure they complement one another and align with our vision.

## Workshop Schedule

Time	Activity
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome and Opening Prayer
09:45 – 10:30	Keynote Address by Rev. Sam Yun (San Ramon Valley UMC)
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:00	Survey Results Presentation
11:00 – 12:00	Visioning Session by Rev. Sam Yun
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch Break
12:45 – 13:00	Sharing Our Vision: Debrief and Key Insights and Next Steps by Rev. Sam Yun
13:00 – 14:00	Action Planning: Committees outline 1-year, 2-year, and 3-year plans.
14:00 – 14:15	Break
14:15 – 14:45	Committee Presentations: Each committee presents their plans briefly.
14:45 – 15:00	Closing Remarks and Prayer

## Activity Descriptions

- **Welcome and Opening:** Unite in song and prayer to set a spiritual tone for the workshop.
- **Keynote Address:** Rev. Sam Yun will provide practical strategies and inspiration for building a thriving congregation.
- **Survey Results Discussion:** Share and analyze the outcomes of our recent survey to identify areas for growth.
- **Visioning Session:** Collaboratively define the church’s identity and priorities, using methods like sticker voting to encourage participation.
- **Action Planning:**
  - Committees will draft detailed ministry plans for the next three years, focusing on:
    - ✦ **Year 1:** Immediate, achievable goals.
    - ✦ **Year 2:** Intermediate plans requiring preparation.
    - ✦ **Year 3:** Long-term objectives aligned with the church’s vision.
  - ✦ Plans should be specific, measurable, and rooted in both survey results and our mission.
  - ✦ **Committee Presentations:** Each team will present key aspects of their plans to ensure transparency and foster shared ownership.

**Closing Remarks and Prayer:** Conclude the workshop by summarizing key takeaways, expressing gratitude, and closing with prayer.

Together, let us commit to this important work of transformation. Your voice and participation are essential as we build a thriving church that follows Jesus, thrives in community, and heals the world.