

# Matthew 25 Task Force Report



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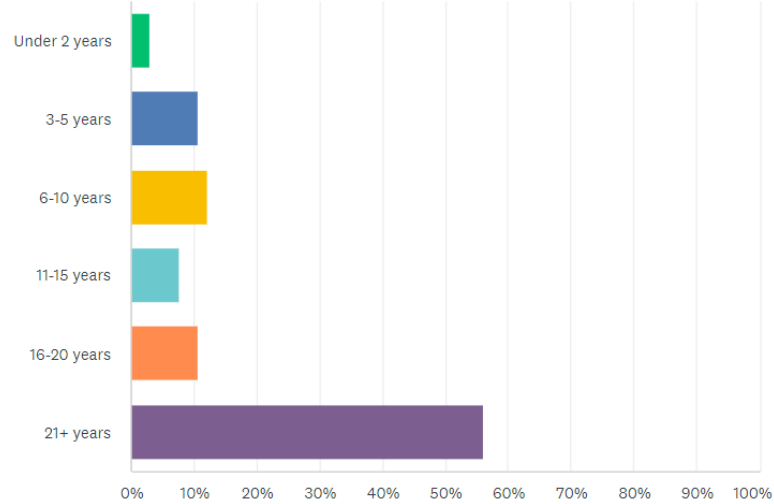


Lakewood Presbyterian Church

# Respondent Demographics

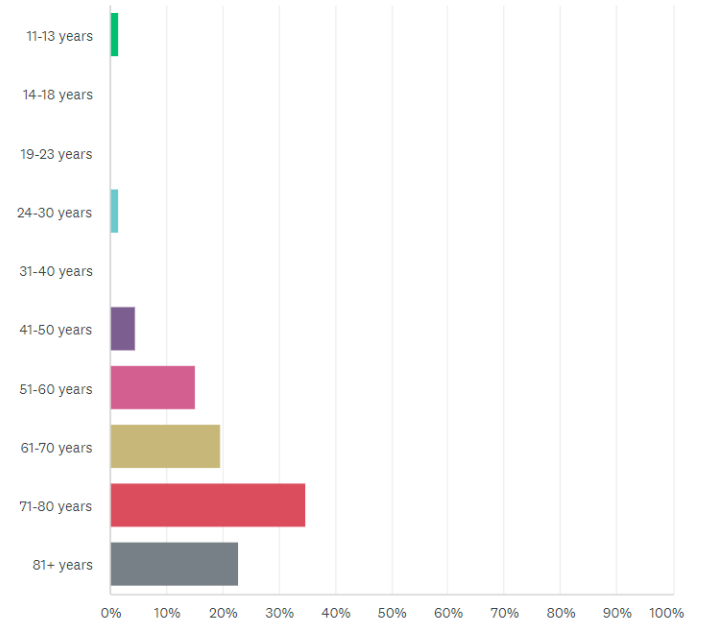
How long have you been a member of LPC?

Answered: 66 Skipped: 1



What is your age range?

Answered: 66 Skipped: 1



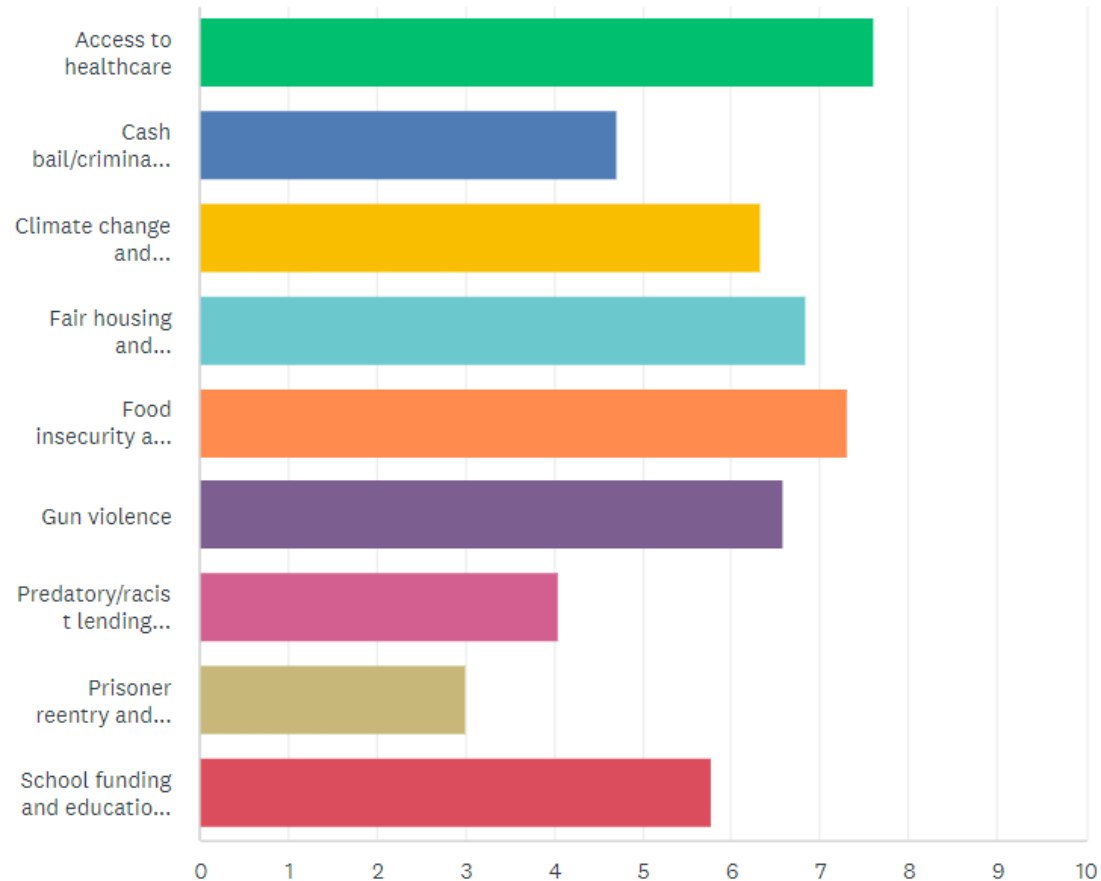
## Observations:

- 67 total responses
- Participation rate of 19% among membership of approximately 350 (average for any survey is 20%-30%)
- Respondents are and have been heavily involved in a wide variety of church activities, already highly engaged and active

# Ranked Issues of Poverty

Again thinking about issues, please rank five of the following issues related to poverty that are of greatest concern to you, 1 being of greatest concern:

Answered: 64 Skipped: 3



1. Access to healthcare

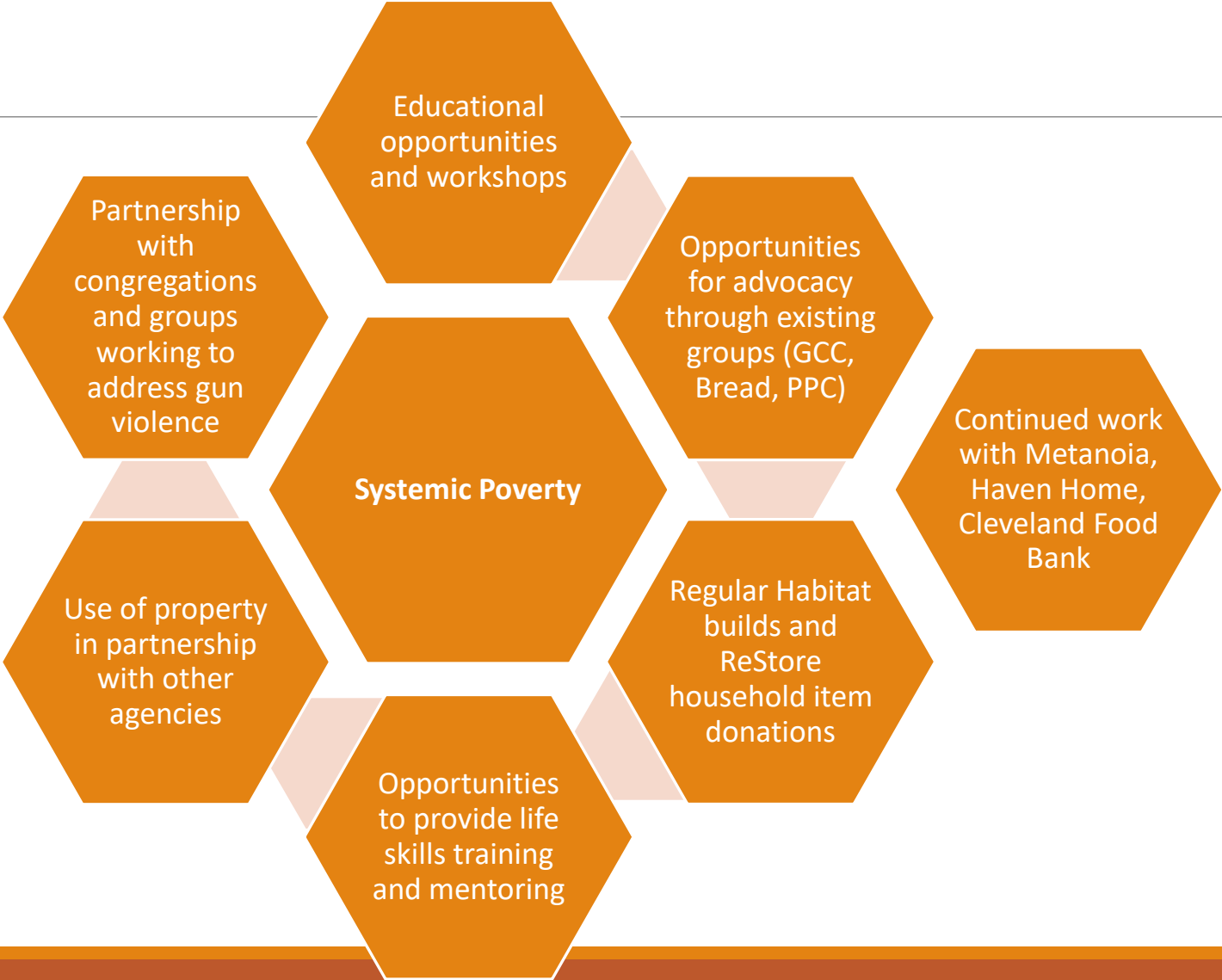
2. Food insecurity and hunger

3. Fair housing and homelessness

4. Gun violence

5. Climate change and sustainability

# Suggestions to Address Poverty

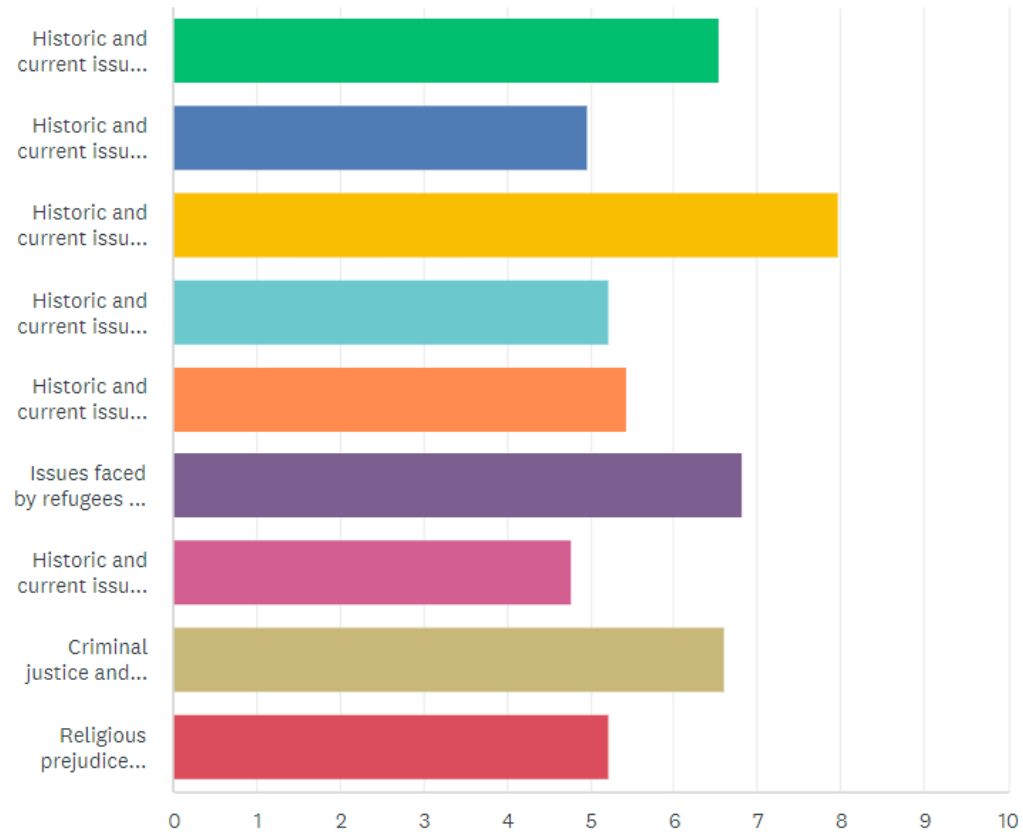


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PPC = Poor Peoples Campaign

# Ranked Issues of Racism

Thinking about issues, please rank five of the following forms of prejudice, discrimination, or racism that are of greatest concern to you, 1 being of greatest concern:

Answered: 65 Skipped: 2



1. Historic and current issues faced by Black people/People of Color

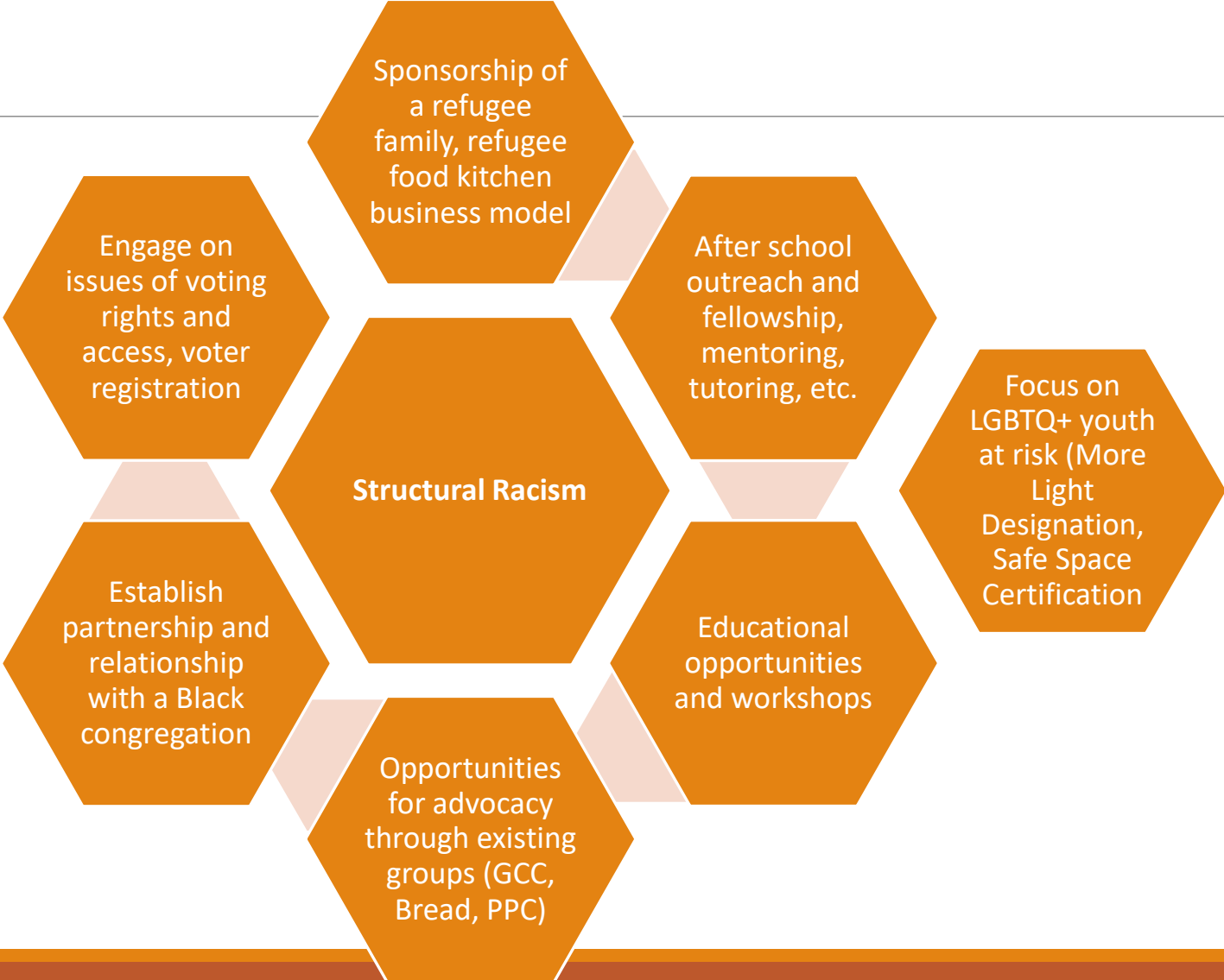
2. Issues faced by refugees and immigrants/immigration reform

3. Historic and current issues faced by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and queer individuals

4. Criminal justice and police reform

5. Historic and current issues faced by Middle-Eastern Americans

# Suggestions to Address Racism



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# Suggestions for Congregational Vitality

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# Additional Observations

Strong desire to engage with issues of racism faced by Black people and People of Color, but recognition that this is a challenge for us as a predominately white congregation

Access to Healthcare was #1 concern related to poverty but no suggestions provided for ways to engage (consider partnership with Partners in Health, Neighborhood Family Practice?)

Definite concern regarding Climate Change and Sustainability, but likewise, no suggestions provided for ways to engage (consider PWR Environmental Stewardship Network, Earth Care Congregation?)

Additional concern regarding Gun Violence, but again, no specific suggestions provided for ways to engage (consider PWR God Before Guns?)

Vast majority of respondents want more opportunities to learn and more ways to engage in advocacy

Desire to see Matthew 25 lifted up throughout the church, in internal and external communications, in member connections, in worship, etc.

Trend toward focusing on existing relationships, expanding where needed (Habitat, LCSC, Metanoia, Haven Home, Cleveland Food Bank, Bread for the World, The Hope Center, Presbytery Networks)

Limited introduction of new relationships/ministries (GCC, PPC, USCRI or other refugee programming, Youth fellowship (LGBTQ+ Safe Space))

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**LCSC = Lakewood Community Services Center**

**PPC = Poor Peoples Campaign**

**USCRI = United States Committee on Refugees and Immigration**

**PWR = Presbytery of the Western Reserve**

**LGBTQ+ = Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer**