

Dear friends,

The below invitation is for the National Churches Trust survey of church buildings. If you looked at the URC website in past weeks you will have seen a story about it. This is an ambitious project seeking to gather information on every church building in the land, all denominations included. The survey was prepared with URC input and will be useful to us in several ways. First, it will give an overall idea of the age and state of our buildings. Then it will tell us something about the scale of the contribution we make to our communities through the provision of meeting space. I know that this will be an impressive picture! The National Churches Trust will use the findings to raise the profile of church and community work with government and other agencies. It will be helpful to us in the URC as well, giving us data that we can use in our publicity and our negotiations with prospective community partners.

The survey was tested thoroughly so that it would be straightforward to complete – I hope that you find it so! There is an email address in the invitation for any questions you may have.

Thank you very much for your help!

Sent by Krystyna Pullen on behalf of
Robert Rominger
General Secretary
United Reformed Church

The National Churches Trust Survey 2010

The National Churches Trust, formerly the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, is conducting a nationwide online survey to obtain a better understanding of the condition and use of Christian places of worship across the country.

Click on this link to access the survey:

<http://survey.nationalchurchestrust.org>

We are the only national charity dedicated to supporting and promoting church buildings of all Christian denominations across the UK, and are seeking your help to ensure that the results of this questionnaire are as complete as possible.

Why should you complete this survey?

The responses we receive will help us to build a convincing fact-based case for supporting these buildings, to promote their value as places of worship and important community resources, and provide arguments for developing sustainable long-term funding. It will also help us to tailor the support and advice we can provide.

How to take part

To participate in the survey, please click on the link above. The online survey is easy to use and has been designed to be filled in quickly. You do not need to complete all your answers at one time, but can save and return to them later. If you have responsibility for more than place of worship please provide one set of responses for each.

Please contact Charlotte Walshe with any queries at: nationalchurchestrust@surveylab.co.uk.

We look forward to receiving your responses.

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