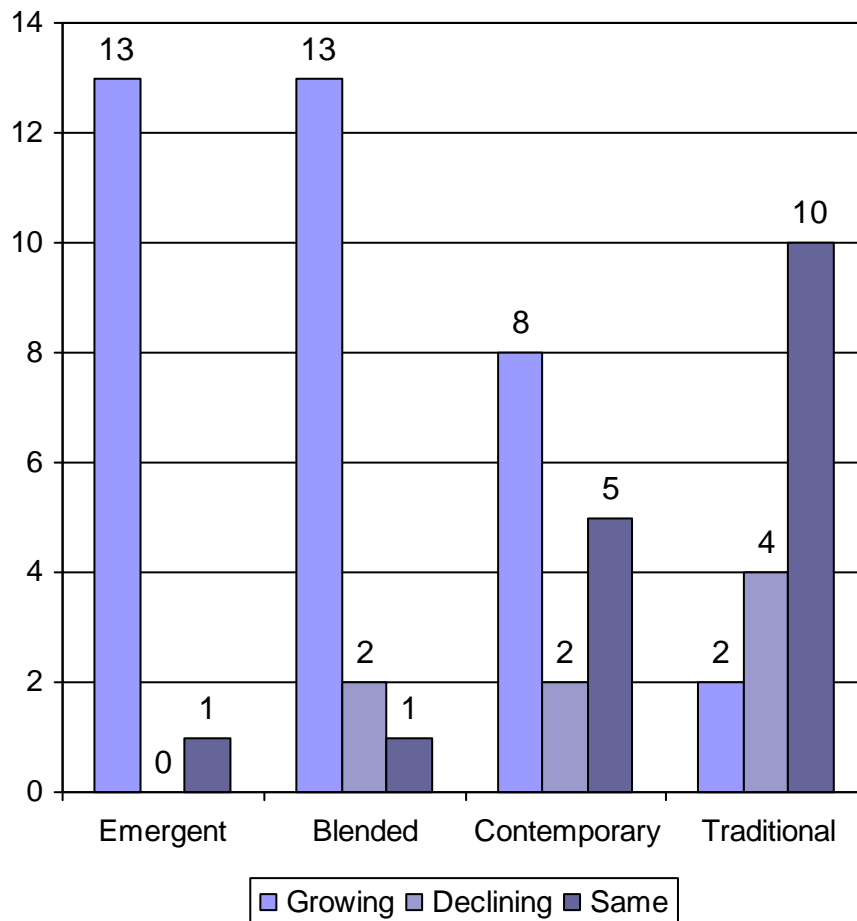


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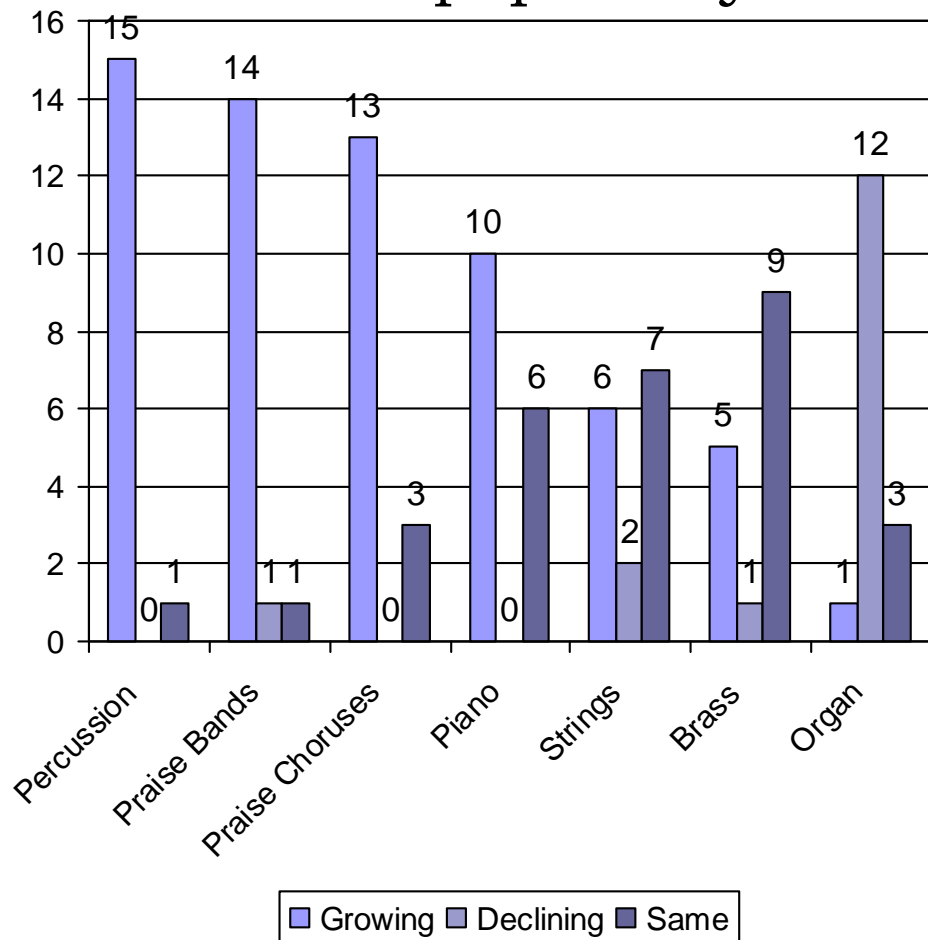
- 17 Seminary Professors responded to this 16-question survey
- The survey gauges the academic opinion of what is happening in churches today
- 13 respondents are professors of homiletics, liturgics, or both. Three are directors of programs/institutes for ministry preparation. One is a professor of church history.
- Findings for this survey are reported in raw numbers, because of the small sample size.

“For each of the following **worship styles**, please indicate whether you believe it to be growing, declining, or remaining the same in popularity and use.”



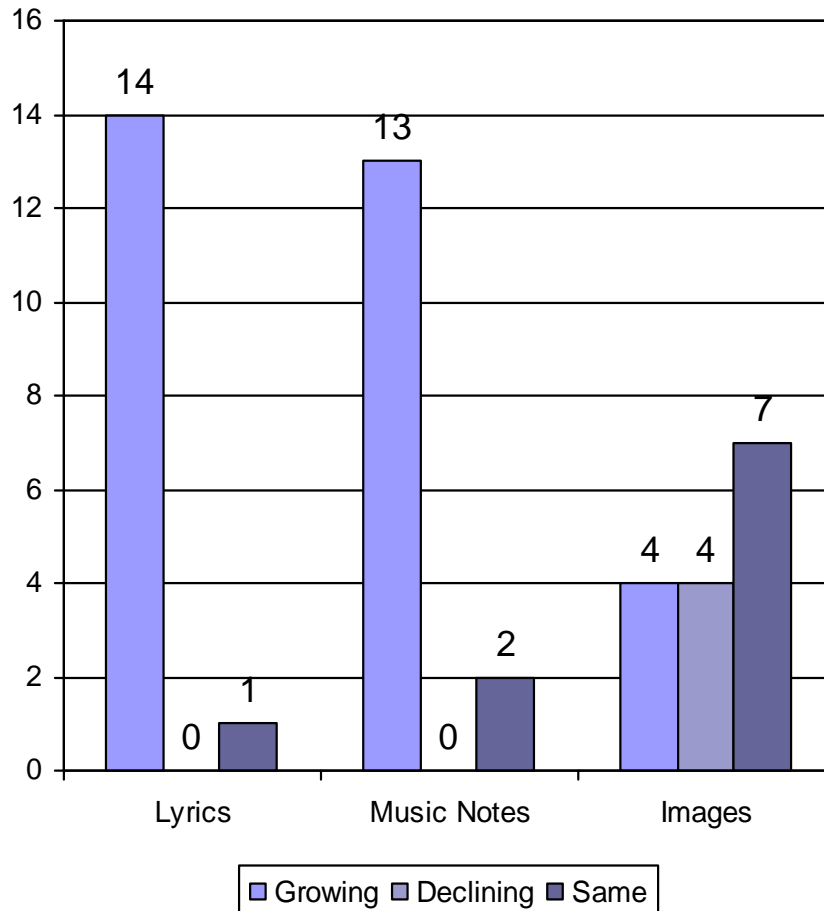
- n=16
- Emergent worship is considered to be the “up and coming” style of worship, with 13 respondents saying it is growing.
- Half of respondents see Contemporary worship as growing, while one-third believe it is staying the same.
- 63% believe the popularity of traditional worship has not changed, while another 25% say it is declining.

“For each of the following **instrumental options**, please indicate whether you believe it to be growing, declining, or remaining the same in popularity and use.”



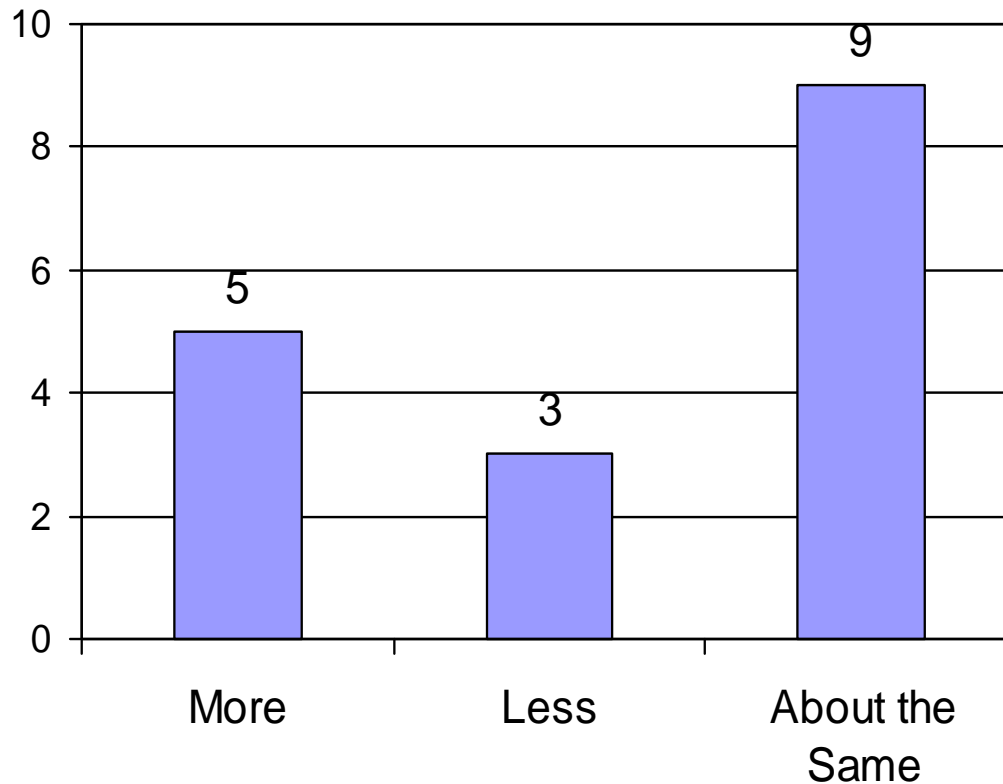
- n=16
- Respondents see percussion, praise bands, and praise choruses as the areas of greatest growth.
- Organ is predominantly seen to be declining in usage, while most see strings and brass to be neither growing nor declining.

“For each of the following **uses of projection**, please indicate whether you believe it to be growing, declining, or remaining the same in popularity and use.”



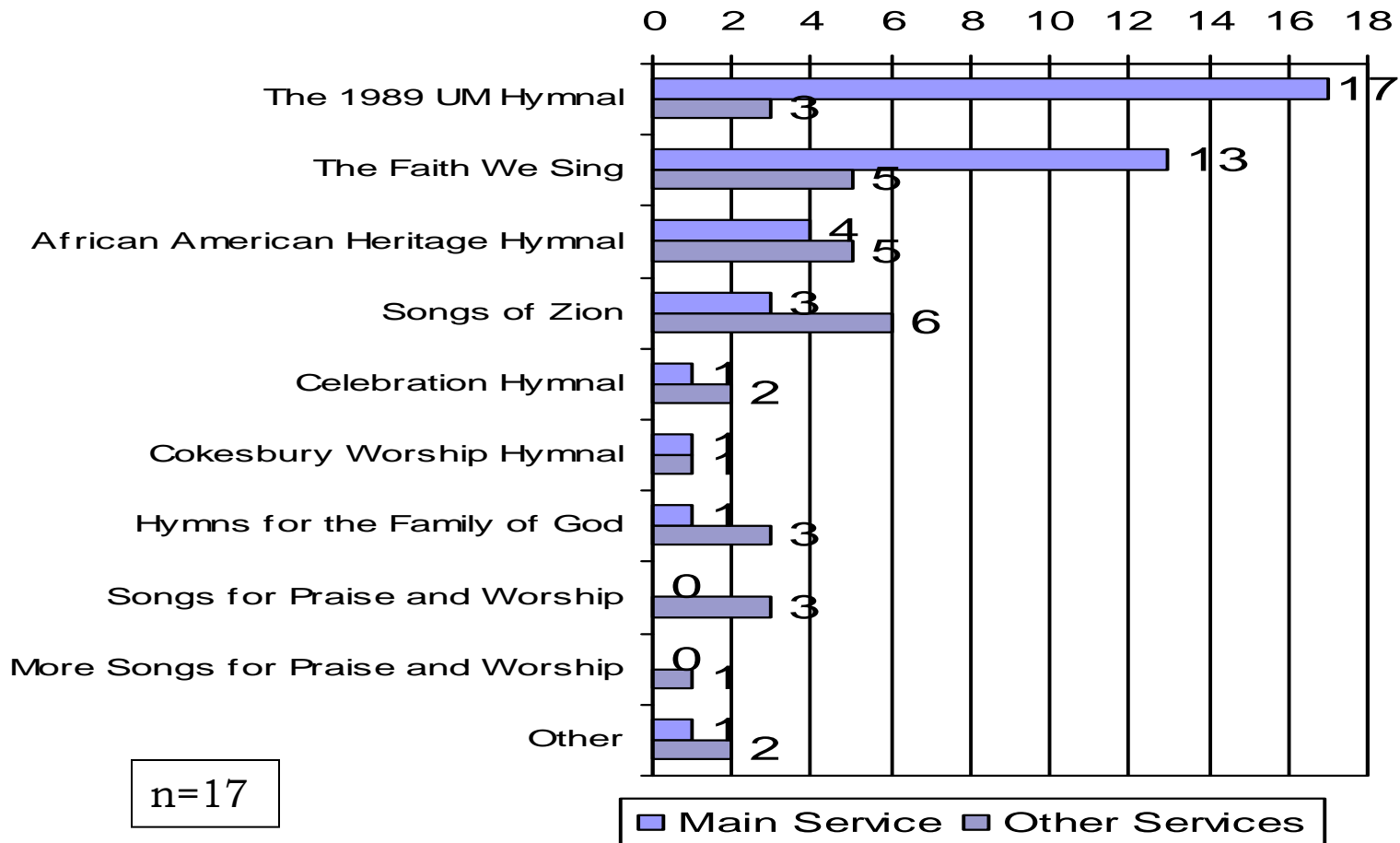
- n=16
- Respondents overwhelmingly see growth in projection of lyrics and music for congregational singing.
- Opinions on use of projection for images, however, vary widely, with almost half saying projection of images has stagnated.

“Do you believe church **congregations sing** more, less, or about the same as five years ago?”

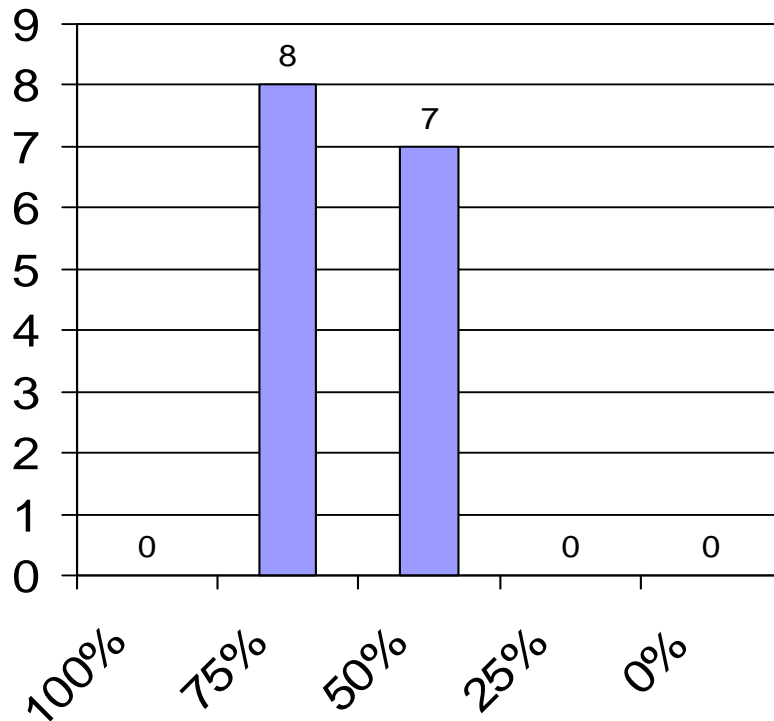


- n=17
- Respondents are divided over the change in amount of congregational singing they see in churches.
- Over half have noticed no significant change.

“What **hymnals or songbooks** do you regularly see being used in United Methodist worship service(s)?”

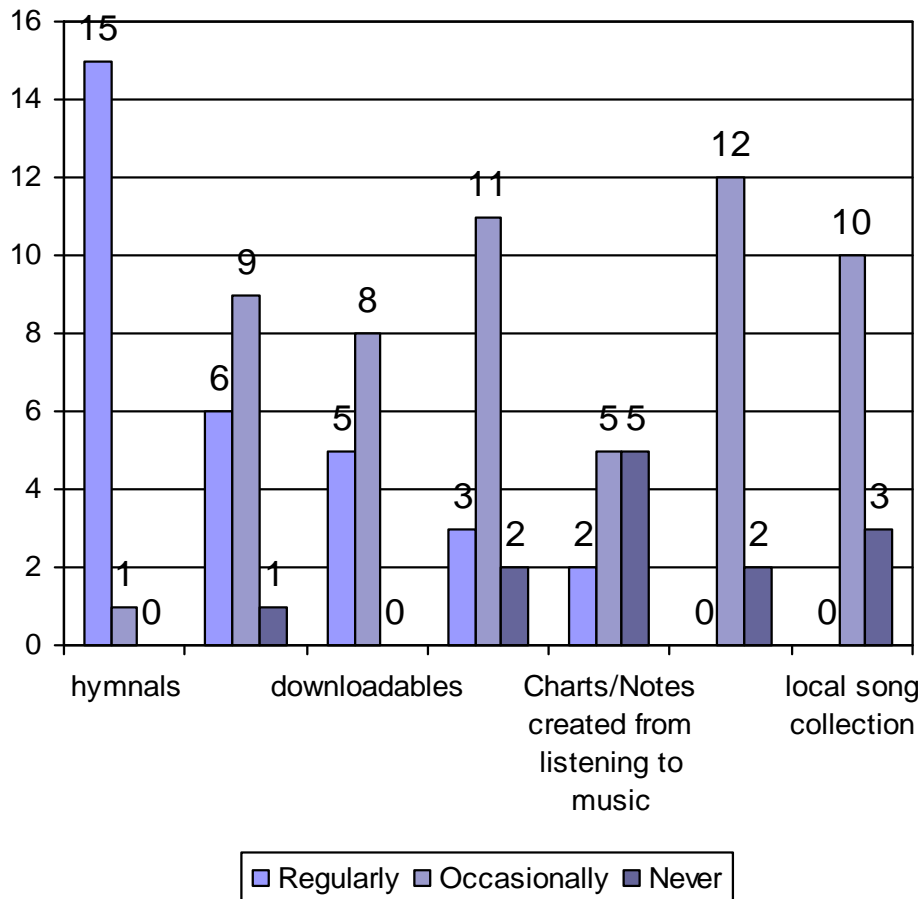


“What percentage of the time do you see the **Lectionary** being used as the basis for planning worship in United Methodist churches?”



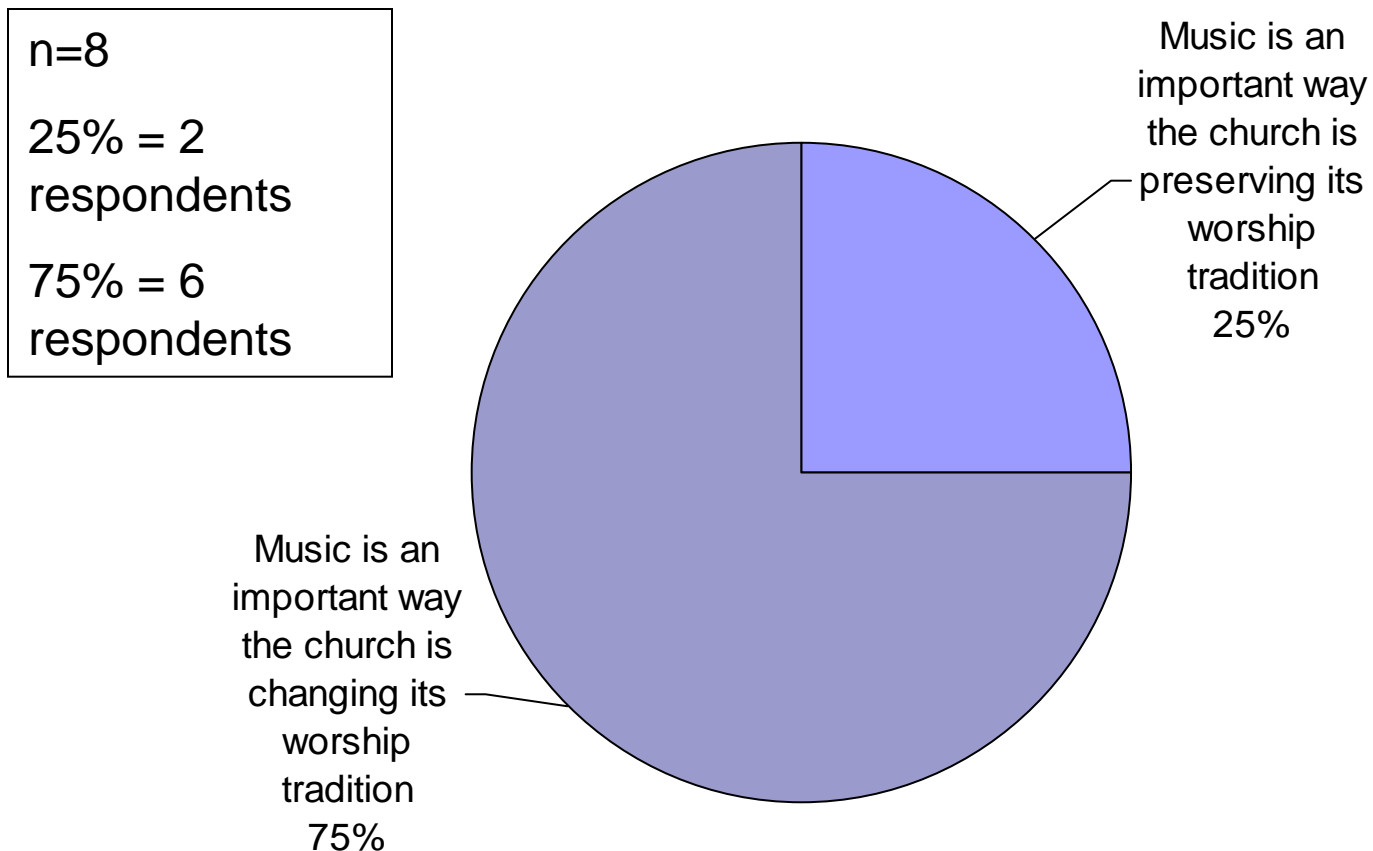
- n=15
- Though 100%, 25%, and “Do not use the Lectionary” were all offered as options on this question, respondents concur that UM churches use the weekly Lectionary passage one-half to three-fourths of the time.

“How often do you believe each of the following **types of resources** are being used for worship in United Methodist churches?”

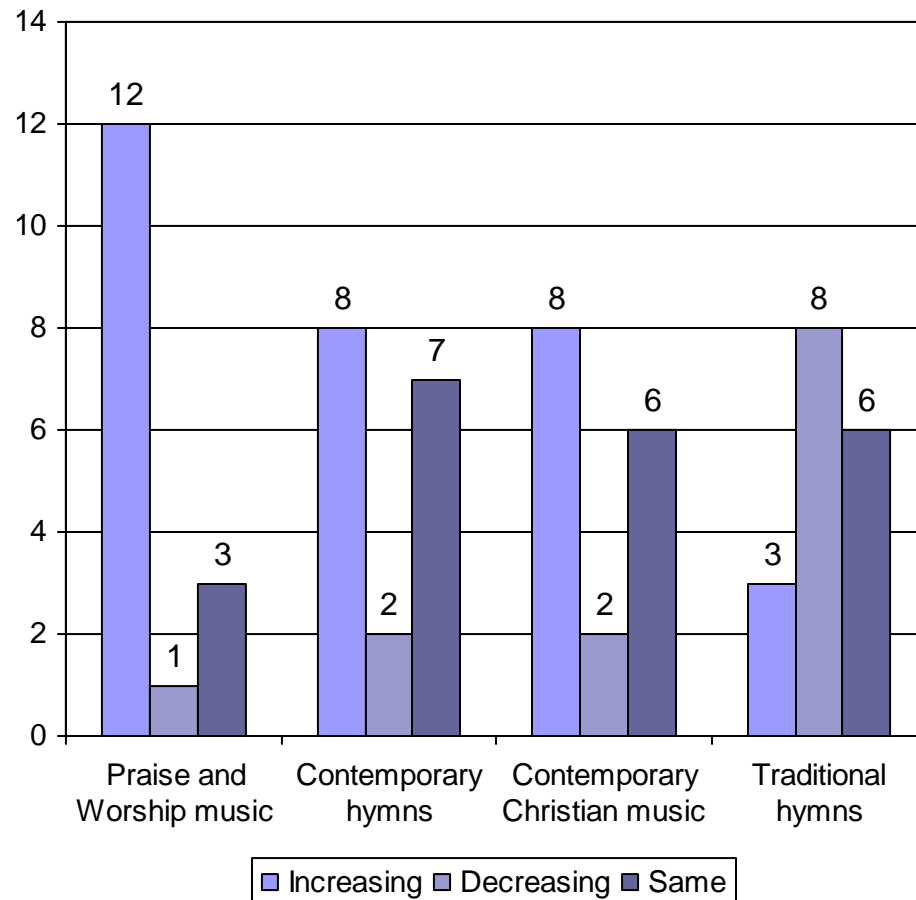


- n=17
- Nearly all respondents agree that hymnals are used regularly in UM churches.
- Some say they see songbooks and downloadables being used regularly, though a majority say they are used occasionally.
- Other resources for congregational singing are used only occasionally.

“In your opinion, which statement best describes **the role of music today** in United Methodist churches?”

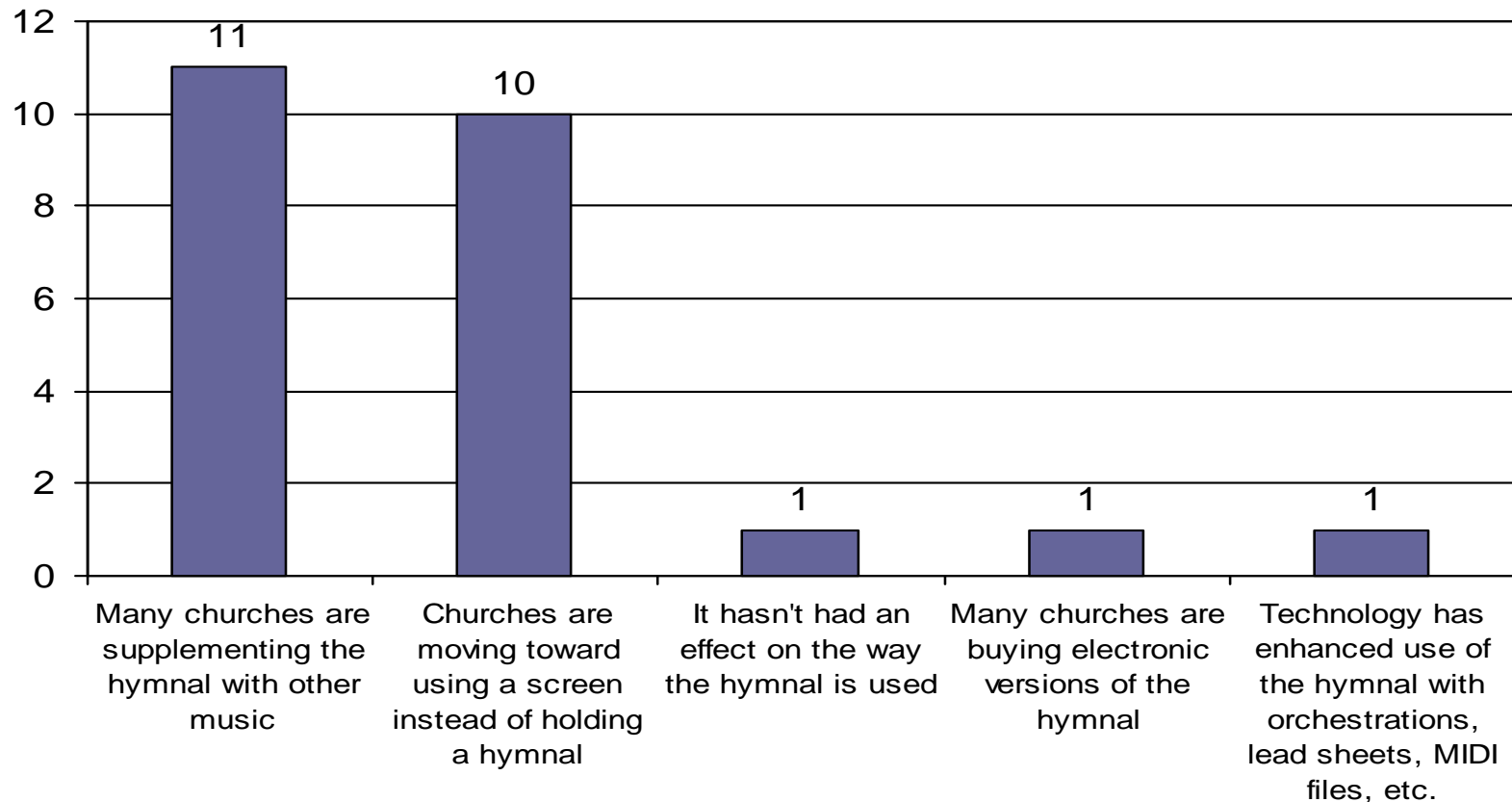


“For each of the following **musical styles**, do you see them increasing, decreasing, or staying the same in popularity?”



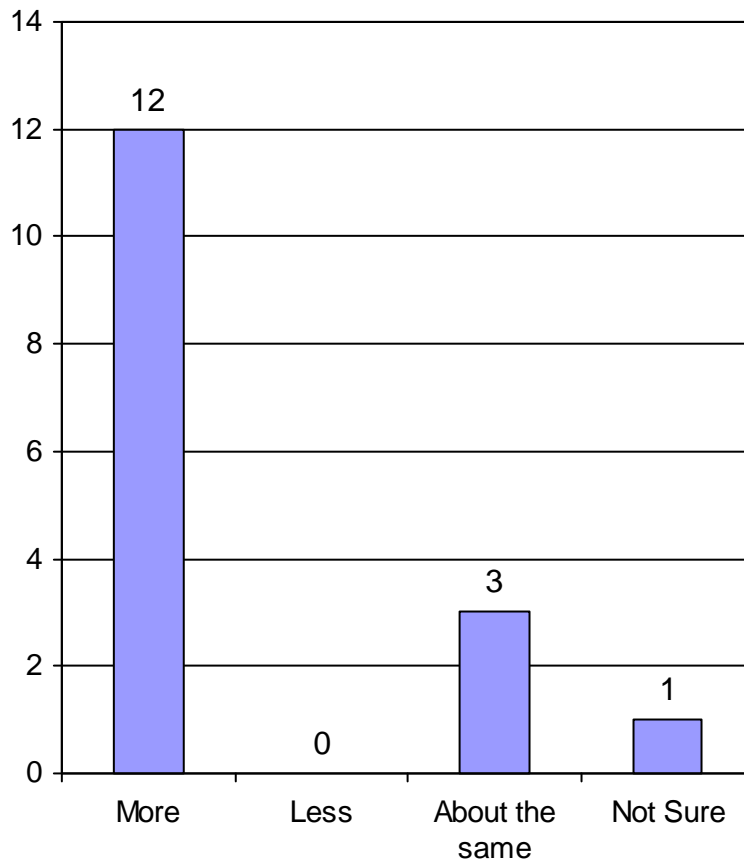
- n=17
- Most respondents see traditional hymns as either declining or staying the same, while a few believe they are growing in popularity.
- Three-fourths of respondents say Praise and Worship music is still on the increase.
- Most respondents are divided as to whether contemporary styles are increasing or simply staying the same.

“Which statements do you think describe how growing/changing use of technology is affecting use of the 1989 UM Hymnal?”



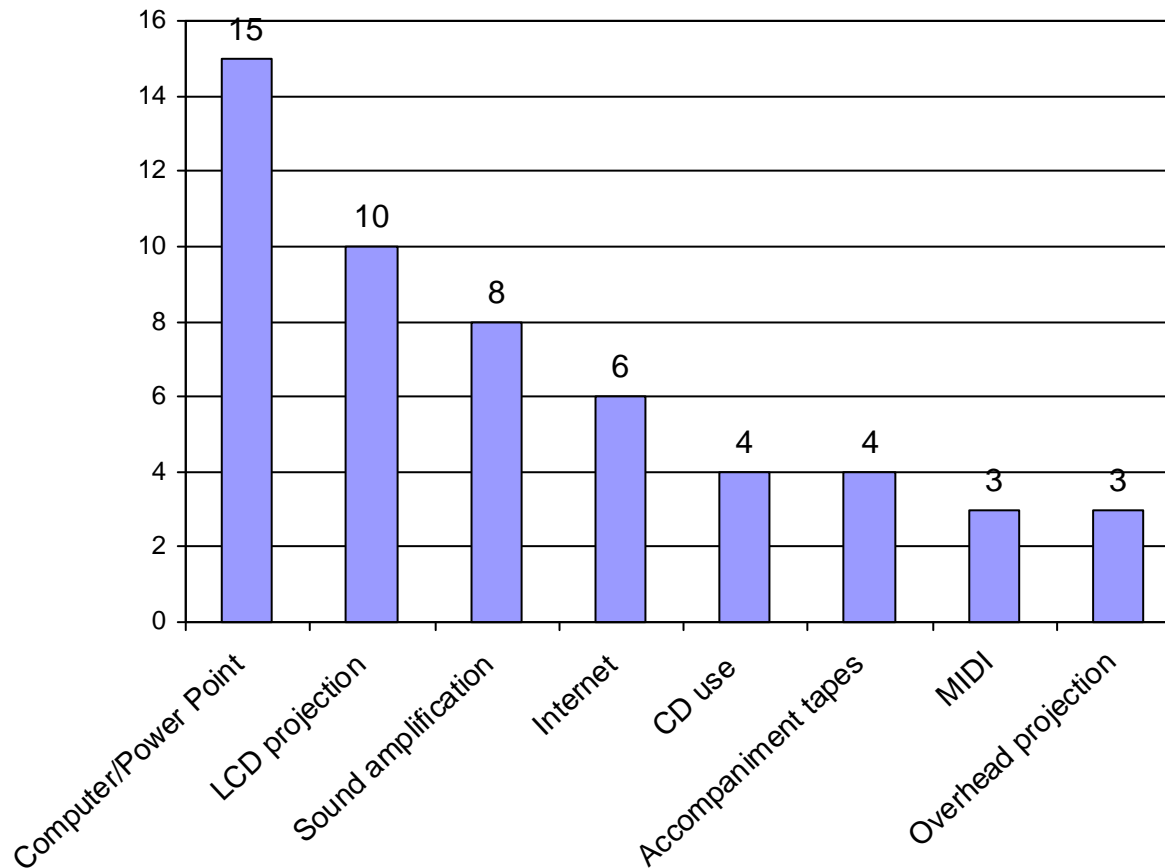
n=17

“Do you believe UM churches are using more, less, or about the same level of technology as three years ago?”



- n=16
- Clearly, most respondents believe adoption of technology in churches has increased in the past three years.
- However, some feel that technology-adoption has tapered off in recent years.

“In what areas of technology do you expect to see growth in the church in the next 3-5 years?”



- n=17
- Most respondents believe computer use will increase in coming years, as will use of LCD screens.
- Fewer than half expected increased use of sound amplification or Internet usage.

“What do you see as the greatest need in the UMC today regarding...”

	Most frequent response	Second most frequent response
Worship? n=16	Better understanding of the meaning of worship, sacraments, etc. (6)	Openness to and appreciation for the diversity of worship styles (3)
Music? n=16	Better theology in song lyrics, particularly in contemporary music (5)	Recognition that the style/use of music carries a message in itself (3)