

Please answer the following questions. Choose only one response when responses are provided.

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Denominational Affiliation (Please be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female

What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Seminary Education?  4-year college  Seminary/Graduate School  
 Diploma/Certificate  Informal Training/Other

What type of community does your church serve?  Urban  Suburban  Rural

How would you describe the ethnicity of your congregation?  Primarily African American  Primarily Latino  
 Primarily Caucasian  Multicultural

How would you describe the employment of your congregation?  Primarily Blue Collar  Primarily White Collar  
 Primarily Unemployed

Were you directly involved with the Ecumenical Coalition of the Mahoning Valley during the 1977 steel crisis?  Yes  No

Has your church financially supported a family from your congregation who was downsized from manufacturing labor?  Yes  No If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Circle the number that best reflects your agreement or disagreement with each statement. By circling "1" you strongly disagree with the statement. By circling "10" you strongly agree with the statement.

1. The religious community should be politically involved in socioeconomic issues.
 

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Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree				
2. Churches should care for the needs of workers affected by downsizing before unemployment insurance or government assistance is provided.
 

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3. The Christian Faith is more of a community experience than an individual conversion.
 

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4. Consumer credit is the best way for individuals to live a more comfortable lifestyle.
 

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5. It is immoral to replace the positions of unskilled American laborers with cheaper foreign labor.
 

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6. The poor choices of individuals are more to blame for poverty than social injustice.
 

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7. Outsourcing of American manufacturing jobs is hurting the American economy.
 

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8. The American economy is becoming less industrial and more technological.
 

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9. Religious institutions should be outspoken against corporate greed and corruption.
 

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10. Charitable causes are the primary methods by which religion should impact the community and society.
 

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11. Individuals should rely on one another to face economic problems, not work independently to meet their own needs.
 

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12. Downsized workers are responsible for their own employment and should not rely on a corporation to meet their needs.
 

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13. Corporations have a responsibility not only to their employees, but to the families and communities of their employees as well.
 

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14. A free market will reward with prosperity those who are diligent and punish with poverty those who are not.
15. The current wave of industrial downsizing is only a temporary economic anomaly. Manufacturing industry in Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania is here to stay.
16. Technology should replace jobs once performed by laborers.
17. Social problems can be resolved by the religious community publicly challenging structural injustices in society.
18. Religion has more of an obligation to care for the poor of a community than to fight for social change.
19. Christianity is more about loving our neighbor than personal holiness.
20. It is the responsibility of workers affected by downsizing to find retraining for new jobs on their own.
21. Some injustices in society are beyond the control of individuals and their personal decisions.
22. Moral issues such as gay marriage and abortion are more politically important than minimum wage law and social security.
23. Labor unions are an essential part of twenty first century economics and business practices.
24. Without a college education, it is difficult to succeed in the twenty first century workforce.
25. Religious institutions should be directly involved in government-funded community and economic development programs.
26. The most a church can do to help workers affected by downsizing is to meet their immediate physical needs during unemployment.
27. Christianity should be more concerned with the common good than with individual needs.
28. Individuals should choose a church because it meets their individual needs, not because it is in their immediate community.
29. Unskilled American laborers are treated poorly by corporations.
30. The eternal destination/afterlife of an individual is more important than the quality of his or her life on earth.
31. Manufacturing jobs will someday be the predominant type of employment in the Mahoning Valley once again.
32. The workforce of the past was less-skilled than the workforce of the future.

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