

Appendix 3

Attitudes about Ministry to the Poor and Suffering

- 1. How important is it for an Orthodox Christian to be actively involved in serving the poor and suffering?**

Not Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Important	Very Important
0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (4%)	26 (18%)	113 (78%)

- 2. How important is it for Orthodox clergy to preach and teach on topics related to wealth and poverty?**

Not Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Important	Very Important
4 (3%)	5 (3%)	17 (12%)	31 (21%)	88 (61%)

- 3. Orthodox clergy should encourage the faithful to take an active role in the community on issues related to poverty, homelessness, and hunger.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
0 (0%)	2 (1%)	10 (7%)	35 (24%)	98 (68%)

- 4. Understanding and meeting the needs of the poor and suffering are very important to the identity of Orthodox Christians.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
0 (0%)	1 (1%)	5 (3%)	35 (24%)	103 (71%)

5. Orthodox bishops do not need to make outreach to the poor and suffering a priority for the parishes in his diocese.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
80 (55%)	47 (32%)	10 (7%)	3 (2%)	5 (3%)

6. Orthodox parishes are not successfully ministering to those Christ calls “the least of these my brethren” in the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25:31-46).

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
2 (1%)	7 (5%)	42 (29%)	58 (40%)	35 (24%)

7. It is easy for me to find opportunities in my community to serve the poor and needy.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1 (1%)	12 (8%)	25 (17%)	61 (42%)	46 (32%)

8. The Orthodox Christian tradition does not provide clear teachings on topics related to justice, war, and poverty.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
55 (38%)	48 (33%)	21 (14%)	14 (10%)	3 (2%)

9. My local town or city is a better place because of the work done by my parish to help those in need.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
12 (8%)	29 (20%)	43 (30%)	48 (33%)	12 (8%)