

FUNDER GROUP RELIGIOSITY SCORE SHEET

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This 15-question score sheet was used to measure the religiosity of the 27 funder groups.

Inter-organizational Questions

[response options: A lot (1 point), Some (0.5 points), No evidence (0 points)]

1. To what extent does the organization actively seek to have participants join its faith tradition?
2. To what extent are religious practices incorporated into the organization's programs/activities?
3. To what extent are the organization's services distributed primarily to individuals or organizations who share the same faith as the organization?
4. How frequently does the organization work with external religious entities (e.g., partner with other religious nonprofits, and churches)?
5. How frequently are worship services (on-site or virtual) conducted at the organization?

Intra-organizational Questions

[response options: A lot (1 point), Some (0.5 points), No evidence (0 points)]

6. What proportion of the staff is clergy?
7. What proportion of the staff shares the same faith as the organization?
8. How often do the staff and volunteers pray or worship together?

Intra-organizational Questions

[response options: Yes (1 point), No (0 points)]

9. Is religious sentiment referenced in the mission statement?

Organizational Environment Questions

[response options: Yes (1 point), No (0 points)]

10. Do religious symbols appear in the organization's physical spaces?
11. Do religious symbols appear in the organization's online content?
12. Do religious symbols appear in the materials the organization distributes?

Financial Questions

[response options: Yes (1 point), No (0 points)]

13. Does any of the organization's religious funding come from faith-based entities?
14. Does the organization use operating funds for explicitly religious purposes (e.g., purchasing sacred texts, printing religious materials, conducting religious services)?
15. Does the organization's funding come from sources that share the same faith as the organization?