

Societal Trends Impact Assessment

Indicate with a check mark which trends affect the involvement and retention of volunteers in your congregation or ministry group. Then place a plus mark (+) if you believe the impact is a positive one and a minus mark (-) if you believe it has a negative impact. Finally, circle the three check marks that you believe are most important to consider in designing volunteer ministry positions and retaining volunteers in your ministry setting.

- Fast-paced lives
- Two-career families
- Changing gender roles
- Women working outside the home
- Mobility of individuals and families
- Unemployment or underemployment
- Fragmented family life
- More frequent job and career changes
- Less satisfaction in paid work
- High level of competition for paid employment positions
- Fewer children per family
- Longer vacations and weekends away
- Adults returning to school; emphasis on life-long learning
- More retired persons in community
- Increased number of people wintering in the south
- Changing and diverse value systems
- Impact of feminism in shaping social perceptions
- Multitude of opportunities from which volunteers can choose
- Workplace support for volunteer involvements
- Changing economic conditions
- Emerging global and high-tech economy
- Social issues of concern (crime, drugs, jobs, health care, peace, justice, environment, violence)
- Rapidity of societal and cultural change
- Changing expectations of volunteers
- Increased interest in spirituality
- Increasing influence of media
- Other:
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