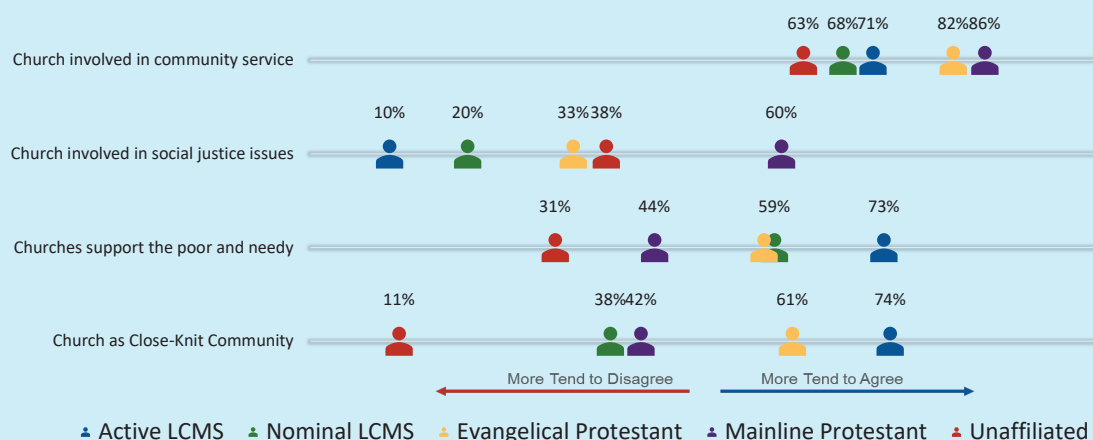


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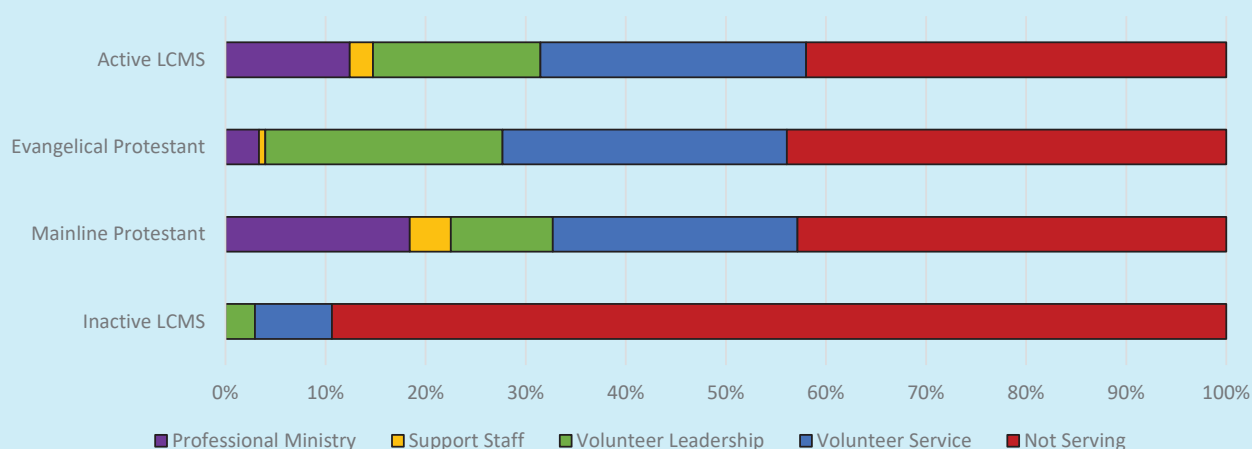
## FORMING A STRONG RELATIONAL COMMUNITY



Strong relationship with ministry staff in the local congregation is key, but to really extend the impact of a congregation and maintain the connection with young adults over their formative years we need help. Fuller Youth Institute recommends 5 adults relationally invested for every 1 child/youth/young adult. As a staff or leadership team consider the following questions together as a group:

1. If we were to get an honest assessment from young adults who have been a part of our ministry, would they describe our church as a close-knit community? Why or why not?
2. What can be strategically done to empower and release members of our congregation to form a more close-knit community that will care personally for children and youth into and through young adulthood more intentionally?

### Percent in Volunteer and Leadership Positions



\*The above data also does not include many Mainline (22%) and Inactive LCMS (34%) who indicated they are currently not tied to a specific congregation.

1. How can our church engage young adults relationally in service both in the church and community?
2. How can we build intergenerational connections through service and general life together as a community of faith?