



St. John's Church Bangor ME Feasibility Study Results

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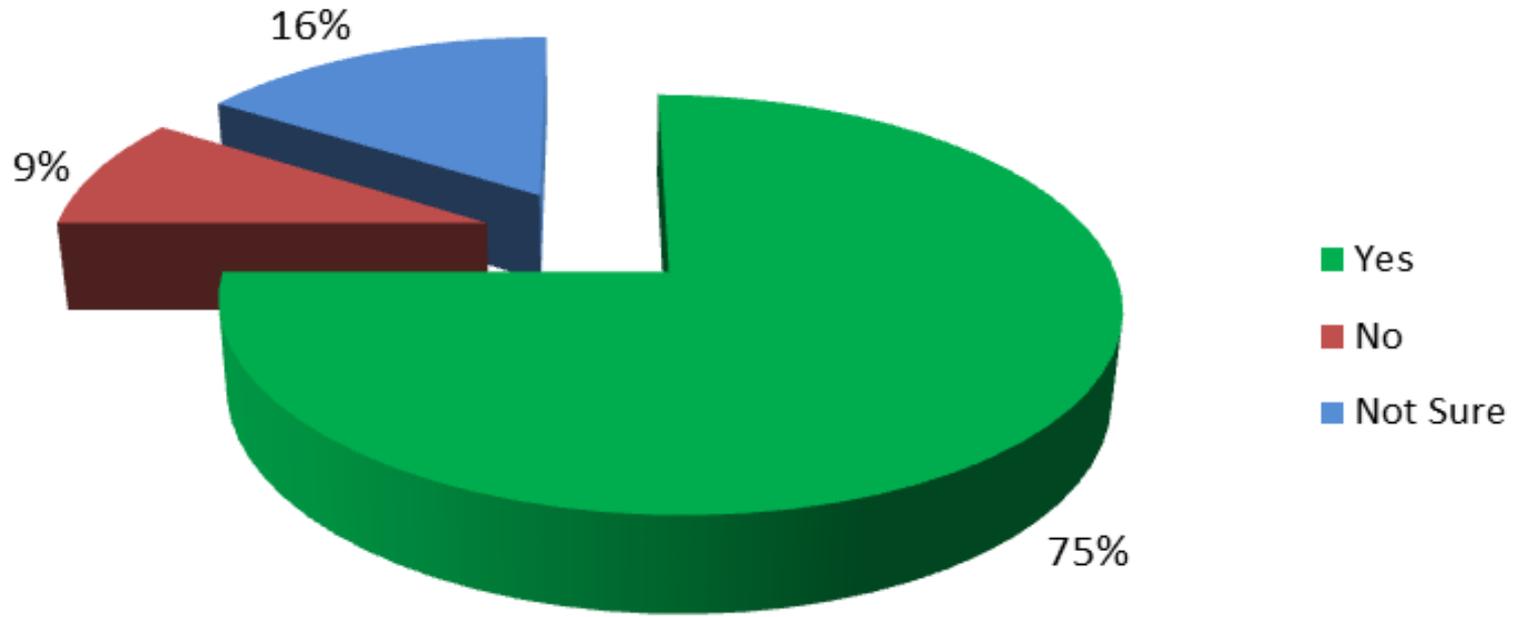
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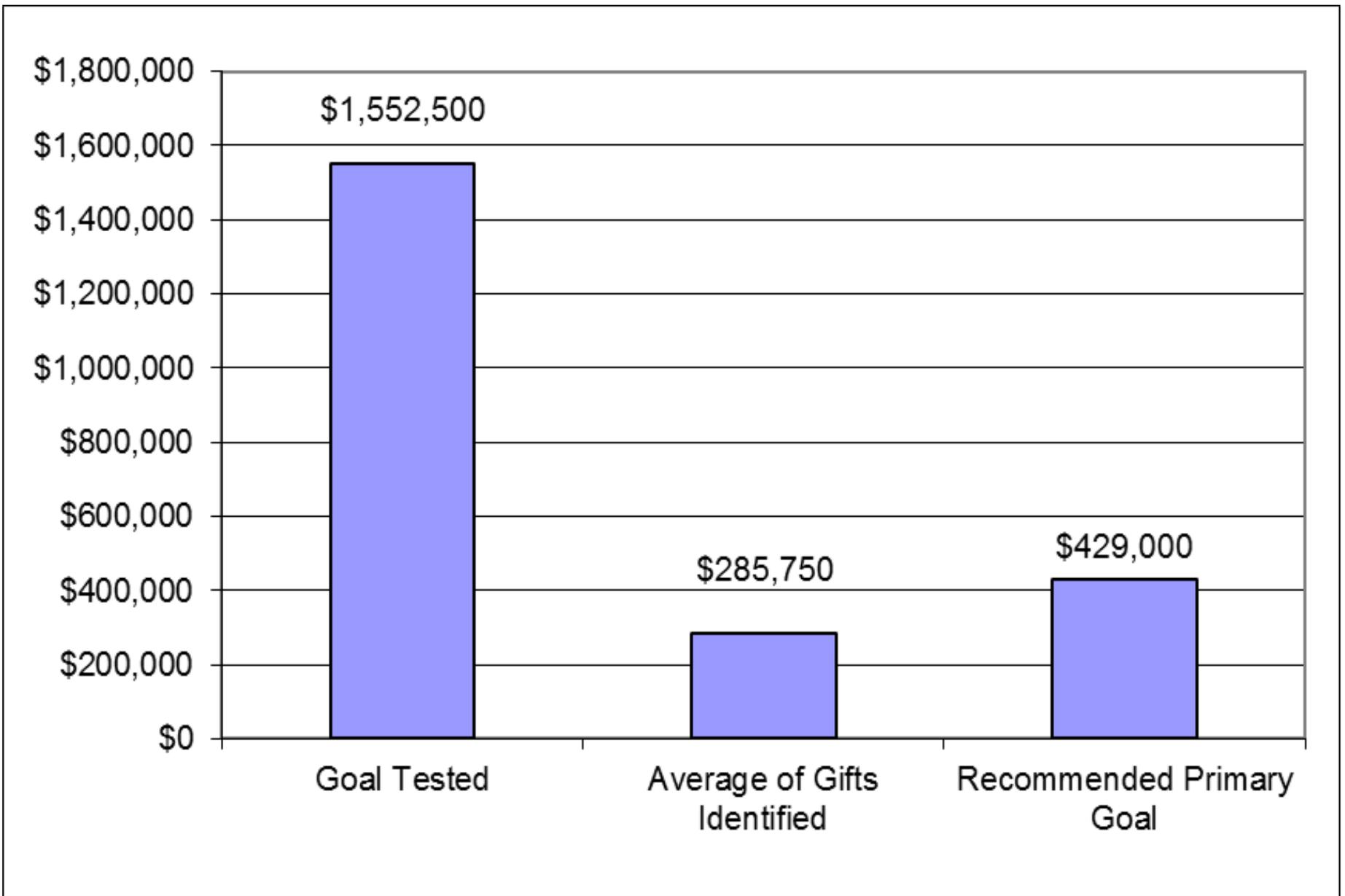


38% responded to survey (80 out of 210)

91% in favor of conducting a capital campaign,
but some with reservations

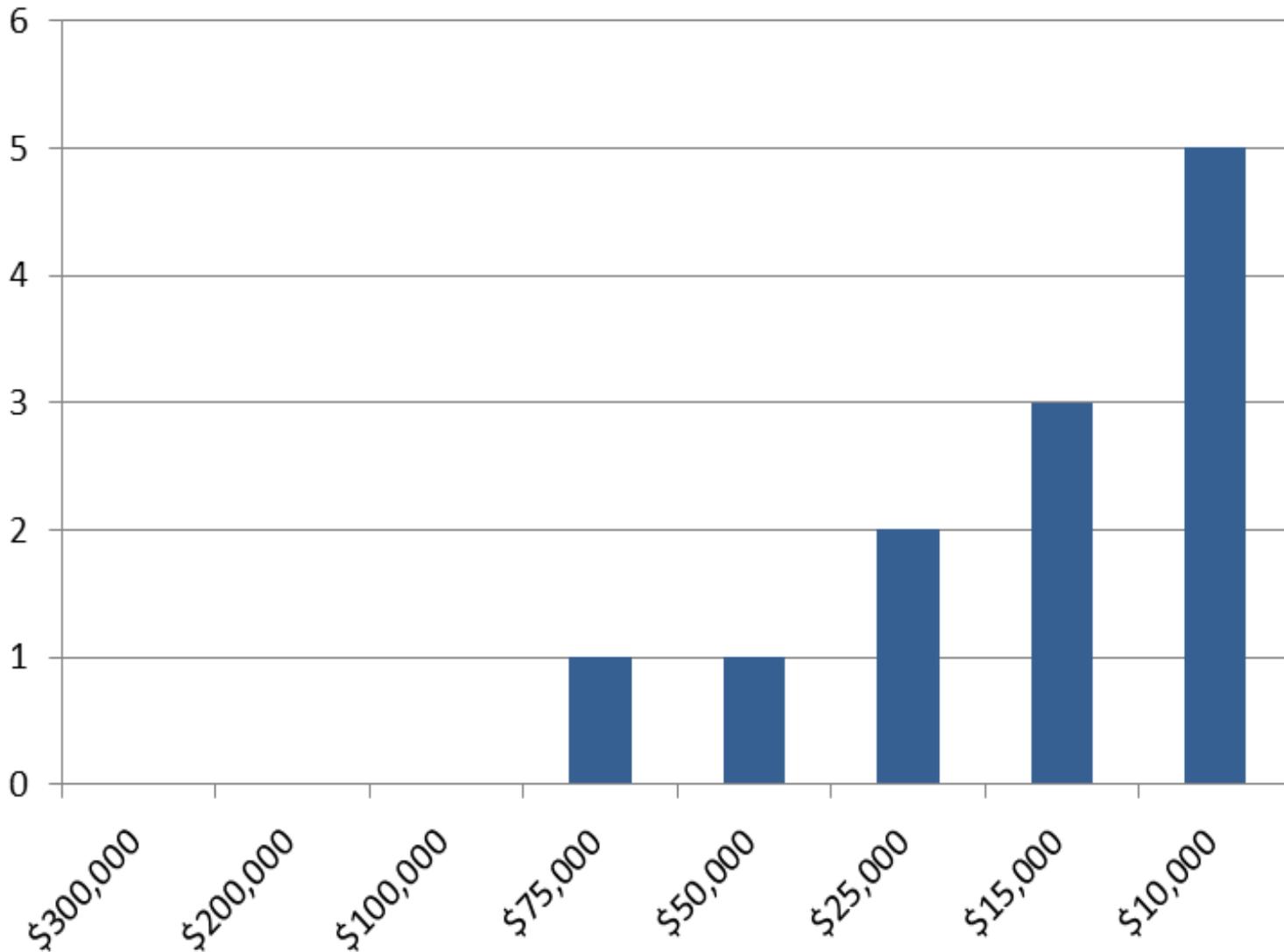
People are Willing to Contribute



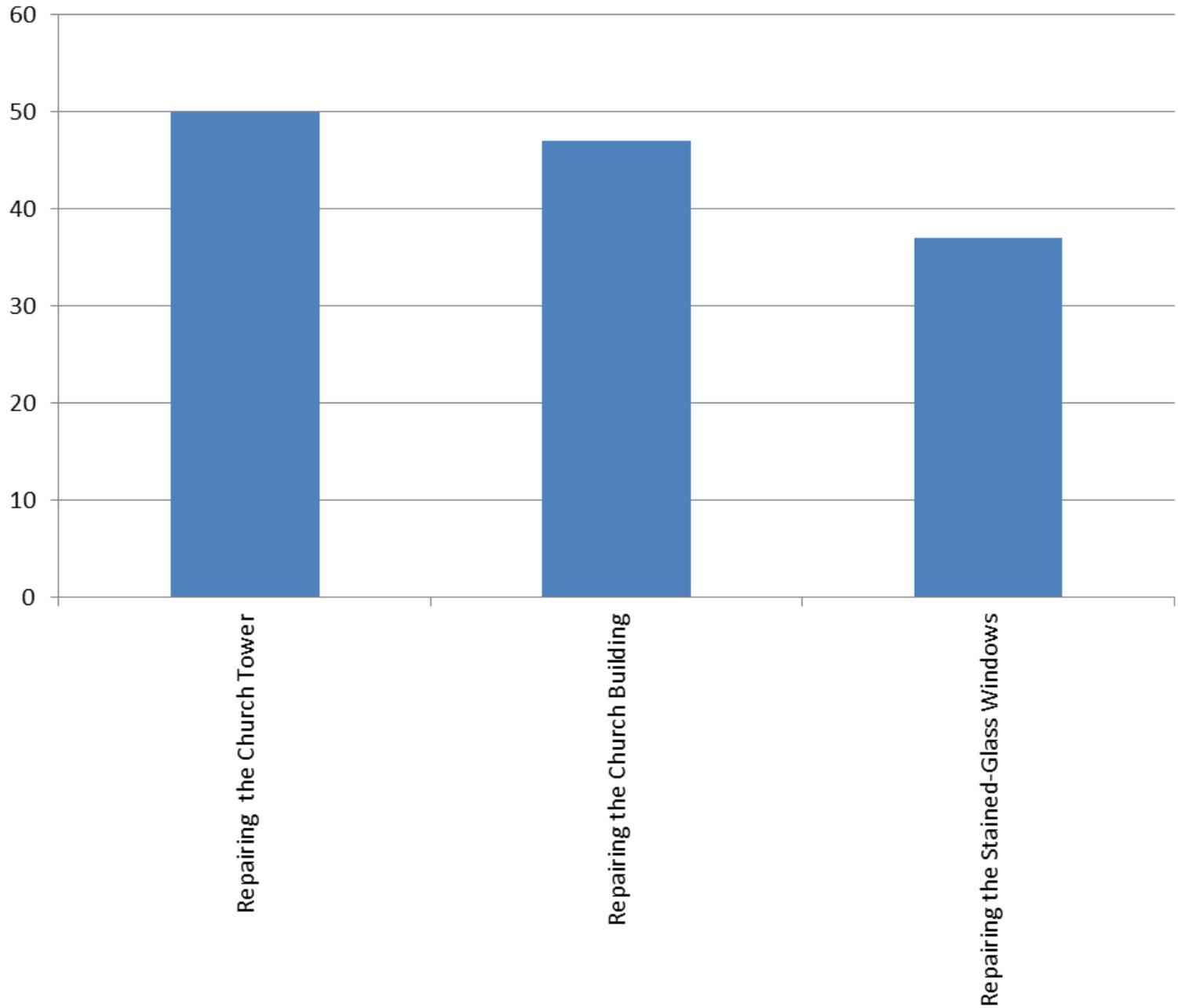


7 respondents have remembered the church in their will.

Projected Large Gifts



Project Priorities - High Priority





What's Missing:

- Church floors
- Undercroft and kitchen
- Concern for future needs of offices across street
- Accessibility
- Priorities identified in Cottage meetings
- Parking



Positive factors in our favor:

- The church building is beautiful, historic, and highly visible as part of the Bangor "skyline". This church is in the heart of the city; it is part of the history and culture of Bangor, and of the state; a landmark that needs to be preserved
- Involved, invested congregation with longtime and generational connections
- A caring vestry and savvy rector

Possible problems:

- A number of older people have left/moved. They were the involved givers and were not replaced by new givers
- We may be asking too much from our members; it is a lot of money for a medium-sized congregation; too few for too much.
- It is very difficult to see a responsible path to financing this project without the appearance of a very significant major donor or donors

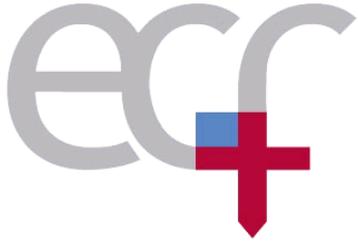


**Would you be willing to work on a committee to research,
write and apply for grants?**

16 Yes

39 No

20 Not sure at this time



If you are not in favor of fixing the building, or if we are unable to secure the necessary funding, how would you feel about moving St. John's to a different and/or shared worship space to continue our mission as a faith community?

- I would go wherever the church family goes. I will accept whatever outcome God plans for us. 11
- I am VERY opposed to moving out of our current space. I feel that would be a betrayal of the current and past members, going back to the foundation of the church and the resurrection of the church after the Great Bangor Fire. 8
- I would reluctantly agree but it would be devastating. 4



“People have such a need for friendship and for community that fund-raising has to be community-building. I wonder how many churches and charitable organizations realize that community is one of the greatest gifts they have to offer. If we ask for money, it means we offer a new way of belonging.”

Henri Nouwen –

Spirituality of Fund-Raising



Almighty God,

Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory.

Give us the wisdom of your Spirit so that we can see the shape of your plan in the gifts you have given us and in the circumstances of our daily lives.

Give us the freedom of your Spirit to see you with all our hearts and to choose your will above all else.

Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future.

Guide us by your Holy Spirit to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it, and the grace to accomplish it.

Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. Amen.