

## Written response to survey

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I found this survey to be problematic – how are the results going to be used? It is very quantitative but not qualitative at all. I very much wanted to explain my answers and wasn't given the opportunity. You may get straight numbers with this, but what will it really mean? Even the title is confusing – what does Grail Membership Capacity actually mean? Kate (Devlin)

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Problems with the Grail survey

To what extent is The Grail your primary community?

To me, primary means first – number 1. So it would seem that it is either first or not first. How can there be an extent to first? So when I say it's not at all my primary community – that's what I mean. Actually, my family is. Now if you said primary spiritual community, maybe there would be room for some movement there.

How often do you read Grail communications?

Is the List Serve a Grail communication? Because if I was still on it, I would probably send in my resignation to the Grail in the United States. Except for the List Serve, I read everything that comes in on email or by post.

Here is a very basic problem. I feel connected with the Grail in other countries, and with a few Grail members in the United States. How do I register this? Are these questions about the Grail in the US only or internationally?

I would suggest that the Council read the questionnaire that the Spirituality Team sent out around 2003. We worked hard on the formulation of those questions and summarized the answers. I know you can't compare a survey with a questionnaire, but I think it's interesting that we are in such a different place today from then.

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Re the survey , no comments

Leadership is very difficult in the Grail . We do not treat them well while leading .....we have little transition where former leaders input is still included . Most women who have served walk away burned out. ....my thoughts .

Beth (wasmer)

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I know it is easier to come up with statistical summary using this question and answer format but it totally lacks detail and related reasoning.

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1. Used to be primary community for me but is no longer because of divergent values.

7. I have time and energy but will not serve with a Council that does not respect or value my input and commitment and values.

8. Same as #7.

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1. I joined the grail when I was 23 years old back in 1953m but I have never been a Nucleus member.
  2. I lived at Grailville for several years then then for what was then called The Year School.
  7. I am now 88 years old and my home is a nursing home for elderly and disabled people and must use my wheelchair to move around, ever since the open heart surgery when the surgeons implanted a pacemaker. I was told that my heart slowed until it actually stopped. The doctors don't understand how my brain was not damaged. I was told that my pet dog barked so much that the neighbor called the ambulance service and they took me directly to the Lafayette Heart hospital. That hospital was opened only about one year then. Lafayette is about 50 miles birth of my home in Franklin, LA. (Sorry, I should have written all of this on the other side)

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I don't wish to answer surveis (sic)—I do want to stay in contact—Thank you.