

When is it time to get another CAT?



Almost half of our congregations have participated in the CAT – the Congregational Assessment Tool by Holy Cow! This survey-based self-assessment helps leadership to take the pulse of what is happening in the life of their congregations. Our churches have utilized the CAT to determine strategy, refine vision, search for a new pastor and determine whether it is a good time to start a building program. The CAT is not a program or a process – it's a tool that assists congregations in determining what next steps to take.

Your first CAT shouldn't be your last CAT, however! A second CAT offers an opportunity to see if the changes you implemented have borne fruit: That new worship service? The outreach program? Changing the structure of adult education? Have these changes resulted in the desired effect? A second CAT also provides an opportunity to discern new directions and to suggest ways your ministry might be strengthened.

Whether it is your first CAT, or a follow-up assessment, the process is the same. Contact Karen at kchamis@thepresbytery or review the steps to hosting a CAT at www.ncptransforms.org As always, there are a team of colleagues who are trained Interpreters who are willing to walk you through your results, and the Presbytery stands ready to assist you in implementing new strategies for transformation. ***All of these programs are your Unified Mission dollars in action!***