The Christian Life Survey provides a way for Christians to consider their own spiritual life. It looks at the focal points in their spiritual life (God, others, the Bible), the spiritual orientations (Connected, ascetic, reflective, evangelistic, service), and the ways they engage with scripture. When administered on Christian college campuses a set of questions about spiritual life on campus is also included so the colleges can have direct assessment measures. Usually there are also one to three small sets of questions on topics that the Center feels would help colleges better understand their students. In 2015-2016 they were ethics and emerging adulthood. The topics for 2016-2017 are under discussion.

Information about the specific measures used in the CLS (including the exact questions used in the 2015-2016 administration) can be found at http://tuce.taylor.edu/research

Cost: Generous donations from outside donors will allow us to offer the CLS at no cost in 2016-2017.

Privacy: All colleges and the Center for Scripture Engagement are ethically bound to only reveal a specific college’s results to that college and any specific student’s results to that student.

What colleges provide to the Center: To participate, a college must provide an excel file with a list with each student’s name, email address, year in school, and gender. The name and email address are necessary to invite the student to participate. The year in school and gender are necessary to create statistical weights to maximize correct representation in the final results provided to the college. Any college that does not provide gender and year in school will not receive comparisons to the collective results from the other participating colleges since statistical weights cannot be calculated. Any college only providing information for a subset of students’ (e.g., only freshmen) will not receive comparison numbers for the collective results from the other participating colleges since the comparison numbers are for full student bodies and the comparisons would be meaningless. The excel sheet must be to the Center by the end of September 2016.

The college also will need to provide the name and email address of one contact person the Center will work with. This is the person who will receive the results when the reports are completed.

What the Center provides to the colleges and the students: Each college will receive a data set with all the students’ responses (so you can run any additional analyses with your students’ data) and three reports (index comparison values, frequency distributions and means comparisons). Each student will receive a report with their index values and an explanation of what those values tell them about their way of living the Christian life.

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