



# POINT LOMA

NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

## Alumni Survey 2012

### **Executive Summary**

A random sample of our alumni (both undergraduate and graduate) who graduated in the last ten years was asked to fill out this survey. 333 surveys responses were received in time for this analysis. The Narrative Summary is below and the complete list of tables is available for your perusal.

Our alums feel well prepared for work and graduate school and less so for working inside the home. They are well prepared to understand themselves and others. They have a personal system of values and act on them in their churches and communities. They attend church and practice acts of piety. They give of their time, money, and talents to serve their churches.

Very few have not gone on to more education after their undergraduate degrees as they practice activities indicative of life-long learners. Those who earned their undergraduate degree from PLNU credit their general education and major courses for helping them to be thoughtful well-rounded thinkers and good problem solvers, who stay engaged with the world. Our alumni give of their time and money to a wide variety of charitable organizations. Their demographics are pretty much what one would expect at this stage in their lives.

The 258 alumni who marked that they have earned a PLNU undergraduate degree are at a different life-stage than our 63 alumni who indicated that they had not earned such a degree. The alumni who hold PLNU undergraduate degrees are less likely to live in homes with children and when they do, the children are younger than those without PLNU undergraduate degrees. They are less involved in giving of their time, talent, and money to civic and educational organizations

and more involved in Church and missions organizations. They are more likely to perceive that work and faith are not distinct.

### **Narrative Summary**

The survey instrument was made available online with the option of a paper version. About eighty percent of the respondents chose the online version. Since the survey was given to a random sample of all alumni who graduated in the last 10 years, some questions or groups of questions do not pertain to the roughly 20% of the respondents who do not hold an undergraduate degree from PLNU. Since the complete summary tables of responses are available, this report will collapse categories for the sake of presenting a broad strokes narrative. When such collapsing occurs, the first instance in a paragraph will be noted, but the remainder of the occurrences will be assumed to be measured in the same way. For instance in the next paragraph all of the percentages at the beginning of the paragraph will be regarding the respondents who were very well or well prepared. Those at the end will be about those respondents who felt poorly prepared.

### Preparation for Work and Life

Alumni who did earn an undergraduate degree from PLNU were asked how well the course work in their undergraduate major and general education courses prepared them for life after college. About 43% of the respondents said they were prepared well or very well for working inside the home (with an additional 21% deeming this not applicable). Of those who work outside of the home, 83% of respondents were prepared well. Of the alumni who continued their education, 75% felt well prepared for attending graduate school. Of those that are employed outside the home, 69% say that either their career relies on the work done in their major or directly relates to their major.

The survey also looked to address alumni preparedness in volunteer work, understanding themselves and others, and developing a personal values and ethics system. 64% of all respondents believed that they were prepared well or very well for performing volunteer service. 76% believed themselves to be well prepared to understand others. 80% believed themselves to be well prepared to understand themselves. 76% felt that they were prepared well to develop a

personal ethics and value system. In each of these cases, 4% or fewer felt that they were prepared poorly.

Respondents were then asked how often they read books, manuals or journals, or watch documentaries related to various aspects of their life. The results are for the percentages who read or watched a few times a month or more. About 68% reported that they read a book, etc. related to their work. Around 66% of read a book, etc. related to their spiritual life. 78% found time at least a few times a month to read a book, etc. for leisure.

### Engagement with Church

When shown a series of activities and asked about their involvement, survey takers responded in the following ways. The results are for the percentages who engaged in these activities weekly or more often. 57% of the respondents attend a local church which they consider to be their home congregation. 57% also reported that they attend a worship service weekly. Around 33% of the respondents reported taking part in a prayer or Christian study group. 8% of the respondents joined in local evangelism. 2% report that they joined in global missions work. 48% of respondents reported reading the Bible in their home. 80% of respondents pray in their home at least weekly with 58% of those reporting that they do so daily.

The survey takers were then asked about the frequency of their church involvement within the last couple of years. The results are for the percentages of respondents who engaged in these activities a few times a month or more often. 57% gave money. Around 21% of respondents reported leading a Christian study group or teaching Sunday School. 11% of alumni led corporate worship. Around 17% of the respondents reported that they used their professional skills to assist the church. About 10% of the respondents reported that they served on the church “board” or as elected leadership for their church. 14% served in compassionate ministry.

### Advanced Education

While 5% of alumni indicated that they had not enrolled in more education, many have. The percentages will add to more than 100% because some alumni are enrolled in or have completed more than one of these types of programs. About 16% of respondents marked a teaching credential. 8% of respondents marked a professional certification. 39% of respondents marked a

Master's Degree. 5% marked a professional practice doctorate and 1.5% marked a research doctorate. About 10% of the respondents marked they were currently in graduate school.

### Development of Intellectual Skills

Alumni who did earn an undergraduate degree from PLNU were asked to what extent their abilities in certain areas were influenced by their total undergraduate experience at PLNU. The percentages given are the sum of the categories enhanced, much enhanced, and very much enhanced. 95% stated that their ability to think analytically and logically. 95% felt that their ability to write effectively was enhanced. 91% felt that their ability to speak effectively was enhanced. 95% stated that their ability to work effectively with others was enhanced. About 89% felt that their ability to develop meaningful and personal relationships had been enhanced. 93% said that their intellectual curiosity and desire for life-long learning was enhanced. 80% reported feeling that their ability to seek cross-cultural experiences was enhanced by their total undergraduate experience. 83% felt that their ability to use technology was enhanced. 95% felt that their ability to solve problems, their ability to learn effectively on their own and their ability to integrate knowledge from many sources was enhanced. 94% felt their ability to integrate knowledge from many sources was enhanced.

### Spiritual Lives

Alumni who did a earn an undergraduate degree from PLNU were asked their level of agreement or disagreement with statements about the impact on their spiritual lives of their total undergraduate experience at PLNU as were those without a PLNU undergraduate degree. The percentages given are the sum of the categories strongly agree and agree. 67% of the respondents agreed with "a positive impact on their commitment to Christ." 71% agreed with "a positive impact on their life of service to society." 77% agreed that "their sensitivity and concern for others was positively impacted." 55% agreed that PLNU "positively impacted their understanding of different racial and ethnic backgrounds." 65% agreed with "a positive impact on their affirmation of the equality of all people." 83% agreed with "a positive impact on their willingness to wrestle with moral and ethical issues."

### Goals and Values

The next set of questions asks respondents about the importance of certain goals in their lives. The percentages given are the sum of the categories somewhat important, very important, and essential. 99% of the respondents felt that “helping others who are in difficulty” was important. 99% indicated that it was important “for everyone they work with to get along.” 93% marked that “keeping up-to-date on global current events” was important. 92% felt that it was important to them “to raise a family.” 91% of respondents reported that it was important “to become an authority in their field.” 90% felt that it was important to “keep up-to-date on domestic current events.” 86% reported that it was important that “they be very well off financially.” 83% indicated that it was important to “promote racial understanding.” 79% marked that “becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment” was important. About 76% of the respondents felt that it was important to them “to become a community leader.”

The next series of questions asks the respondents about their levels of agreement or disagreement with certain statements in the context of their own lives. The percentages given are the sum of the categories strongly agree and agree. 66% agreed that they “have been of service to God through my employment”, while this statement was found not applicable by 5% of those holding PLNU undergraduate degrees and 15% of those not holding PLNU undergraduate degrees. Around 72% felt that they “have been able to make a connection between their life calling and their career.” About 91% of the respondents agreed that they “have sought the perspectives and opinions of others.” Around 58% of the respondents “have struggled with an ethical decision at work.” 52% disagreed or strongly disagreed that they have lost their temper at work.

### Giving Time and Money

While 12% of alumni indicated that they had not engaged in any of the following activities, many have. The percentages will add to more than 100% because some alumni are engaged in many of these activities. For instance, 29% of the respondents marked 5 or more of the activities. 64% have given money for charitable work in the U.S. 71% have given money to a Christian organization. 37% have given money for disaster relief. 33% have written letters to a political official or signed a political petition. 45% have volunteered time to help the poor. About half of the respondents volunteered time to a Christian organization. 28% of respondents marked that they had taken part in a men’s or women’s support group.

Only 5% of alumni indicated that they had not engaged in any of the following activities. 52% of the respondents marked 5 or more of these activities. 81% of the respondents have “interacted with persons who challenged their basic values.” 89% of the respondents have “sought the perspectives and opinions of others.” 84% of the respondents have “had meals with people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds.” 63% of the respondents reported that they had “worshipped with people of different ethnic and racial backgrounds.” 53% have “followed an international news story in depth.” 54% of the respondents have “given money for charitable work abroad.” Similarly, 20% have “volunteered time to help the poor in other countries.”

About 19% of alumni indicated that they had not volunteered time in any of the following organizations. The list below is ordered by how many respondents gave time 51% of the respondents indicated that they had volunteered time in either 1 or 2 of these organizations. More than half of the respondents reported having served in church related organizations. 44% of the respondents marked that they had volunteered time in school and educational organizations. 31% of the respondents reported that they had served in community and civic organizations. 21% marked that they had volunteered time in missions organizations. 16% marked that they had volunteered for some social service organization. About 7% volunteered in some arts organization. About 5% of the respondents marked that they volunteered for a political organization and 5% served another organization.

About 13% of alumni indicated that they had not made financial contributions to any of the following organizations. 52% of the respondents indicated that they had given money to either 1 or 2 of these organizations. 65% marked that they had given financially to some church related organization. 39% of the organizations marked that they had contributed to missions organizations. 35% of the respondents gave money to some school and/or educational organization. 28% marked that they had given to community and civic organizations. About 19% of the respondents gave money to some social service organization. About 9% marked that they had made financial contributions to some arts organization. 7% of the respondents marked that they had made financial contributions to a political organization and 7% gave to another organization.

### Life Skills

Most of the time our alumni balanced diet (76% do), sleep 7-8 hours (72%), and exercise aerobically (63%). 67% of the alumni who do hold a PLNU undergraduate degree do not live with minor children in their homes, but 69% of the alumni who do not hold such a degree do live with minor children in their homes.

Survey takers were asked various questions about the well-being of their households. 78% marked 3 or more of these statements as being more true than false. 85% of the respondents households “tend to live within the budget.” 78% of the households “recycle and reuse.” 82% “make time for recreation.” 44% place “limits electronic activities like TV and games.” About 40% marked that their household’s “lives were not overscheduled.”

### Employment Status

About 66% of the respondents indicated that they were employed full time and 19% were currently employed part-time. 8% of the respondents marked that they were working from home. 14% of the respondents marked that they were looking for work. 5% of the respondents marked that they were a stay-at-home caregiver. 6% of respondents did not mark any of these options. 53% marked that there was “increasing career potential” in their current job. 41% marked that was little or possible career potential in their current job, and 7% marked that there was no room for more advancement. Rounding of the last three percentages results in the sum being more than 100%.

### Marital Status

When asked about their current marital status, 41% of the respondents marked being single and never married. Additionally, 55% are currently married, 4% are separated or divorced, and less than 1% are widowed.

### **Differences between Those Holding PLNU Undergraduate Degrees and Those with Only a PLNU Graduate Degree**

There are some differences between the 258 of our alumni who marked that they did earn a PLNU undergraduate degree and the 63 who marked that they did not earn a PLNU undergraduate degree. Some of these have already been noted above. Only statistically

significant differences will be noted below ( $p < 0.01$  due to the large number of comparisons). The notation for percentages below is (With PLNU Bachelor's Degree% vs. Without PLNU Bachelor's Degree%). The full comparison can be seen in the cross-tabulation data.

Those who have not earned a PLNU undergraduate degree are none-the-less graduates of PLNU and hence have done some degree or certification beyond their bachelor's degree. Hence it is not surprising that they were more likely to be enrolled in or have completed a Teaching Credential (13% vs. 29%), a Professional Certification (6% vs. 19%), and a Master's Degree (27 vs. 97%). It was also more likely to be important to them to "to become a community leader" (73% vs. 89%).

Those who have earned a PLNU undergraduate degree were much more likely to "take part in a prayer or Christian study group" on a weekly basis (36% vs. 17%). They were more likely to have "volunteered time to a Christian organization" (59% vs. 27%). They were less likely to have "written letters to a political official or signed a political petition" (30% vs. 51%). However, since the questions begin with the phrase "during the last couple of years," these differences seem to depend on the life-stage of the individual alum. As we look further into the survey, we can add some nuanced detail. They were more likely to volunteer time in "Church related organizations" (62% vs. 38%), and in "Missions organizations" (25% vs. 8%). They were more likely to make financial contributions to "Church related organizations" (71% vs. 54%). They were less likely to volunteer time in (40% vs. 68%) and to give money to (30% vs. 60%) "School and educational organizations".

The following are not statistically significant but are interesting suggestions of possible differences. There appears to be a disconnect between faith and work on the question of "I feel that I have been of service to God through my employment." Those with a PLNU undergraduate degree were less likely to view their work and their faith as being in different realms. This was noted from the percentage of respondents who marked the question as not applicable (6% vs. 15%).

PLNU undergraduate degree holders were more likely to "read the Bible in your home" on a weekly basis (51% vs. 37%). They were also more likely to have "interacted with persons who

challenged my basic values” (86% vs. 75%). They were less likely to have given money to “disaster relief” (35% vs. 51%) and to “Community and civic organizations” (26% vs. 40%). Consistent with the life-stage hypothesis, those who have earned a PLNU undergraduate degree are less likely to live with children and when they do, they are living with younger children. They also “make time for recreation” (87% vs. 76%).

### **Comparing 2012 and 2005 Alumni Surveys**

On most items, there does not appear to be much change. Where there is change and the change is explained by the differences between our alumni who have and have not earned their undergraduate degree at PLNU (as noted Cross-Tabulations narrative above), no additional comments will be added.

There is an apparent reduction in the amount of Bible reading, but this may well be due to the rephrasing of the question. If the additional qualifier “in your home” had been added in 2005, the percentage might well have been similar given the cross-tabulation notes above. A similar comment applies to Prayer. Weekly attendance at a worship service is down 70% to 57% which is more than can be explained by holding an undergraduate degree at PLNU (59.3% vs. 46%). Volunteer service and financial contributions are not changed except by that noted above.

Due to changes in wording and evaluation scales, the ethics questions are difficult to compare, as are the faith commitment questions. Questions concerning preparation for work and graduate school and “sensitivity to and concern for others” are also difficult to compare because of the wording of the questions.

The difference between the wording of having “completed” and being “enrolled in or have already completed” a degree program makes comparison of degree enumerations problematic. None-the-less, these measures do not appear to have significantly changed with the notable exception of Master’s degrees. The latter is most easily explained by the members of the 2012 sample pool who had already earned a PLNU degree or certification, but who did not earn an undergraduate degree from PLNU.

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In terms of your general education and course work in your major, how well did PLNU prepare you for each of the following?	Very Well	Well	Neutral	Poorly	N/A
Working inside the home	12.1%	26.4%	28.5%	4.8%	28.2%
Working outside the home	33.6%	46.7%	12.7%	2.7%	4.2%
Attending graduate school	34.2%	24.2%	13.6%	3.3%	24.5%
Performing vounteer service	31.3%	33.1%	21.3%	4.0%	10.3%
Understanding yourself	33.0%	43.0%	17.0%	3.9%	3.0%
Understanding others	32.7%	47.3%	13.9%	3.3%	2.7%
Developing your system of values and ethics	40.3%	35.5%	17.0%	3.3%	3.9%

About how often do you read a book, manual or journal, or watch a documentary that is	Once a week	A few times a month	A few times a year	Rarely if ever
Related to your work	34.2%	33.9%	23.9%	7.9%
Related to your spiritual life	35.5%	30.0%	21.2%	13.3%
Related to leisure	47.0%	31.2%	17.3%	4.5%

Please describe the use of the course work in your major:	
My career directly relates to my major	49.7%
My career is in a field that relies on my major	20.1%
My current job is not related to my major	25.5%
I am not employed outside the home	4.7%

About how often do you engage in each of the following activities?	Daily	A few times a week	Weekly	A few times a month	A few times a year	Rarely if ever
Attend a local church that you consider your home congregation	1.5%	12.6%	43.1%	11.7%	11.4%	19.7%
Attend a worship service	0.9%	6.7%	49.7%	12.6%	13.5%	16.6%
Take part in a prayer or Christian study group	0.6%	5.5%	26.4%	9.5%	16.6%	41.4%
Join in local evangelism	1.2%	2.8%	4.0%	12.3%	34.9%	44.8%
Join in global missins work	0.6%	0.3%	1.5%	3.7%	20.1%	73.7%
Read the Bible in your home	20.2%	18.4%	9.5%	16.0%	12.6%	23.3%
Pray in your home	58.0%	13.2%	8.3%	6.1%	2.8%	11.7%

Please describe the frequency of your church involvement within the last couple of years:	Weekly	A few times a month	A few times a year	Rarely if ever
Gave money	23.3%	33.7%	21.5%	21.5%
Led a Christian study group or taught Sunday School	12.3%	8.9%	14.1%	64.7%
Led corporate worship	4.0%	6.5%	3.1%	86.4%
Used my professional skills to assist the church	9.2%	7.7%	22.8%	60.3%
Served on the church "board" (elected leadership) or other committee	4.6%	5.8%	4.6%	84.9%
Served in compassionate ministry	4.9%	8.6%	27.8%	58.6%

If you are attending a local church that you consider to be your home church, with what denomination is it affiliated (if any):	
Assembly of God	1.8%
Baptist	4.2%
Evangelical Free	1.8%
Lutheran	1.5%
Mennonite	0.3%
Nazarene	9.9%
Non-Denominational	26.1%
None	34.2%
Other	12.3%
Presbyterian	3.3%
Roman Catholic	4.5%

Degrees	None	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6	7 or 8
Number of responses marked for: If you are enrolled in or have already completed a program, what is or was the program?	4.5%	83.5%	11.1%	0.9%	0.0%

Percent of Respondents that marked each category:	
Bachelor's Degree	70.3%
Teaching credential	15.6%
Professional Certification	8.4%
Master's Degree	39.0%
Professional Practice Doctorate	5.1%
Research/Scholarship Doctorate	1.5%
In graduate school now	9.9%
Other _____	3.9%

How much were your abilities in the following areas enhanced by your total undergraduate experience at PLNU (in and out of the classroom)?	Very Much Enhanced	Much Enhanced	Enhanced	Not Enhanced	N/A
Thinking analytically and logically	28.1%	30.6%	25.3%	4.4%	11.6%
Writing effectively	24.0%	28.4%	32.2%	4.4%	11.0%
Speaking effectively	22.1%	29.0%	30.3%	7.9%	10.7%
Working effectively with others	25.9%	32.5%	26.8%	4.4%	10.4%
Developing meaningful personal relationships	34.8%	21.6%	22.6%	9.4%	11.6%
Developing intellectual curiosity and a desire for life-long learning	35.1%	26.6%	20.7%	6.6%	11.0%
Seeking cross-cultural experiences	22.9%	25.1%	23.5%	16.3%	12.2%
Using technology	16.6%	22.3%	35.7%	14.4%	11.0%
Solving problems	21.6%	30.7%	32.0%	5.0%	10.7%
Learning effectively on your own	26.9%	32.2%	25.3%	4.7%	10.9%
Integrating knowledge from many sources	25.4%	33.9%	24.1%	5.6%	11.0%

My undergraduate experience had a positive impact on:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
My commitment to Christ	30.0%	33.1%	20.6%	3.8%	4.7%	7.8%
My life of service to Society	25.9%	43.1%	21.6%	3.8%	0.9%	4.7%
My sensitivity toward and concern for others	28.4%	47.5%	15.3%	3.4%	1.6%	3.8%
My understanding of people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds	20.1%	35.7%	30.1%	7.8%	2.8%	3.4%
My affirmation of the equality of all people	27.8%	36.9%	24.1%	5.9%	1.9%	3.4%
My willingness to wrestle with moral and ethical issues	33.8%	45.6%	13.1%	2.2%	1.6%	3.8%

How important are the following areas to you personally?	Essential	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
For everyone I work with to get along	25.8%	50.6%	22.3%	1.3%
Becoming an authority in my field	20.8%	41.5%	28.3%	9.4%
Being very well off financially	9.4%	27.0%	50.0%	13.5%
Raising a family	51.7%	27.6%	12.5%	8.2%
Helping others who are in difficulty	36.6%	50.2%	12.6%	0.6%
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment	5.7%	21.1%	52.4%	20.8%
Helping to promote racial understanding	12.9%	30.0%	39.7%	17.4%
Keeping up-to-date on domestic current events	17.9%	38.4%	34.0%	9.7%
Keeping up-to-date on global current events	18.6%	35.2%	38.7%	7.5%
Becoming a community leader	11.0%	27.0%	38.1%	23.9%

Over the past couple of years...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
I feel that I have been of service to God through my employment	31.3%	34.5%	18.8%	4.4%	3.4%	7.5%
I have been able to make a connection between my life and my career	34.8%	37.6%	14.1%	8.5%	3.1%	1.9%
I have sought out the perspectives and opinions of others	43.1%	47.8%	7.5%	0.9%	0.0%	0.6%
I have struggled with an ethical decision at work	20.7%	37.0%	16.6%	13.8%	7.8%	4.1%
I lost my temper in a situation at work	3.8%	21.9%	19.4%	28.5%	21.6%	4.7%

Activities engaged in	None Marked	1 or 2	3 or 4	5, 6 or 7
Number of responses marked for: During the past couple of years, in which of the following activities have you been engaged?	12.3%	23.1%	35.7%	28.8%

Percent of Respondents that marked each category	
Given money for charitable work in the U.S.	64.3%
Given money to a Christian organization	71.2%
Given money for disaster relief	36.6%
Written letters to a political official or signed a political petition	32.7%
Volunteered time to help the poor	45.0%
Volunteered time to a Christian organization	50.5%
Taken part in a men's or women's support group	28.2%

Activities engaged in	None Marked	1 or 2	3 or 4	5, 6 or 7
Number of responses marked for: During the past couple of years, in which of the following activities have you been engaged?	5.4%	7.2%	35.7%	51.6%

Percent of Respondents that marked each category:	
Interacted with persons who challenged my basic values	80.5%
Sought the perspectives and opinions of others	88.6%
Had meals with people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds	83.5%
Worshipped with people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds	63.4%
Followed an international news story in depth	52.6%
Given money for charitable work in other countries	53.5%
Volunteered time to help the poor in other countries	20.4%

Volunteer Involvement	None	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6	7 or 8
Number of responses marked for: If you volunteered your time in the past couple of years, where did you serve?	19.2%	51.3%	26.1%	3.3%	0.0%

Percent of Respondents that marked each category:	
Volunteered time in arts organizations	6.6%
Volunteered time in church related organizations	55.0%
Volunteered time in community and civic related organizations	31.2%
Volunteered time in missions organizations	21.0%
Volunteered time in political organizations	4.5%
Volunteered time in schools and educational organizations	44.1%
Volunteered time in social service organizations	15.9%
Volunteered time in other organizations	4.5%

Contributions	None	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6	7 or 8
Number of responses marked for: If you made financial contributions in the past couple of years, where did you give?	12.9%	52.2%	29.7%	4.8%	0.3%

Percent of Respondents that marked each category:	
Made financial contributions to arts organizations	8.7%
Made financial contributions to church related organizations	65.2%
Made financial contributions to community and civic organizations	27.6%
Made financial contributions to missions organizations	39.3%
Made financial contributions to political organizations	7.2%
Made financial contributions to schools and educational organizations	34.5%
Made financial contributions to social service organizations	18.9%
Made financial contributions to other organizations	6.9%

In the last couple of years, about how often have you	Almost all of the time	Most of the time	Occasionally	Rarely	Never
Exercised aerobically	26.9%	36.3%	25.6%	10.9%	0.3%
Slept 7-8 hours per night	23.1%	49.2%	19.9%	6.9%	0.9%
Eaten a balanced diet	24.6%	51.1%	19.6%	4.7%	0.0%

How many children are living with you in each of the following categories?	0	1	2	3+
Birth to Pre-K	76.9%	14.6%	8.4%	0.0%
K-3rd grade	91.2%	5.7%	3.2%	0.0%
4th-8th grade	95.6%	4.1%	0.4%	0.0%
9th-12th grade	95.2%	4.4%	0.4%	0.0%

Household	None	1 or 2	3, 4 or 5
Number of responses marked for: Which of the following are more true than false about your household?	4.8%	16.8%	78.3%

Percent of Respondents that marked each category	
We tend to live within the budget	85.0%
We recycle and reuse	77.5%
We make time for recreation	81.7%
We limit electronic activities (TV, games, etc.)	43.5%
Our lives are NOT over scheduled	40.2%

Employment Status	None	1 or 2	3, 4 or 5
Number of responses marked for: Please describe your current employment status.	6.0%	91.3%	2.7%

Percent of Respondents that marked each category	
I am currently employed full-time	66.1%
I am currently employed part-time	18.9%
I am working at home (paid or unpaid)	8.1%
I am looking for work	13.5%
I am a stay-at-home caregiver	5.4%

If you are employed outside the home, which statement best describes your current job?	
There is little career potential	11.5%
There is possible career potential	29.2%
There is increasing career potential	52.8%
There is no room for further advancement	6.6%

What is your current marital status?	
Single, never married	40.6%
Married	55.0%
Separated	0.6%
Divorced	3.4%
Widowed	0.3%

Did you earn an undergraduate degree at PLNU?	
Yes	80.4%
No	19.6%

## WASC Alumni Surveys Matched Questions

### 2012 Survey Questions

Over the past couple of years...	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
I feel that I have been of service to God through my employment	31.3%	34.5%	18.8%	4.4%	3.4%	7.5%
I have been able to make a connection between my life and my career	34.8%	37.6%	14.1%	8.5%	3.1%	1.9%

How much were your abilities in the following areas enhanced by your total undergraduate experience at PLNU (in and out of the classroom)?	Very Much Enhanced	Much Enhanced	Enhanced	Not Enhanced	N/A
Thinking analytically and logically	28.1%	30.6%	25.3%	4.4%	11.6%
Writing effectively	24.0%	28.4%	32.2%	4.4%	11.0%
Speaking effectively	22.1%	29.0%	30.3%	7.9%	10.7%

About how often do you engage in each of the following activities?	Daily	A few times a week	Weekly	A few times a month	A few times a year	Rarely if ever
Read the Bible in your home	20.2%	18.4%	9.5%	16.0%	12.6%	23.3%
Pray in your home	58.0%	13.2%	8.3%	6.1%	2.8%	11.7%
Attend a worship service	0.9%	6.7%	49.7%	12.6%	13.5%	16.6%
Attend a local church that you consider your home congregation	1.5%	11.4%	40.7%	11.7%	12.3%	22.2%

### 2005 Survey Questions

General Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
I have been of service to God through my employment.	27.6%	38.8%	21.6%	6.8%	2.6%	2.6%
I have been able to make a connection between my life-calling and my career.	27.7%	34.5%	23.5%	9.2%	3.1%	2.1%

Level of impact of PLNU in:	Major	Moderate	Minor	None
Developing critical thinking and analytical skills.	44.1%	47.4%	7.5%	1.0%
Developing effective written communication.	42.4%	44.1%	11.7%	1.8%
Developing effective verbal communication.	40.9%	46.7%	10.3%	2.1%

Service	None	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	More Often
Over the last year, about how often did you read the Bible?	13.6%	11.6%	13.4%	25.1%	36.2%
Over the last year, about how often did you pray?	3.9%	4.2%	4.6%	13.8%	73.5%
Over the last year, about how often did you attend a church service?	8.3%	12.1%	9.2%	46.4%	24.0%

Volunteer Involvement	None	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6	7 or 8
Number of responses marked for: If you volunteered your time in the past couple of years, where did you serve?	19.2%	51.3%	26.1%	3.3%	0.0%
<b>Percent of Respondents that marked each category:</b>					
Volunteered time in arts organizations	6.6%				
Volunteered time in church related organizations	55.0%				
Volunteered time in community and civic related organizations	31.2%				
Volunteered time in missions organizations	21.0%				
Volunteered time in political organizations	4.5%				
Volunteered time in schools and educational organizations	44.1%				
Volunteered time in social service organizations	15.9%				
Volunteered time in other organizations	4.5%				

Volunteer Involvement	None Marked	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6
Number of responses marked for: If you volunteered your time in the past year, where did you serve?	20.5%	61.2%	16.6%	1.8%
<b>Percent of Respondents that marked each category:</b>				
Volunteered time in arts organizations.	4.5%			
Volunteered time in church related organizations.	51.9%			
Volunteered time in community and civic organizations.	22.6%			
Volunteered time in missions organizations.	11.0%			
Volunteered time in political organizations.	4.7%			
Volunteered time in schools and educational organizations.	36.1%			
Volunteered time in social service organizations.	13.7%			
Volunteered time in other organizations.	5.5%			

Contributions	None	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6	7 or 8
Number of responses marked for: If you made financial contributions in the past couple of years, where did you give?	12.9%	52.2%	29.7%	4.8%	0.3%
<b>Percent of Respondents that marked each category:</b>					
Made financial contributions to arts organizations	8.7%				
Made financial contributions to church related organizations	65.2%				
Made financial contributions to community and civic organizations	27.6%				
Made financial contributions to missions organizations	39.3%				
Made financial contributions to political organizations	7.2%				
Made financial contributions to schools and educational organizations	34.5%				
Made financial contributions to social service organizations	18.9%				
Made financial contributions to other organizations	6.9%				

Contributions	None Marked	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6
Number of responses marked for: If you made financial contributions in the past year, where did you give?	10.3%	60.0%	26.1%	3.6%
<b>Percent of Respondents that marked each category:</b>				
Made financial contributions to arts organizations.	5.0%			
Made financial contributions to church related organizations.	72.9%			
Made financial contributions to community and civic organizations.	20.8%			
Made financial contributions to missions organizations.	32.6%			
Made financial contributions to political organizations.	9.7%			
Made financial contributions to schools and educational organizations.	28.7%			
Made financial contributions to social service organizations.	18.2%			
Made financial contributions to other organizations.	9.5%			

## WASC Alumni Surveys Related Questions

### 2012 Survey Questions

In terms of your general education and course work in your major, how well did PLNU prepare you for each of the following?	Very Well	Well	Neutral	Poorly	N/A
Developing your system of values and ethics	40.3%	35.5%	17.0%	3.3%	3.9%

My undergraduate experience had a positive impact on:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
My commitment to Christ	30.0%	33.1%	20.6%	3.8%	4.7%	7.8%

In terms of your general education and course work in your major, how well did PLNU prepare you for each of the following?	Very Well	Well	Neutral	Poorly	N/A
Working inside the home	12.1%	26.4%	28.5%	4.8%	28.2%
Working outside the home	33.6%	46.7%	12.7%	2.7%	4.2%

In terms of your general education and course work in your major, how well did PLNU prepare you for each of the following?	Very Well	Well	Neutral	Poorly	N/A
Attending graduate school	34.2%	24.2%	13.6%	3.3%	24.5%

My undergraduate experience had a positive impact on:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
My sensitivity toward and concern for others	28.4%	47.5%	15.3%	3.4%	1.6%	3.8%
My understanding of people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds	20.1%	35.7%	30.1%	7.8%	2.8%	3.4%
My affirmation of the equality of all people	27.8%	36.9%	24.1%	5.9%	1.9%	3.4%

### 2005 Survey Questions

General Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
I have a better basis for making ethical decisions in personal relationships.	24.7%	42.0%	25.8%	5.8%	1.0%	0.6%
I have a better basis for making ethical decisions in my work place.	27.3%	45.3%	21.6%	4.5%	0.6%	0.6%

General Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
I have a stronger personal relationship with God.	31.1%	35.0%	20.3%	8.7%	3.5%	1.3%
I have a better understanding of what it means to be a Christian.	27.5%	38.5%	23.0%	7.1%	3.1%	0.8%
I have grown in my Christian faith.	31.8%	40.3%	15.0%	7.3%	4.5%	1.1%

General Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
I was well prepared with the skills necessary for the world of work.	27.8%	48.3%	14.1%	7.1%	2.1%	0.6%
I was well prepared with the knowledge necessary for the world of work.	27.6%	49.8%	15.2%	4.7%	2.1%	0.6%

General Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
I was well prepared for the intellectual challenges of post-baccalaureate training.	29.1%	40.1%	16.7%	2.6%	1.5%	10.0%
I was well prepared for the social and psychological challenges of post-baccalaureate training.	22.1%	41.4%	20.1%	4.9%	1.3%	10.2%

General Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
I am more sensitive to gender issues.	13.8%	24.5%	43.3%	13.0%	3.9%	1.6%
I am more sensitive to issues of race and class.	14.2%	28.8%	35.4%	15.0%	4.5%	1.9%

Degrees	None	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6	7 or 8
Number of responses marked for: If you are enrolled in or have already completed a program, what is or was the program?	4.5%	83.5%	11.1%	0.9%	0.0%
Percent of Respondents that marked each category:					
Bachelor's Degree	70.3%				
Teaching credential	15.6%				
Professional Certification	8.4%				
Master's Degree	39.0%				
Professional Practice Doctorate	5.1%				
Research/Scholarship Doctorate	1.5%				
In graduate school now	9.9%				
Other	3.9%				

Degrees	None Marked	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6
Number of responses marked for: Which of the following do you hold from Point Loma?	3.2%	96.0%	0.8%	0.0%
Percent of Respondents that marked each category:				
B.A.	73.7%			
B.S. or B.S.N.	10.6%			
Teaching Credential	13.9%			
M.A.	13.1%			
M.Min.	0.2%			
Ed.S.	1.1%			
Additional Education				
None Marked		1 or 2	3 or 4	
Number of responses marked for: Which of the following have you completed elsewhere?	56.0%	43.7%	0.30%	
Percent of Respondents that marked each category:				
Has completed professional certification elsewhere.	20.5%			
Has completed Master's program elsewhere.	17.1%			
Has completed Doctoral program elsewhere.	2.3%			
Has completed other program elsewhere.	9.5%			

If you are attending a local church that you consider to be your home church, with what denomination is it affiliated (if any):	
Baptist	4.5%
Episcopalian	0.9%
Jewish	0.3%
LDS (Mormon)	0.3%
Lutheran	1.8%
Methodist	1.2%
Nazarene	9.9%
Non-Denominational or None	37.8%
Other Christian	35.7%
Presbyterian	2.7%
Quaker	0.3%
Roman Catholic	3.6%
Seventh Day Adventist	0.3%
United Church of Christ/Congregational	0.6%

Church	None Marked	1 or 2
Number of responses marked for: If you attended church services in the past year, where did you most often attend?	8.5%	91.5%
Percent of Respondents that marked each category:		
Assembly of God	2.1%	
Baptist	10.2%	
Evangelical Free	2.9%	
Lutheran	1.8%	
Mennonite	0.6%	
Nazarene	18.2%	
Non-Denominational	34.7%	
Presbyterian	6.1%	
Roman Catholic	8.1%	
Other	11.1%	