

# PLNU WASC Alumni Survey Results

Executive Summary

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Highlights of the WASC Alumni Survey administered in Fall 2015

- † The alumni survey shows an increase in preparedness, particularly in the areas of self-understanding and values and ethics.
- † Church engagement and personal faith activities have generally increased in frequency, particularly in study group participation and personal bible reading. However, church and worship attendance has generally not changed.
- † Church involvement has somewhat moved away from simple monetary giving to more time-related service. Fewer alumni are giving money, but more alumni are leading study groups, teaching Sunday school, or serving in other capacities. The survey bias of a higher proportion of younger respondents may explain some of this.
- † Feedback from alumni in terms of their perception of PLNU's contribution to the enhancement of their learning is very positive. Very few alumni report no enhancement except in areas of diversity and technology. High marks are achieved in the areas of analytical thinking, knowledge integration, life-long learning, and teamwork.
- † 9 of the 11 learning outcomes areas touched on in the survey show improvement since the 2012 survey administration. Oral communication and Knowledge integration show the most improvement, while technology and written communication show slight decline.
- † A substantial proportion of alumni seek out perspectives and opinions from others, and to a lesser extent, feel their work is a service to God and make a connection between their life and career.
- † PLNU had a positive impact on alumni in terms of sensitivity and concern for others, as well as, their willingness to wrestle with moral and ethical issues. By contrast, there was less of a positive impact in the area of cultural impact.
- † In terms of personal values, PLNU alumni place the most importance on raising a family and helping others in difficulty. These are by far rated more important than things like finances, career advancement, or staying abreast of current events.
- † More than 80% of alumni report interactions with people who challenged their beliefs, seeking perspective and opinions of others, and dining with people of differing racial backgrounds. However, a smaller percentage of alumni report worshipping with people of differing racial backgrounds.
- † While 60-70% of PLNU alumni practice healthy habits most or almost all of the time, participation is diminishing as frequency of aerobic exercise, adequate sleep, and eating a balanced diet is lower than what was reported by alumni three years ago.

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Survey Administration Details

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- + The 2015 administration of the WASC alumni survey was done through two populations. One population consisted of all students from PLNU's Survey Panel who have graduated. The other population consisted of a random sample of bachelor's degree recipients who have graduated since Summer 2000 and were not part of the Survey Panel. The Panel respondents were given a small incentive, the non-Panel respondents were not.  
*Note: The Survey Panel consists of one cohort (approx. 200 students) per year. The Panel is initially created from a randomly selected group of freshmen who consent to take multiple surveys over their years at PLNU and after they graduate. Since some of these freshmen leave PLNU before they graduate, a proportional sample of incoming transfers join the Survey Panel cohorts each year.*
- + The Survey Panel population contained 189 alumni of whom 101 responded (a Panel response rate of 53.4%). The non-Panel population contained a random sample of 1,435 alumni of whom 443 responded (a non-Panel response rate of 30.9%). This resulted in an overall response rate of 33.5%
- + The initial survey solicitation was delivered via e-mail directing alumni to complete the survey online. Subsequent to that, non-respondents were then sent a paper version with a stamped return envelope. Several reminders, both through electronic and traditional mail were sprinkled throughout the process.
- + The addition of the Survey Panel in the 2015 administration resulted in a much higher proportion of "recent" graduates causing some sample bias when comparing the 2015 results against the results from the 2012 administration.
- + Also, the 2015 administration did not include any master's degree recipients. Whereas, the 2012 administration had included those alumni.

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1. Preparedness

In terms of your general education and coursework in your major, how well did PLNU prepare you for each of the following?

	Year	Total Responses	N/A Responses	Reporting Responses	(4) Very Well	(3) Well	(2) Neutral	(1) Poorly	Mean
Working inside the home	2015	541	83	458	18.1%	38.9%	39.1%	3.9%	2.71
	2012	330	93	237	16.9%	36.7%	39.7%	6.8%	2.64
Working outside the home	2015	539	5	534	38.8%	49.1%	9.4%	2.8%	3.24
	2012	330	14	316	35.1%	48.7%	13.3%	2.8%	3.16
Attending graduate school	2015	541	144	397	43.3%	35.3%	17.4%	4.0%	3.18
	2012	330	81	249	45.4%	32.1%	18.1%	4.4%	3.18
Performing volunteer service	2015	540	32	508	38.0%	41.3%	17.9%	2.8%	3.15
	2012	329	34	295	34.9%	36.9%	23.7%	4.4%	3.02
Understanding yourself	2015	543	0	543	40.1%	47.1%	9.8%	2.9%	3.24
	2012	330	10	320	34.1%	44.4%	17.5%	4.1%	3.08
Understanding others	2015	542	0	542	38.4%	49.8%	10.1%	1.7%	3.25
	2012	330	9	321	33.6%	48.6%	14.3%	3.4%	3.12
Developing your system of values and ethics	2015	541	0	541	47.7%	40.5%	8.5%	3.3%	3.33
	2012	330	13	317	42.0%	36.9%	17.7%	3.5%	3.17













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- † 2015 respondents reported feeling better prepared across all areas in comparison to the respondents from 2012 survey.
- † 87.9% of 2015 respondents felt that PLNU prepared them for well or very well for working outside the home.
- † 78.6% of 2015 respondents felt that PLNU prepared them for well or very well for attending graduate school.
- † 88.2% of 2015 respondents felt that PLNU prepared them for well or very well for developing their system of values and ethics.
- † Two areas showed substantial increases in preparedness from 2012 to 2015. "Understanding yourself" went from 78.5% (well and very well) to 87.2% and "Developing your system of values and ethics" went from 78.9% (well and very well) to 88.2%.

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2. Reading/Documentary Frequency

About how often do you read a book, manual or journal, or watch a documentary that is:

	Year	Reporting Responses	Frequency			
			Once a week	A few times a month	A few times a year	Rarely if ever
Related to your work	2015	544	 34.2%	 32.7%	 22.8%	 10.3%
	2012	330	34.2%	33.9%	23.9%	7.9%
Related to your spiritual life	2015	542	 31.0%	 29.0%	 27.1%	 12.9%
	2012	330	35.5%	30.0%	21.2%	13.3%
Related to leisure	2015	542	 35.1%	 34.1%	 24.4%	 6.5%
	2012	330	47.0%	31.2%	17.3%	4.5%

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† Reading related to spiritual life takes a back seat to work or leisure rated reading in terms of frequency.

† Overall reading frequency of 2015 respondents is slightly less frequent than that of 2012 respondents.

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## 3. Spiritual Engagement

### About how often do you engage in each of the following activities?

	Year	Reporting Responses	A few or more times a		A few times	A few times	Rarely if ever	
			Daily	week	Weekly	a month		a year
Attend a local church that you consider your home congregation	2015	537	2.4%	16.6%	38.7%	16.8%	12.3%	13.2%
	2012	325	1.5%	12.6%	43.1%	11.7%	11.4%	19.7%
Attend a worship service	2015	537	0.6%	8.0%	49.2%	15.5%	13.8%	13.0%
	2012	326	0.9%	6.7%	49.7%	12.6%	13.5%	16.6%
Take part in a prayer or Christian study group	2015	537	1.5%	8.8%	29.1%	13.6%	13.6%	33.5%
	2012	326	0.6%	5.5%	26.4%	9.5%	16.6%	41.4%
Join in local evangelism	2015	534	1.5%	3.0%	5.1%	7.9%	24.2%	58.4%
	2012	324	1.2%	2.8%	4.0%	12.3%	34.9%	44.8%
Join in global missions work	2015	534	1.3%	0.9%	1.5%	3.4%	24.2%	68.7%
	2012	323	0.6%	0.3%	1.5%	3.7%	20.1%	73.7%
Read the Bible in your home	2015	535	19.3%	22.4%	12.0%	15.9%	12.3%	18.1%
	2012	326	20.2%	18.4%	9.5%	16.0%	12.6%	23.3%
Pray in your home	2015	536	56.3%	15.9%	10.1%	6.0%	3.7%	8.0%
	2012	326	58.0%	13.2%	8.3%	6.1%	2.8%	11.7%

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- † Frequency of church attendance has changed very little between 2012 and 2015. 57.8% of 2015 respondents attend a worship service at least weekly compared to the 57.3% of 2012 respondents.
- † Frequency of private prayer is up from 2012 with 82.3% of 2015 respondents praying at least weekly compared to 79.5% in 2012.
- † 53.7% of 2015 respondents read the Bible in their home at least weekly. This is an increase over the 48.1% of 2012 respondents.
- † Study group participation is up with 39.4% of 2015 respondents participating at least weekly in a prayer or Christian study group. Compared to 32.5% of 2012 respondents.
- † Participation in local evangelism has declined since 2012. Over half (58.4%) of 2015 respondents join in local evangelism rarely, if ever, compared to 44.8% of 2012 respondents.
- † However, participation in global missions work has increased a little since 2012. Two-thirds (68.7%) of 2015 respondents join in global missions work rarely, if ever, compared to almost three-fourths (73.7%) of 2012 respondents.

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4. Spiritual Involvement

Please describe the frequency of your church involvement within the last couple of years:

	Year	Reporting Responses	Weekly	A few times a month	A few times a year	Rarely if ever
Gave money	2015	535	19.1%	35.0%	23.6%	22.4%
	2012	325	23.4%	33.8%	21.5%	21.2%
Led a Christian study group or taught Sunday School	2015	534	14.8%	10.5%	14.6%	60.1%
	2012	325	12.3%	8.9%	14.2%	64.6%
Led corporate worship	2015	535	6.0%	4.5%	5.4%	84.1%
	2012	323	4.0%	6.5%	3.1%	86.4%
Used my professional skills to assist the church	2015	536	11.0%	10.8%	22.8%	55.4%
	2012	324	9.3%	7.7%	22.8%	60.2%
Served on the church "board" (elected leadership) or other committee	2015	534	5.6%	5.8%	5.6%	83.0%
	2012	324	4.6%	5.9%	4.6%	84.9%
Served in compassionate ministry	2015	533	6.4%	10.3%	26.8%	56.5%
	2012	323	5.0%	8.7%	27.9%	58.5%













































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- † Generally, church involvement is more frequent among 2015 respondents than that of the 2012 respondents with the exception of monetary giving.
- † Monetary giving of at least a few times a month has decreased from 57.2% of 2012 respondents to 44.1% of 2015 respondents.
- † Leadership frequency, in terms of study groups and Sunday school, of at least a few times a month has increased among alumni from 21.2% of 2012 respondents to 25.3% of 2015 respondents.
- † Respondents' use of professional skills to assist the church increased. 21.8% of 2015 respondents did this at least a few times a month compared to 17.0% of 2012 respondents.
- † Frequency of compassionate ministry service also increased with 16.7% of 2015 respondents doing this at least a few times a month compared to 13.7% of 2012 respondents.
- † There was very little change in the frequency of involvement in the areas of corporate worship and elected leadership.

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## 5. Student Learning Outcomes

How much were your abilities in the following areas enhanced by your total undergraduate experience at PLNU (in and out of the classroom)?

	Year	Total Responses	N/A Responses	Reporting Responses	(4) Very much enhanced	(3) Much enhanced	(2) Enhanced	(1) Not enhanced	Mean
Thinking analytically and logically	2015	529	1	528	 39.0%	 34.7%	 24.1%	 2.3%	3.10
	2012	320	37	283	31.8%	34.6%	28.6%	4.9%	2.93
Writing effectively	2015	529	1	528	 28.0%	 36.6%	 30.1%	 5.3%	2.87
	2012	317	35	282	27.0%	31.9%	36.2%	5.0%	2.81
Speaking effectively	2015	529	1	528	 27.1%	 38.3%	 29.5%	 5.1%	2.87
	2012	317	34	283	24.7%	32.5%	33.9%	8.8%	2.73
Working effectively with others	2015	526	1	525	 32.4%	 39.2%	 24.6%	 3.8%	3.00
	2012	317	33	284	28.9%	36.3%	29.9%	4.9%	2.89
Developing meaningful personal relationships	2015	529	0	529	 45.9%	 28.7%	 17.6%	 7.8%	3.13
	2012	319	37	282	39.4%	24.5%	25.5%	10.6%	2.93
Developing intellectual curiosity and a desire for life-long learning	2015	529	1	528	 42.6%	 31.1%	 21.6%	 4.7%	3.12
	2012	319	35	284	39.4%	29.9%	23.2%	7.4%	3.01
Seeking cross-cultural experiences	2015	528	9	519	 30.8%	 22.2%	 29.9%	 17.1%	2.67
	2012	319	39	280	26.1%	28.6%	26.8%	18.6%	2.62
Using technology	2015	528	6	522	 15.7%	 27.6%	 39.3%	 17.4%	2.42
	2012	319	35	284	18.7%	25.0%	40.1%	16.2%	2.46
Solving problems	2015	529	1	528	 29.4%	 36.0%	 30.7%	 4.0%	2.91
	2012	319	34	285	24.2%	34.4%	35.8%	5.6%	2.77
Learning effective on your own	2015	529	1	528	 30.9%	 41.1%	 24.1%	 4.0%	2.99
	2012	320	34	285	30.2%	36.1%	28.4%	5.3%	2.91
Integrating knowledge from many sources	2015	529	0	529	 31.6%	 39.9%	 25.7%	 2.8%	3.00
	2012	319	35	284	28.5%	38.0%	27.1%	6.3%	2.89

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


























- † There is an interesting polarization in the area of personal relationships. This area among all SLOs has the highest proportion of 2015 respondents rating it "very much enhanced" while this area has the 3rd highest proportion of 2015 respondents rating it "not enhanced".
- † Two SLO areas that show relatively large proportions of a "not enhanced" rating from 2015 respondents are "seeking cross-cultural experiences" (17.1%) and "using technology" (17.4%).
- † The two SLO areas that showed the most collective improvement between the 2012 and 2015 respondents were "Developing meaningful personal relationships" (from an average of 2.93 to 3.13) and "Thinking analytically and logically" (from an average of 2.93 to 3.10).

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6. Service, Ethics, and Cultural Awareness

Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

**My undergraduate experience had a positive impact on...**

	Year	Total Responses	N/A Responses	Reporting Responses	(5) Strongly agree	(4) Agree	(3) Neutral	(2) Disagree	(1) Strongly disagree	Mean
My commitment to Christ	2015	524	8	516	 43.6%	 32.8%	 12.2%	 6.4%	 5.0%	4.03
	2012	320	25	295	32.5%	35.9%	22.4%	4.1%	5.1%	3.87
My life of service to Society	2015	524	4	520	 35.8%	 40.2%	 18.8%	 4.0%	 1.2%	4.05
	2012	320	15	305	27.2%	45.2%	22.6%	3.9%	1.0%	3.94
My sensitivity toward and concern for others	2015	522	3	519	 40.7%	 43.2%	 12.9%	 1.9%	 1.3%	4.20
	2012	320	12	308	29.5%	49.4%	15.9%	3.6%	1.6%	4.02
My understanding of people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds	2015	524	9	515	 24.5%	 36.3%	 24.7%	 9.5%	 5.0%	3.66
	2012	319	11	308	20.8%	37.0%	31.2%	8.1%	2.9%	3.65
My affirmation of the equality of all people	2015	524	10	514	 31.5%	 39.1%	 20.2%	 6.0%	 3.1%	3.90
	2012	320	11	309	28.8%	38.2%	24.9%	6.1%	1.9%	3.86
My willingness to wrestle with moral and ethical issues	2015	524	2	522	 41.0%	 46.2%	 10.0%	 1.7%	 1.1%	4.24
	2012	320	12	308	35.1%	47.4%	13.6%	2.3%	1.6%	4.12

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







































- † Four of the six areas addressed in this question show an interesting increase in polarization in terms of the impact PLNU had on repondents' experiences. Commitment to Christ, life of service to society, understanding people of differing racial backgrounds, and affirmation of the equality of all people all showed increases (from 2012 to 2015) in both the proportion of respondents who agreed or strongly agreed and the proportion of respondents who disagreed or strongly disagreed.
- † 87.2% of 2015 respondents agreed or strongly agreed that PLNU had a positive impact on their willingness to wrestle with moral and ethical issues. This is up from 82.5% of the 2012 respondents.
- † 83.9% of 2015 respondents agreed or strongly agreed that PLNU had a positive impact on their sensitivity toward and concern for others. This is up from 78.9% of the 2012 respondents.
- † Of these six areas, PLNU's impact on the understanding of people of differing racial backgrounds had the lowest proportion (60.8%) of 2015 respondents who agreed or strongly agreed with that statement.



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7. Personal Values

How important are the following areas to you personally?

	Year	Reporting Responses	(4) Essential	(3) Very important	(2) Somewhat important	(1) Not important	Mean
For everyone I work with to get along	2015	524	 24.6%	 46.9%	 26.0%	 2.5%	2.94
	2012	318	25.8%	50.6%	22.3%	1.3%	3.01
Becoming an authority in my field	2015	523	 21.8%	 36.7%	 31.4%	 10.1%	2.70
	2012	318	20.8%	41.5%	28.3%	9.4%	2.74
Being very well off financially	2015	523	 12.4%	 31.4%	 41.9%	 14.3%	2.42
	2012	318	9.4%	27.0%	50.0%	13.5%	2.32
Raising a family	2015	522	 56.7%	 24.5%	 13.4%	 5.4%	3.33
	2012	319	51.7%	27.6%	12.5%	8.2%	3.23
Helping others who are in difficulty	2015	524	 39.9%	 46.8%	 13.4%	 0.0%	3.27
	2012	317	36.6%	50.2%	12.6%	0.6%	3.23
Becoming involved in programs to clean up the environment	2015	524	 7.8%	 20.8%	 49.0%	 22.3%	2.14
	2012	317	5.7%	21.1%	52.4%	20.8%	2.12
Helping to promote racial understanding	2015	523	 14.0%	 32.7%	 40.3%	 13.0%	2.48
	2012	317	12.9%	30.0%	39.7%	17.4%	2.38
Keeping up-to-date on global current events	2015	524	 17.6%	 38.9%	 38.4%	 5.2%	2.69
	2012	318	17.9%	38.4%	34.0%	9.7%	2.65
Keeping up-to-date on domestic current events	2015	524	 17.0%	 44.1%	 34.4%	 4.6%	2.73
	2012	318	18.6%	35.2%	38.7%	7.5%	2.64
Becoming a community leader	2015	523	 11.7%	 29.1%	 37.3%	 22.0%	2.30
	2012	318	11.0%	27.0%	38.1%	23.9%	2.25

Note: Colored bars represent 2015 results.

- † Over half (56.7%) of 2015 respondents feel raising a family is of "essential" importance. This is by far the highest percentage among the areas addressed in this question.
- † 86.7% of 2015 respondents feel helping others who are in difficulty is either essential or very important. This is a little higher than the 81.2% of 2015 respondents who feel raising a family is either essential or very important. The difference here is shown in the 5.4% of 2015 respondents who feel raising a family is not important.
- † The lowest importance was placed on involvement in programs to clean up the environment and becoming a community leader with 22.3% and 22.0% of 2015 respondents (respectively) rating them as not important.

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8. Self-Reflection

Thinking back over the past couple of years, please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

	Year	Total Responses	N/A Responses	Reporting Responses	(5) Strongly agree	(4) Agree	(3) Neutral	(2) Disagree	(1) Strongly disagree	Mean
I feel that I have been of service to God through my employment	2015	524	7	517	39.1%	34.2%	16.2%	7.2%	3.3%	3.99
	2012	319	24	295	33.9%	37.3%	20.3%	4.7%	3.7%	3.93
I have been able to make a connection between my life and my career	2015	524	5	519	41.6%	30.6%	17.3%	7.5%	2.9%	4.01
	2012	319	6	313	35.5%	38.3%	14.4%	8.6%	3.2%	3.94
I have sought out the perspectives and opinions of others	2015	524	1	523	45.7%	47.4%	6.5%	0.4%	0.0%	4.38
	2012	318	2	316	43.4%	48.1%	7.6%	0.9%	0.0%	4.34
I have struggled with an ethical decision at work	2015	524	8	516	24.4%	37.6%	16.1%	14.7%	7.2%	3.57
	2012	319	13	306	21.6%	38.6%	17.3%	14.4%	8.2%	3.51
I lost my temper in a situation at work	2015	523	6	517	7.7%	20.3%	14.9%	31.9%	25.1%	2.54
	2012	319	15	304	3.9%	23.0%	20.4%	29.9%	22.7%	2.56

Note: Colored bars represent 2015 results.

- † 93.1% of 2015 respondents agree or strongly agree that they have sought out the perspectives and opinions of others over the past couple of years. This is up slightly over the 91.5% of 2012 respondents.
- † 57.0% of 2015 respondents disagree or strongly disagreed with the statement "I lost my temper in a situation at work." This is an increase over the 52.6% of 2012 respondents.
- † Almost all (93.1%) 2015 respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they have sought out the perspectives and opinions of others.

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9. Community Giving (Monetary and Volunteerism) ▼


**During the last couple of years, in which of the following activities have you been engaged?  
(Mark all that apply)**

	Year	Survey Respondents	Reporting Responses	Percent
Given money for charitable work in the U.S.	<b>2015</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>65.8%</b>
	2012	330	214	64.8%
Given money to a Christian organization	<b>2015</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>68.6%</b>
	2012	330	237	71.8%
Given money for disaster relief	<b>2015</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>26.3%</b>
	2012	330	122	37.0%
Written letters to a political official or signed a political petition	<b>2015</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>31.3%</b>
	2012	330	109	33.0%
Volunteered time to help the poor	<b>2015</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>49.8%</b>
	2012	330	150	45.5%
Volunteered time to a Christian organization	<b>2015</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>57.9%</b>
	2012	330	168	50.9%
Taken part in a men's or women's support group	<b>2015</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>29.4%</b>
	2012	330	94	28.5%

Note: Colored bars represent 2015 results.

- † The percentage of respondents who volunteered time to a Christian organization has increased from 50.9% in 2012 to 57.9% in 2015. Volunteer time for the poor has also increased, but not as much, from 45.5% of 2012 respondents to 49.8% of 2015 respondents.
- † The percentage of respondents who gave money to a Christian organization has decreased from 71.8% in 2012 to 68.6% in 2015. However, monetary donations to charity increased slightly from 64.8% of 2012 respondents to 65.8% of 2015 respondents.
- † Monetary giving for disaster relief is relatively low and has decreased substantially from 37.0% of 2012 respondents to 26.3% of 2015 respondents.

# PLNU WASC Alumni Survey Results

10. Community Interaction and International Giving 

**During the last couple of years, in which of the following activities have you been engaged?  
(Mark all that apply)**

	Year	Survey Respondents	Reporting Responses	Percent
Interacted with persons who challenged my basic values	2015	544	449	82.5%
	2012	330	268	81.2%
Sought the perspectives and opinions of others	2015	544	468	86.0%
	2012	330	295	89.4%
Had meals with people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds	2015	544	443	81.4%
	2012	330	278	84.2%
Worshiped with people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds	2015	544	344	63.2%
	2012	330	211	63.9%
Followed an international news story in depth	2015	544	301	55.3%
	2012	330	175	53.0%
Given money for charitable work in other countries	2015	544	283	52.0%
	2012	330	178	53.9%
Volunteered time to help the poor in other countries	2015	544	132	24.3%
	2012	330	68	20.6%

Note: Colored bars represent 2015 results.

† 86.0% of 2015 respondents sought out the perspectives and opinions of others. This is down from the 89.4% of 2012 respondents.

† 82.5% of 2015 respondents interacted with persons who challenged their basic values. This is up from the 81.2% of 2012 respondents.

† In term of interactions with people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds, 81.4% of 2015 respondents had these interactions through meals as opposed to 63.2% of 2015 respondents having these interactions through worship. Both percentages are down from 2012.

† International volunteerism has increased. 24.3% of 2015 respondents volunteered abroad, up from the 20.6% of 2012 respondents.

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11. Volunteer Activities

If you volunteered your time in the past couple of years, where did you serve? (Mark all that apply)

	Year	Survey Respondents	Reporting Responses	Percent
Arts organizations	2015	544	39	7.2%
	2012	330	22	6.7%
Church related organizations	2015	544	333	61.2%
	2012	330	183	55.5%
Community and civic organizations	2015	544	179	32.9%
	2012	330	104	31.5%
Missions organizations	2015	544	128	23.5%
	2012	330	70	21.2%
Political organizations	2015	544	25	4.6%
	2012	330	15	4.5%
Schools and educational organizations	2015	544	229	42.1%
	2012	330	147	44.5%
Social service organizations	2015	544	102	18.8%
	2012	330	53	16.1%
Other	2015	544	30	5.5%
	2012	330	15	4.5%

Note: Colored bars represent 2015 results.

- † For those 2015 respondents who have volunteered in the past couple of years, most frequently (61.2%) the volunteering has been for church related organizations. This is higher than the 55.5% of 2012 respondents.
- † Schools and educational organizations were volunteer recipients of 42.1% of 2015 respondents. This is down slightly from the 44.5% of 2012 respondents.
- † Community and civic organizations were volunteer recipients of 32.9% of 2015 respondents. This is up slightly from the 31.5% of 2012 respondents.
- † Very few 2015 respondents (4.6%) reported volunteering for political organizations.

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12. Financial Contributions

**If you made financial contributions in the past couple of years, where did you give?  
(Mark all that apply)**

	Year	Survey Respondents	Reporting Responses	Percent
Arts organizations	2015	544	34	6.3%
	2012	330	29	8.8%
Church related organizations	2015	544	365	67.1%
	2012	330	217	65.8%
Community and civic organizations	2015	544	132	24.3%
	2012	330	92	27.9%
Missions organizations	2015	544	221	40.6%
	2012	330	131	39.7%
Political organizations	2015	544	30	5.5%
	2012	330	24	7.3%
Schools and educational organizations	2015	544	149	27.4%
	2012	330	115	34.8%
Social service organizations	2015	544	100	18.4%
	2012	330	63	19.1%
Other	2015	544	28	5.1%
	2012	330	23	7.0%

Note: Colored bars represent 2015 results.

† About two-thirds (67.1%) of 2015 respondents made financial contributions to church related organizations in the past couple of years. This is up from the 65.8% of 2012 respondents.

† 40.6% of 2015 respondents made financial contributions to missions organizations in the past couple of years. This is up slightly from the 39.7% of 2012 respondents.

† Educational organizations and community organizations each received financial contributions from about one quarter of 2015 respondents. Both of these are down from the percentage of 2012 respondents.

† Only 5.5% of 2015 respondents made financial contributions to political organizations in the past couple of years. This is down slightly from the 7.3% of 2012 respondents.

# PLNU WASC Alumni Survey Results

13. Healthy Habits ▼

In the last couple of years, about how often have you:

	Year	Reporting Responses	Almost all of the time	Most of the time	Occasionally	Rarely	Never
Exercised aerobically	2015	518	24.3%	35.5%	29.0%	9.8%	1.4%
	2012	320	26.9%	36.3%	25.6%	10.9%	0.3%
Slept 7-8 hours per night	2015	519	18.3%	44.9%	26.6%	8.5%	1.7%
	2012	321	23.1%	49.2%	19.9%	6.9%	0.9%
Eaten a balanced diet	2015	517	19.9%	49.9%	22.4%	6.8%	1.0%
	2012	321	24.6%	51.1%	19.6%	4.7%	0.0%

Note: Colored bars represent 2015 results.

- † All three healthy habits addressed in the survey are showing a turn for the worse.
- † 69.8% of 2015 respondents ate a balanced diet in the last couple of years most or almost all of the time as opposed to 75.7% of 2012 respondents.
- † 63.2% of 2015 respondents slept 7-8 hours per night in the last couple of years most or almost all of the time as opposed to 72.3% of 2012 respondents.
- † 59.8% of 2015 respondents exercised aerobically in the last couple of years most or almost all of the time as opposed to 63.2% of 2012 respondents.

# PLNU WASC Alumni Survey Results

14. Household Lifestyle

Which of the following are more true than false about your household? (Mark all that apply)

	Year	Survey Respondents	Reporting Responses	Percent
We tend to live within the budget	2015	544	443	81.4%
	2012	330	283	85.8%
We recycle and reuse	2015	544	424	77.9%
	2012	330	258	78.2%
We make time for recreation	2015	544	439	80.7%
	2012	330	272	82.4%
We limit electronic activities (TV, games, etc.)	2015	544	248	45.6%
	2012	330	145	43.9%
Our lives are NOT over scheduled	2015	544	209	38.4%
	2012	330	134	40.6%

Note: Colored bars represent 2015 results.

† Most respondents from the 2015 survey tend to live within their budget (81.4%), recycle and reuse (77.9%), and make time for recreation (80.7%). However, all three of these areas show declines from the results of the 2012 survey.

† Less than half (45.6%) of 2015 respondents limit electronic activities. This is up slightly from the 43.9% of 2012 respondents.

† 38.4% of 2015 respondents do not over schedule their lives. This is down from the 40.6% of 2012 respondents.



# PLNU WASC Alumni Survey Results

15. Current Employment Status ▼

**Please describe your current employment status.**

	Year	Survey Respondents	Reporting Responses	Percent
I am currently employed full-time	2015	544	383	70.4%
	2012	330	220	66.7%
I am currently employed part-time	2015	544	84	15.4%
	2012	330	63	19.1%
I am working at home (paid or unpaid)	2015	544	44	8.1%
	2012	330	27	8.2%
I am looking for work	2015	544	28	5.1%
	2012	330	45	13.6%
I am a stay-at-home caregiver	2015	544	36	6.6%
	2012	330	18	5.5%

Note: Colored bars represent 2015 results.

† There is a substantial decrease in the percentage of survey respondents who are looking for work. Only 5.1% of 2015 respondents represent this group compared to 13.6% of the 2012 respondents.

† There is an increase in the percentage of survey respondents who are employed full-time (from 66.7% in 2012 to 70.4% in 2015) while the percentage of 2015 respondents employed part-time has decreased (from 19.1% in 2012 to 15.4% in 2015).

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16. Career Potential with Current Job ▼

**If you are employed outside the home, which statement best describes your current job?**

	Year	Survey Respondents	Reporting Responses	Percent
There is little career potential	2015	468	27	5.8%
	2012	288	33	11.5%
There is possible career potential	2015	468	128	27.4%
	2012	288	84	29.2%
There is increasing career potential	2015	468	295	63.0%
	2012	288	152	52.8%
There is no room for further advancement	2015	468	18	3.8%
	2012	288	19	6.6%













Note: Colored bars represent 2015 results.

- + 63.0% of 2015 respondents reported an increasing career potential in their current jobs, this is much greater than the 52.8% of 2012 respondents.
- + Only 3.8% of 2015 respondents reported no room for advancement in their current jobs, which is down from the 6.6% of 2012 respondents.

# PLNU WASC Alumni Survey Results

17. Children

How many children are living with you in each of the following categories?

	Year	Reporting Responses	0	1	2	3+
Birth to Pre-K	2015	497	 72.4%	 13.9%	 12.1%	1.6%
	2012	308	76.9%	14.6%	8.4%	0.0%
K-3rd grade	2015	465	 87.7%	 8.4%	 2.8%	1.1%
	2012	283	91.2%	5.7%	3.2%	0.0%
4th-8th grade	2015	448	 94.9%	 3.1%	 1.3%	0.7%
	2012	270	95.6%	4.1%	0.4%	0.0%
9th-12th grade	2015	441	 96.1%	 2.7%	 0.7%	0.5%
	2012	270	95.2%	4.4%	0.4%	0.0%

Note: Colored bars represent 2015 results.