

Song Diet Evaluation Sheet

Theme	Newly Written	Long-Loved	More Contemplative	More Exuberant	Simple, Accessible	Complex, challenging
Praise (25)						
Penitence (10)						
Word of God (6)						
Dedication/Offering (10)						
Baptism (6)						
Lord's Supper (6)						
Blessing/Dismissal (6)						
Advent/Christmas/Epiphany (20)						
Lent(10)						
Holy Week (8)						
Easter (6)						
Ascension (5)						
Pentecost/Holy Spirit (6)						
Morning and Evening (4)						
Special Occasions (4)						
Creation/Providence (10)						
Redemption/Salvation (10)						
Church/Mission (10)						
Forgiveness/Healing (10)						
Prayer (10)						
Home and Family (10)						
Society/Justice (10)						
New Creation/Hope (10)						

- Suppose there are 20,000 songs available. You are then identifying the top 1% of extant resources. We have the luxury of being very, very picky.
- Suppose that 3/4 of all congregation songs/hymns/canticles sung should be from your list of 200. That is, most of what you do can be familiar, but some will be new and challenging.
- Suppose that no more than 10 of these 200 might change in a given year, and that at least 5 should change. Our core repertoire should constantly grow, but not too fast.
- Make sure that there are at least a dozen songs on the list that could be sung at a funeral, or at a time of congregational crisis.