

NEBRASKA DISTRICT MINISTERS SURVEY  
January 14, 2002  
Nebraska District Ministers Retreat  
Hastings, Nebraska

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103 total respondents

**1. Is the ministry harder than it used to be?**

*Men*

Yes: 41 (66.1%)  
No: 21 (33.8%)

*Women*

Yes: 25 (64.1%)  
No: 14 (35.9%)

**2. What are your top 2-3 ministry leadership challenges?**

(Commitment and leadership development among lay people draw the largest number of responses *by far*. All other items pale in comparison for both men and women.)

*Men*

#1 *Commitment among lay people (apathy, turnover)*  
#2 *Training & equipping lay leaders*  
#3 *Motivating and vision-casting (communication)*  
#4 *Personal growth/personal issues*  
#5 *Holy Spirit related issues*

*Women*

#1 *Commitment among lay people (apathy, turnover)*  
#2 *Training & equipping lay leaders*  
#3 *Time management*  
#4 *Relationships/people issues*  
#5 *Ministries (WM's, prayer, etc.)*

**3. What one word describes your life right now?**

*Men:* responses were positive by a 2:1 ratio.  
The prevailing theme was: "fulfilled/busy/challenged"

Negative words included: "pits", "convoluted", "weary", "distracted", "pressured", "tired", "pushed", "struggling", "frustrated", "swamped", "unsure", "cluttered", "unsure", "fracture", "uncertain", "inadequate", "hard", "blah", "overwhelming", "confused".

*Women:* responses were even more positive than the men.  
The prevailing theme was: "fulfilled/busy/challenged"

Negative words included: "vision-less", "hanging", "hurt", "chaos", "limbo", "cloudy", "floating".