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Implementation of Church Tasks Based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists at the Synod of the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church

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Abstract. The early congregation became a pioneer as well as a barometer for today's churches in the Implementation of Church Tasks. The early congregation carried out 4 (four) Church tasks correctly and in a balanced manner; 1. Teaching God's Word, 2. Fellowship, 3. Service of Love and 4. Witnessing. The early congregation did all this sincerely, bravely with a burning and constant spirit, the impact was a very rapid and significant increase in the number of souls. Today's churches must reflect on the early congregation in carrying out church life. The method used in this research is a quantitative method. The results of this conclusion can be seen from the results of calculations using Confidence Interval statistical calculations at a significance level of 5% resulting in Lower Bound and Upper Bound 225.5202 – 231.8353. Which is in the high interval or it can be said that the position of the Level of Implementation of Church Tasks based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists at the Synod of the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church (Y) is in the high category.

Keywords. Implementation of Church task; Church Activists; Jakarta Baptist Christian Church

Introduction

The early congregation has written a very important history regarding the beginning of the founding of the church and the church's journey through various struggles, difficulties and tough challenges. The early congregation was present in a situation of upheaval and rejection from both society and the government. The Book of Acts records how the Christian leaders and congregation struggled at that time to maintain their faith in the midst of difficulties and challenges with enthusiasm and tenacity, this proves that they were willing to and dare to face the risk of death (martyrdom) for the sake of the Gospel and defend the faith in Jesus Christ (Nggebu, Sostenis, 2022). The Bible records the story of Stephen, who became the first martyr, who was killed in a very sadistic way by being stoned to death (Swinto, Hermanto, Tanama 2021).

The early congregation carried out their church duties in a strict and balanced manner, this became an example for today's Christianity in a much more conducive era than at that time. In difficult conditions, the early church was able to persevere in teaching God's Word (Bartlet, 2003). God's Word is the spiritual need of every believer, so teaching the Word is needed in a

correct and responsible manner. True teaching consists of loyal interpretation (orthodox interpretation) of scripture correctly interpreted providing a protection against the undermining influences of worldliness and heresy (Blanchard, K., & Broadwell, 2019) The early church persevered in fellowship. Everyone who believes in Christ is already a member of the great universal church. Become a member of the family of faith, to become part of the body of Christ, to join with others in the worship of God (Drummond, 2008). In the service of love. Awareness of the call to be part of God's family encourages a person to care for one another, even to be willing to share possessions with others (Chan, F., & Beuving, 2017). Really, all of this happened outside of normal aliases, but this is a fact that happened in the life of the early church. The early congregation had a lifestyle that could attract others, namely the testimony of true living so that it had an impact and led people to believe in Jesus. The churches today should reflect on the early congregation in persistence, perversion and faithfulness in acts of love and witness, even to be willing to share possessions with others. Really, all of this happened outside of normal aliases, but this is a fact that happened in the life of the early church (Fisher, 2005). The early congregation had a lifestyle that could attract others, namely the testimony of true living so that it had an impact and led people to believe in Jesus. The churches today should reflect on the early congregation in persistence, perseverance and faithfulness in acts of love and witness, even to be willing to share possessions with others. Really, all of this happened outside of normal aliases, but this is a fact that happened in the life of the early church. The early congregation had a lifestyle that could attract others, namely the testimony of true living so that it had an impact and led people to believe in Jesus. The churches today should reflect on the early congregation in persistence, perseverance and faithfulness in acts of love and witness (Bruce, 1990).

In this research, the researcher found that Church Activists at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod have emulated the life of the early congregation by implementing Church Duties well and measurably in the high category, which means that church duties can be carried out by every Christian in church life in all places. and times. By implementing the church's duties, it means that the church has helped carry out the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ, being a witness in the environment and until the whole earth hears the Gospel of salvation (Hutagalung, 2019). Thus, this research was carried out to find out whether Church Activists at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod had implemented the church's duties and ultimately had an impact on other churches in general.

Method

In this research, researchers used quantitative methods, focusing attention on certain characteristics in human life which are called variables (Winarni, 2018). Quantitative research is carried out through measuring instruments using instruments that are objective and standard and have high standards of validity and reliability and are followed by statistical analysis until the results can provide meaning (Winarni, 2018). To obtain complete data, researchers conducted interviews and distributed questionnaires regarding the Implementation of Church Duties Based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod, to what extent they implemented Church Duties.

Results And Discussion

End of the Book of Acts.

Author of the Books of the Apostles. Year of Writing, Personal Background of Luke, Main Theme of the Book of Acts, Theme of Acts 6:1-8:3. The circumstances or context that led

Luke to write the Acts of the Apostles, the Recipients of the Book of Acts. as well as internal evidence that supports these two books pointing to one author, namely Luke "Greetings to you from the beloved physician Luke (Col 4:14) (Baskoro, 2022)." Luke is the author of the Book of Acts. It says that: "The Holy Spirit prompted Luke to write to Theophilus to fill a need in the Gentile Christian church for a complete account of the beginning of Christianity. (1)" in the book Handi, D., & Budijanto, B. the first" is the Gospel about the life of Jesus, and (2) the later book is his report in the Acts of the Apostles about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem and the subsequent development of the church (Handi, D., & Budijanto, B. 2021). Luke was a superior writer, a thorough historian and an inspired theologian. The Gospel of Luke does not state who the author was. Through the Gospel of Luke 1:1-4 and the book of Acts 1:1-3, the fact is presented that the author of these two books is the same person. The book of Acts selectively covers the first thirty years of church history. As a church historian, Luke traces the spread of the Gospel from Jerusalem to Rome while mentioning about 32 countries, 54 cities and 9 islands in the Mediterranean Sea, 95 different people by name and several government officials and administrators with appropriate titles. Archeology further corroborates Luke's precision in all details. As a theologian, Luke intelligently describes the meaning of several experiences and events in the early years of the church (Katarina, 2021)."

The early congregation

The early congregation occurred by the fulfillment of the promise of the Lord Jesus when the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Penta Costa) was estimated around 30-34 AD. When the Lord Jesus was in Caesarea Philippi He promised to build His church (Chan and Beuving, 2017; Matthew 16:18). The outpouring of the Holy Spirit has moved the Apostles to rise up to preach the Gospel, and believers submit themselves to be baptized, remaining united and faithful in the teaching of God's Word, in fellowship, in loving service and in witnessing. The beautiful reality of life has become an attraction for the people around him, the Gospel is increasingly spreading and God is increasing the number of believers who are saved. The early congregation treated their lives as the totality of worshipping God. They have a thirsty and enthusiastic spirituality, these values existed in the early church (Christian, Christoph, 2005). The mission of the Church which has been integrated into the life of the early church must be recognized and implemented in the life of the church in all places and times. Christ the church has set the goal of the church, which is to call His people from darkness to His miraculous light, so that through it the chosen people become instruments to proclaim great deeds that lead to the glorification of God. (1 Peter 2:9) (Haenchen, 1971).

The Mission of the Church (Acts 2:41-47)

The researcher found that there were 4 (four) church duties, including; 1. The Teaching of God's Word (didakhe-Yun) Acts 2:42a. Before the formation of the early church, the teaching of the Word was first carried out by the Apostles and with the power of the Holy Spirit, people who heard the preaching of the Word believed and were baptized and then became a group of believers. Preaching the Word is the central task of a church because by teaching the Word, people believe, change, grow, know and live in the truth (2 Timothy 3:16) (Horton, 2015). It is very clear that the spiritual journey of a believer cannot be separated from the teaching of God's Word. So, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ (Romans 10:17). 2. Fellowship (koinonia-Yun) Acts 2:42b, 46a. Fellowship can happen anywhere outside the church, but fellowship here refers to togetherness in terms of helping each other, working together, serving together, sharing together on the basis of Christ's call (Longman, Tremper, and David, 2007). Vocation in Christ becomes a bond between believers in fellowship (Acts

2:44; Ephesians 4:4-6). 3. Service (diakonia-Yun). Acts 2:45. Serving (diakonein) in the New Testament context refers to the Lord Jesus' view of the ministry from the Old Testament about love for fellow human beings. The word diakonein in the NT is clarified in meaning to “serve at the table” (Luke 17:8; John 12:2). This understanding was expanded when the Lord Jesus mentioned in Matthew 25:42-44 with various deeds; feed, drink, give shelter, clothing, visit the sick, people in prison. Clearly ministry in the church covers a very broad scope related to the needs of the congregation, both material and spiritual. Testimony (marturia-Yun) Acts 2:47. Testimony is an embodiment of the values of the truth of the word in the lives of believers which can be seen and heard by others as truth that cannot be denied. When believers live in the truth then there is the power to speak the truth and when they do not speak even if others see the truth from the behavior shown.

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Implementation of Church Duties

This research seeks data on the extent to which Church Activists at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod implement church tasks that remain relevant throughout the ages. Church activists are leaders on the front lines who act as examples and role models for the congregation in words and actions. Church growth is influenced by obedience in carrying out the vision of the Great Commission (Handi Irawan, Bambang Budijanto, 2021). The values of the Great Commission have been included in the church's duties which have also been implemented among church activists at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod. Based on the questionnaires collected, the results indicated positive results, then after going through the testing process the actual results were obtained.

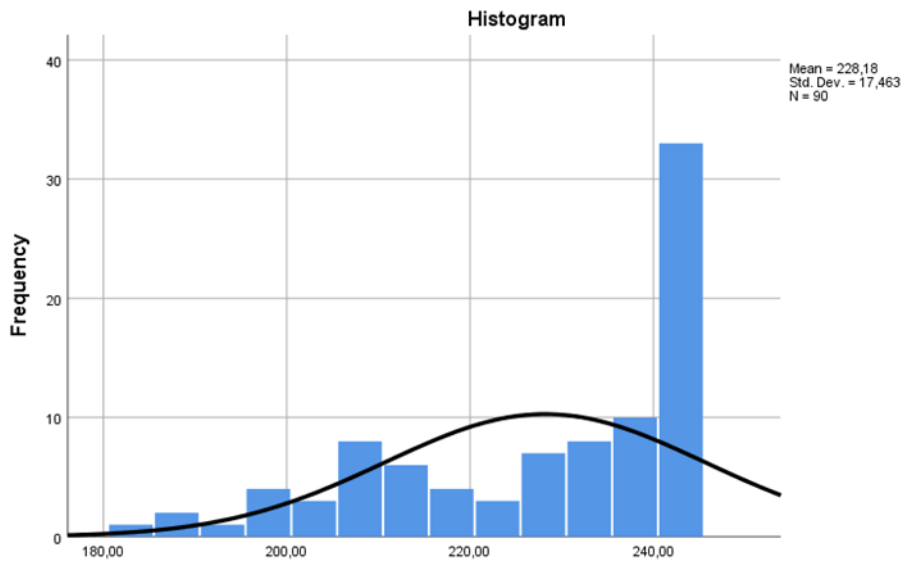
Activist of the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church

The definition of an activist based on the KBBI is a member of an organization who works actively to encourage the implementation of something or various activities within their organization. By adopting this understanding, a Church Activist is someone who consciously decides to give themselves to support the implementation of church service duties with all risks and responsibilities. Church activists have 3 levels of leadership; - The highest leader (Top Leader), is a clergyman who has a position in the church as; BPH Synod and Pastors, - Middle level leaders (Middle), consisting of clergy, assembly and Sunday school teachers, and lower level leaders (Lower Leaders) are stewards, people who are actively involved in church services, administrators of commissions or departments.

The most important qualification for a servant of God is that he must first understand God's calling in that field of service. The difference is that secular leaders are appointed and elected by their organizations for certain tasks, but church activists respond to God's call in His love and grace according to their God-given talents to build a spiritual life that brings unity to the body of Christ. My call to ministry requires specific pastoral understanding (Fisher, 2005). This kind of leadership is servant leadership, which has certain characteristics; Listening, Empathy, Healing, Awareness, Persuasion, Conceptualization, Foresight, Stewardship, Commitment to subordinates, and Building community (Ken Blanchard and Renee, 2019).

Based on the results of data that has been collected from research carried out by distributing online questionnaires via Google Form to respondents, the researchers have obtained data using a Likert scale measuring tool, by giving quantitative values, namely a score of 1 strongly disagree; score 2 does not agree; score 3 undecided, score 4; agree; score 5 strongly agree. After the questionnaire was distributed to a total of 90 respondents, the data collected can be explained in statistics as follows:

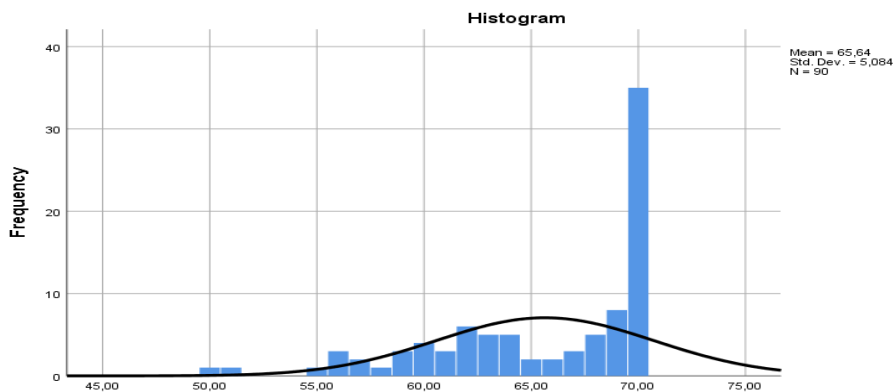
1. Implementation of Church Tasks based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists in the Synod of the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church (Y).



Based on the data of 90 respondents, the resulting empirical score is between 183 and 245, the mean is 228.1778, the median is 234, the mode is 245, the standard deviation is 17.46301 and the range is 63

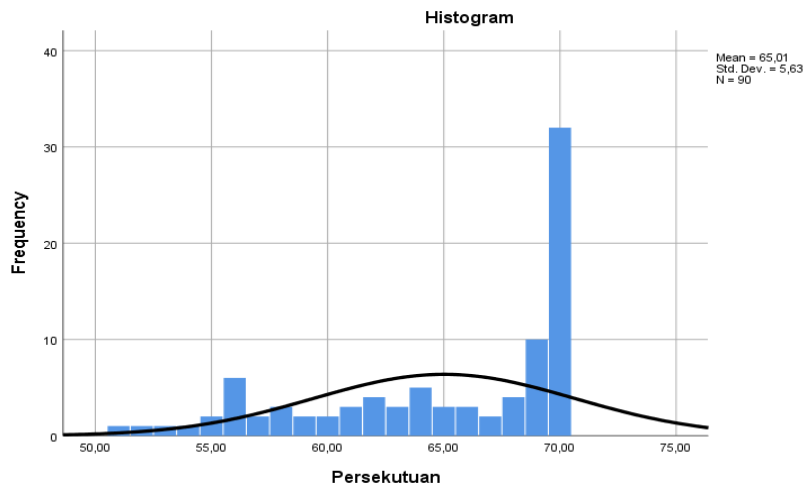
a. **Teaching God's Word (D1)**

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Teaching the Word



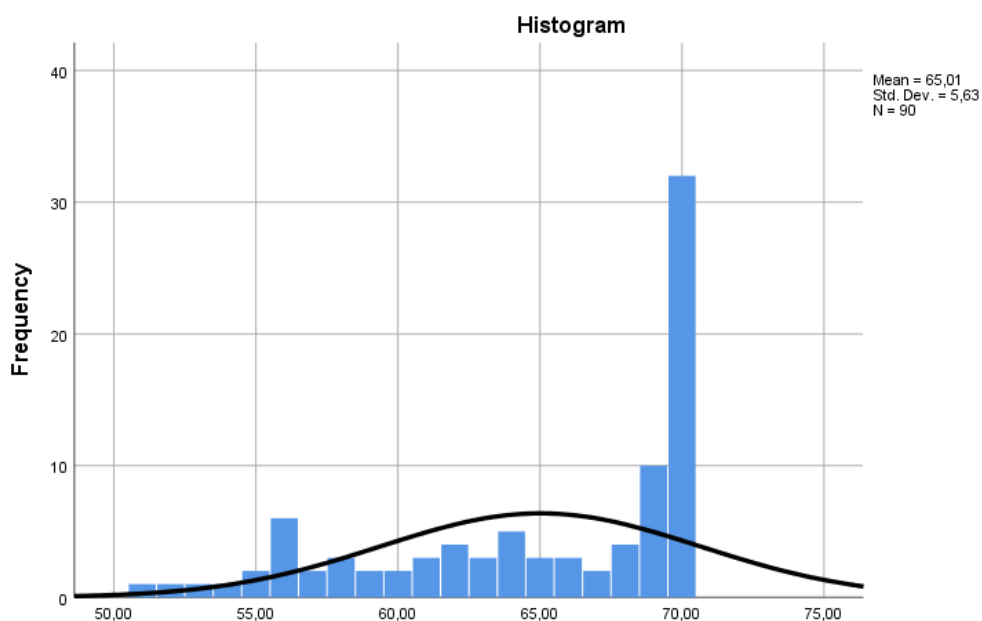
Based on data from 90 respondents, an empirical score of 50 to 70 was produced, a mean of 65.6444, a median of 68, a mode of 70 and a standard deviation of 5.08426 and a range of 20.

b. Guild (D2)

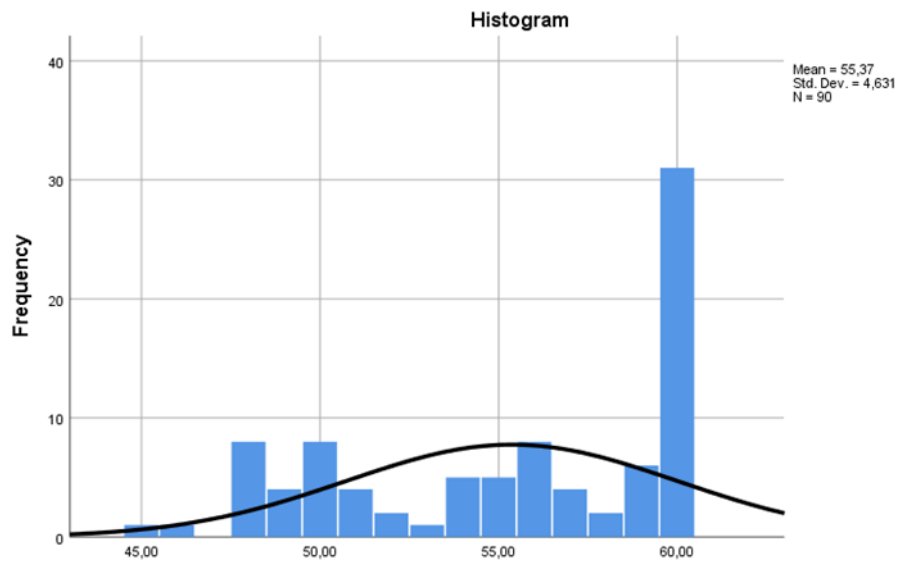


Based on data from 90 respondents, an empirical score was produced between 51 and 70, a mean of 65.0111, a median of 68, a mode of 70 and a standard deviation of 5.62996 and a range of 19.

c. Sharing love (D3)



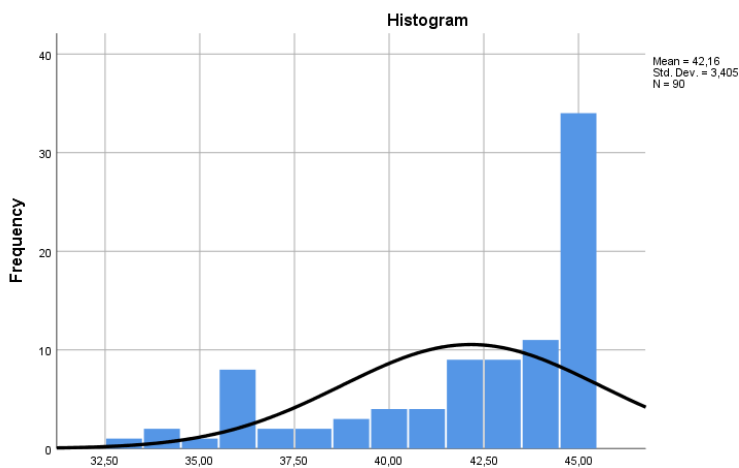
d. Based on the data of 90 respondents, an empirical score of 45 to 60 was produced, the mean was 55.3667, the median was 56, the mode was 60 and the standard deviation stated (D4).



Based on data from 90 respondents, an empirical score was produced between 33 and 45, the mean was 42.1556, the median was 43, the mode was 45 and the standard deviation was 3.40492 and the range was 12. i was 4.63123 and the range was 15.

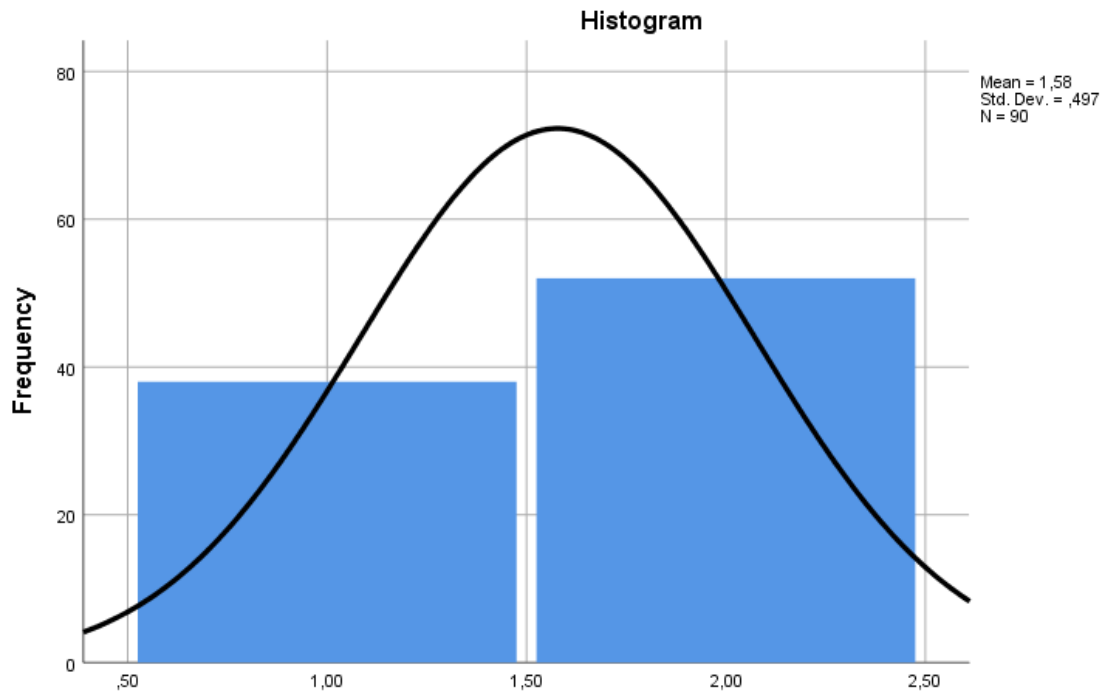
2. Respondent background variable

a. Gender



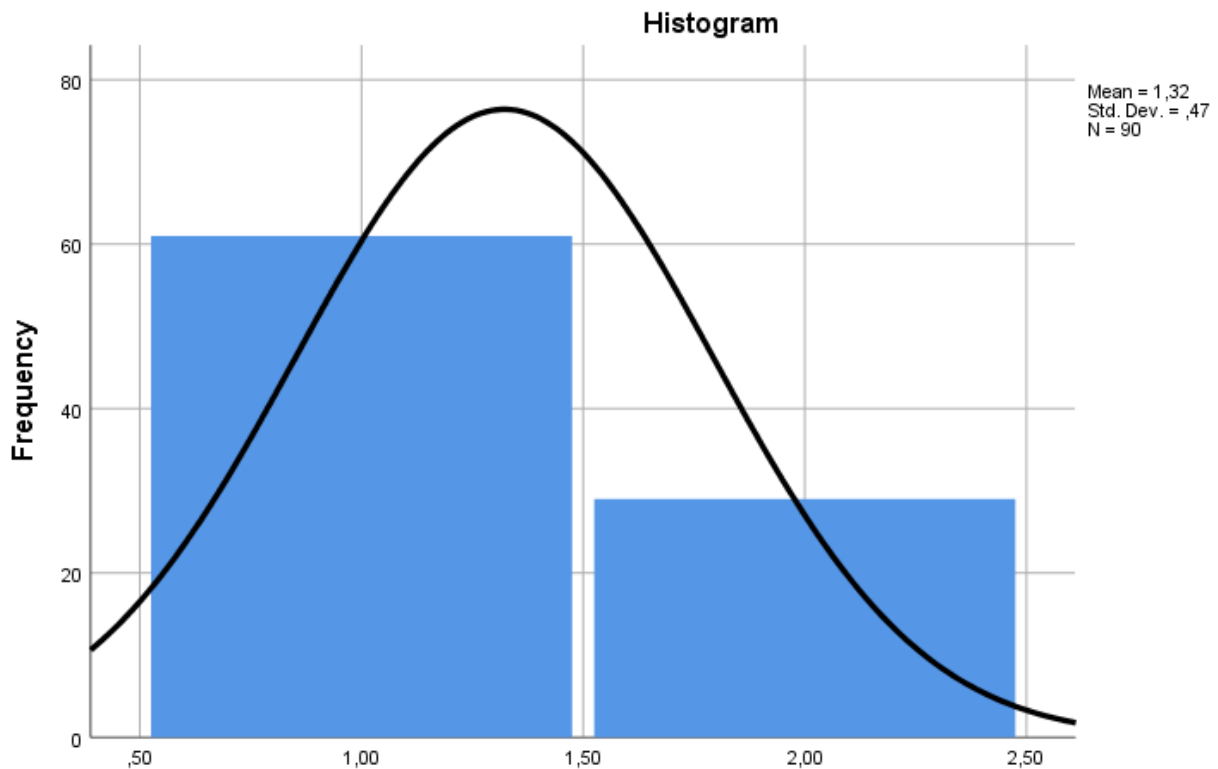
Gender indicator: based on respondent data, 90 respondents, 52 (57.8%) were female and 38 (42.2%) were male.

b. Age



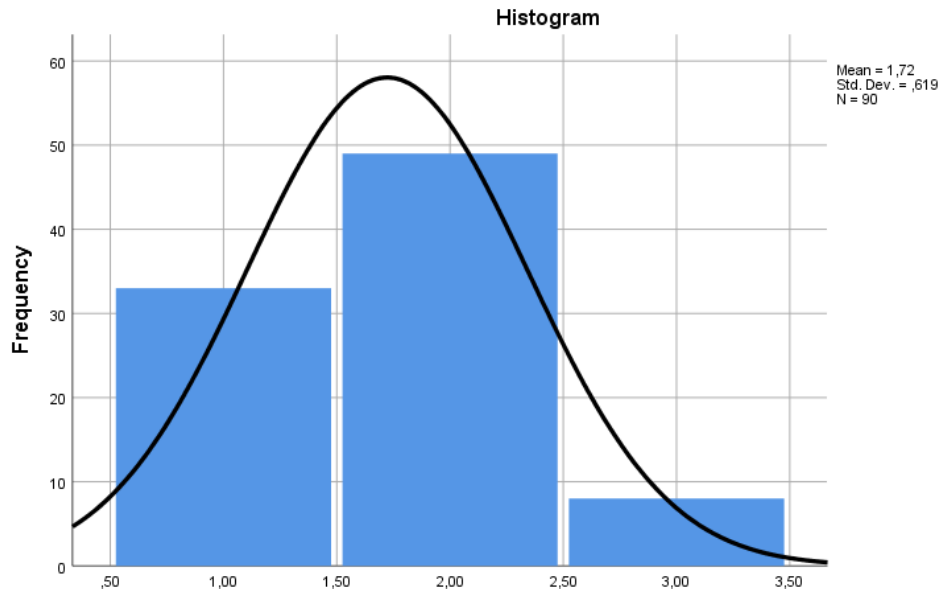
Age indicator: of the 90 respondents it is known that 17 respondents (18.9%) are aged 18-30 years, 17 respondents (18.9%) are aged 31-40 years, 28 respondents (31.1%) are aged 41-50 years, and 28 respondents (31.1%) were >50 years old.

c. Marital status



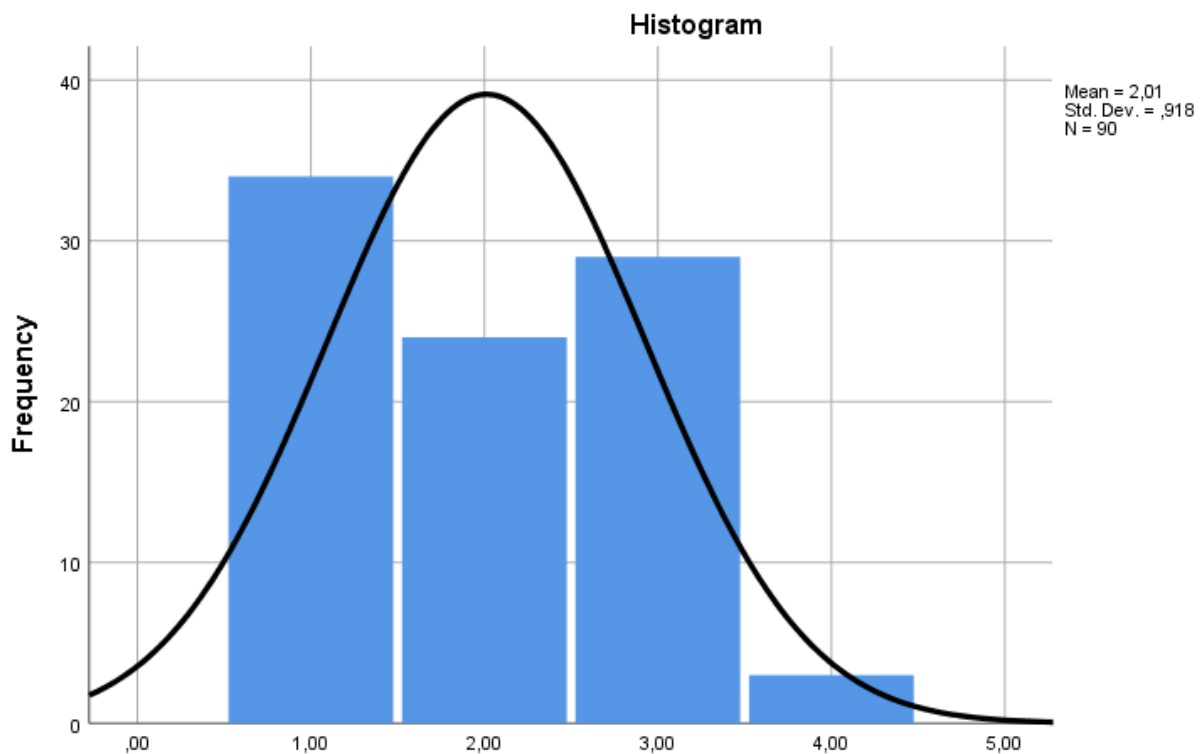
Indicators of marital status based on respondent data as many as 90 respondents, it is known that 61 people are married and 29 people are not married.

d. Education



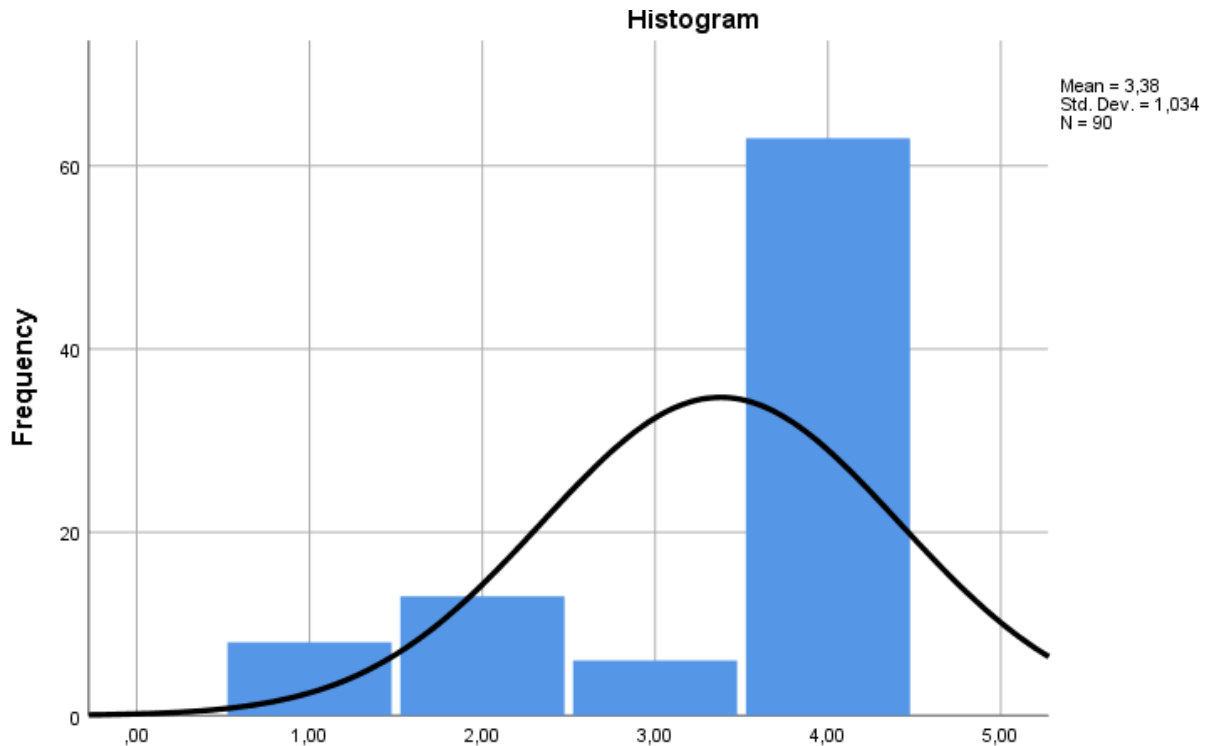
Educational indicators based on respondent data of 90 respondents showed that 33 people / 36.7% had elementary, middle and high school education, 49 people / 54.4% had a diploma / bachelor's degree and 8 people had a master's degree.

e. Work



Employment indicators based on respondent data of 90 respondents show that 34 people work as civil servants or in the private sector, 24 people work as employees, 29 people do not work and 3 people work as ABRI / retirees.

f. Long serve



Indicators of length of service from 90 respondents showed that 8 people served 1-2 years, 13 people served 3-4 years, 6 people served 5-6 years and 63 people served >7 years

Table 4.3 Recapitulation of Hypothesis Testing Results

Hypothesis To	Proposed hypothesis	Research results
1	It is suspected that the level of implementation of church duties based on Acts 2:41-47 among church activists at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod is in the medium category.	The level of implementation of church duties based on Acts 2:41-47 among church activists at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod is in the high category

2	It is suspected that the most dominant dimension determining the Implementation of Church Duties based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod is Teaching the Word of God (D1)	The most dominant dimension determining the Implementation of Church Duties based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod is fellowship (D2)
3	It is suspected that the dominant background category determines the Implementation of Church Duties based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists at the Synod of the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church is education	The dominant background category determining the Implementation of Church Duties based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod is the length of service

Research And Development Recommendations

This research is very relevant to find out the extent of the implementation of church duties among church activists in the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod and churches in Indonesia. The researchers hope that this article can become a reference for further research to further explore and develop research that is effective in developing science in the church and Indonesian society.

Conclusion

The early church has been an example and role model for the church world from time to time, the task of the church has always been relevant throughout the ages. The church must be managed and run according to God's purposes, therefore church activists have a very important role in walking in front of the congregation, giving examples and encouraging the congregation together to implement the church's tasks as a daily lifestyle.

Based on the results of the research and discussion presented above, the following conclusions can be drawn:

First Testing the first hypothesis shows that the level of implementation of church duties based on Acts 2:41-47 among church activists at the Synod of the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church (Y) is in the high category, while the hypothesis proposed is in the medium category. Thus the proposed hypothesis is declared rejected. This conclusion can be seen from the results of calculations using Confidence Interval statistical calculations at a significance level of 5% resulting in Lower Bound and Upper Bound 225.5202 – 231.8353. Which is in the high interval or it can be said that the position of the Level of Implementation of Church Tasks based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists at the Synod of the Jakarta Baptist Christian

Church (Y) is in the high category. This is supported by the conclusions drawn on the first hypothesis compared with the results of calculations for each dimension (D1–D4) as exogenous variables which show a more specific level of endogenous variables, the majority of which are stated in the "high" criteria .

Second, testing the second hypothesis shows that the most dominant dimension determining the Implementation of Church Duties based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod is dimensions **fellowships (D2)**, While the hypothesis proposed **Teaching God's Word (D1)**. Thus the proposed hypothesis is declared rejected. This conclusion is based on test results using linear regression analysis stated has the highest determination value, namely 0.955 with a contribution to endogenous variables of 91.1%. As well as from test results using Classification and regression Trees (CRT) show that **fellowship (D2)**, is also the most dominant dimension shaping the Implementation of Church Duties based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists at the Synod of the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church (Y), dimensions **fellowship (D2)**, able to improve 255,006 points from the conditions of the Implementation Level Implementation of Church Duties based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists at the Synod of the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church (Y). The Partnership Dimension (D2) has an import value of 278,632 with a distribution of 100% of respondents. Or in the sense that the Partnership Dimension (D2), is recognized by all Church Activist at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod as the most contributing dimension of Implementation of Church Duties based on Acts 2:41-47.

Third, testing the third hypothesis shows that the dominant background category determines the implementation of church duties based on Acts 2:41-47 among church activists at the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod is the length of service, while the hypothesis is education. Thus the proposed hypothesis is declared rejected. From the results of the analysis using Classification and regression trees (CRT) shows that the old background of serving is the most dominant background category in shaping the Implementation of Church Tasks based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists in the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church Synod (Y). From the surrogate table, it is known that the background of long service is able to improve by 29,082 points the condition of the Implementation of Church Duties based on Acts 2:41-47 among Church Activists at the Synod of the Jakarta Baptist Christian Church (Y). And from the importance table, it is known that the background of work status was confirmed by 100% of respondents with a score of 39,410 points.

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