

Results from a Few New England ONA Churches

# of members	Length of ONA Process	Vote Result	Families Lost	Families Gained	Anecdotes
500	2 yr.	?	2	6	Families that joined were heterosexual; 13 spoke against voting for ONA, but ultimately voted for it
225	2.5 yr.	75% in favor	<10	?	3 couples left before the process began; Process was contentious, partially due to resistance from Senior Deacon; one gay couple left because of this; became known as "the gay church", even though demographics have not changed
1000	2 yr.	75% in favor	up to 10 families	Numerous, over time	New members were mostly heterosexual but some gay
600	3 yr.	overwhelmingly in favor	1	unknown	Struggled with whether or not to vote; prayer followed so that all could move forward
1000	4 yr.	68% in favor	2	many	Process had many stops and restarts; ONA statement process involved hearings with a neutral moderator; since ONA designation, more people attracted
260	?	?		many	membership gains mostly from heterosexuals and single people, due to overall openness expressed
600	1 1/2 yr	95% YES	3	12	presented statement - invited people's response; see vote as church becoming more fully who they are
600	2 yrs	in favor	?	?	important and essential work also comes after the vote is taken, even 10 years later; they did paper ballot - current minister would encourage paper ballot