

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE



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Congregation Name and Location

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Seeking Full-time pastor Part-time pastor Either full-time or part-time

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Congregational Demographics

Number of **paid** staff (full- or part-time): Clergy 1 Lay professionals 0 Secretarial 0

Music director, audio/visual man, treasurer all PT paid.

Average worship attendance 30 Average Sunday school attendance 9 adults

Indicate the type of community in which your congregation is located (is it small town, small city, suburban, large city, farming, industrial, etc.).

Rural farming, small town, foothills of NC

Describe the congregation's ethnic composition and age distribution.

Caucasian, bi-racial 90% over 45

Does the congregation have a clear vision for mission — a clear and shared understanding of where God is leading you? If so, state it as succinctly as possible.

To grow the disciples in Granite Falls through small group fellowship and Bible studies, to be enabled to share and defend our faith with our "neighbors." We are United in Christ - Sharing the joy of Jesus.

What are the primary goals of your congregation?

To stay strong and healthy so we may continue our service to the various outreach mission we support. Also to build trust among ourselves so we may serve each other.

Describe your congregation's worship practice (liturgy, hymns, vestments, music, hymnals, and frequency of Holy Communion).

We use the LBW first setting. Hymns are a variety of LBW, WOV, and praise songs. We use electronic keyboard, guitars, and we own conga drums used occasionally. Pastor wears normal vestments, do not have chasuble. Congregation's tone is informal. Use processional cross. Communion is celebrated every week. Children's sermons by pastor. We use assisting minister and lay reader. We have an adult choir and working on forming a children's choir.

Soup and sandwich suppers during Wednesday evenings in Advent and Lent before worship.

Describe your congregation's Christian education ministry.

At this time, we have one adult Sunday school class. One adult Bible study either Sunday or Wednesday. Right now, we have 8 children 12 years-old and under. Our children are encouraged to take part in the local mission district day camps and/or youth activities. Youth sometimes participate in mission trips.

The pastor teaches confirmation classes. Vacation Bible School.

Describe the congregation's current activities for mission and outreach.

CONGREGATION ON A MISSION - MISSION GIVING 1/1/19 - 11/30/19			
National Missions			
	NALC Apportionment	\$	6,851.25
	NALC Disaster Response	\$	70.00
Local & State Missions			
	CMD Apportionment	\$	1,010.00
	School Supplies	\$	181.99
	So. Caldwell Christian Min.	\$	182.92
	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$	600.00
	Pastors/Seminarians	\$	497.05
	Mission Congregation Support		
	Joy Mission, Chapin, SC	\$	200.00
	New Covenant, Valdese, NC	\$	725.15
	Word of Life, Vale, NC	\$	350.00
Foreign Missions			
	Haiti Mission Trip (Pr. Heidi)	\$	500.00
	Compassion Int. (child sponsor)	\$	342.00
	SMI Haiti (child sponsor)	\$	60.00
	Samaritan's Purse (shoeboxes)	\$	50.00
Youth Missions (from congregation & community)			
		\$	3,643.89
	TOTAL MISSION SUPPORT		\$15,264.25

Other annual activities: Festival on the square in Granite Falls. Christmas Tree Lighting in Granite Falls with booth. Christmas parade. Trunk or Treat. SOS (Summer Outdoor Series) singing and fellowship.

The NALC is committed to moving away from an institutional understanding of the Church, to the biblical commission to be a community of followers of Jesus who focus on being disciples and making disciples. Which best describes your congregation's understanding of this movement? [Type an X by the appropriate response]

- Totally unaware
- Have heard about it
- Have been involved personally
- Some in the congregation are involved, some are not
- Congregation understands, is on-board and involved

List the *Top Five Things* your congregation hopes for in its next Pastor

1. Willing to minister to the sick
2. Facilitate Bible study/ continuing education
3. Biblical Preaching and teaching on the congregation's level. Don't preach at us, talk to us.
4. Lead congregation in mission work
5. Engages well with children

What were the three most significant events in your congregation's history? Provide the years in which these events happened and why they are important to your congregation.

2011 - Split from a congregation and formed this Mission Congregation.

In 2016, purchased and renovated our church building and paid off the \$85,000 mortgage in 2018

Soles for Souls - we collected 500 pairs of shoes for foreign missions, most to Haiti.

Has your congregation participated in the Congregational Workshop Preparatory to the Call Process?

[Type an X by the appropriate response]

Yes

No

What were the three most significant results of the workshop?

1. We need to concentrate on fewer missions and not spread our resources so thin.
2. We are a family-focused congregation, brothers and sisters in Christ.
3. We learned the value of listening over speaking.

Describe the nature and extent of any significant current or recent conflict in the congregation. Is this conflict resolved, or ongoing? If resolved, how was it resolved?

Our most recent conflict was about patriotism (nationalism) vs. our identity as God's people who happen to be proud of our country (the flag in church). Many people felt attacked and misunderstood. Sides were taken. A step toward resolution was taken when we asked the PCAT team to come lead a conversation to air feelings and lay things out. We finished the day with the service of corporate confession and forgiveness. There are some who still are upset and need further healing.

How does your congregation handle conflict/tension? Which of the following do you think best describes your congregation? [Type an X by the appropriate response]

- As a church, we respect and listen to each other and work things through without generating divisiveness.
- As a church, we try to respect and listen to each other, but it is not uncommon for differences of opinion to be a problem and for some people to choose sides. Some have left our church because of conflict.
- Conflict hurts our sense of unity, but we tend not to talk about it.
- Painful experience with conflict has been present, but it has been worked through, and we have learned from the experience.
- We have had some painful experiences with conflict, and they linger in the background.
- Open conflict is present, and we need a minister who can help us deal with it.
- Other (describe).....

What was the nature of the relationship between your last pastor and the congregation? Positive? Struggling? Cooperative? Tense?

Positive at first, then struggling and tense because the pastor had a very directive leadership style, micromanaging.

How did your council/congregational leaders work together with your last pastor? [Type an X by the appropriate response]

- Leadership is shared, with shared decision-making
- Pastor makes important decisions
- Council makes decisions with pastoral input
- Council makes decisions without pastoral input

Is your pastor a member of council with: [Type an X by the appropriate response(s)]

Voice Vote Constitution 12.01

Congregational finances

Total budget for last fiscal year: \$ 110,800

Benevolence to the North American Lutheran Church: \$ 7,500 (budgeted)

Other benevolence: \$ 3,500 (budgeted)

Total debt of the congregation: \$ none

Total savings, reserves, and endowments: \$ \$15,000 CD, \$15,000 emergency reserves

Budgeted Compensation of Last Pastor 2020

Salary: \$ 41,800 Parsonage/housing allowance: \$ 8,000

Social security offset: \$ 3,800 Pension: \$ 6,300

Health Insurance: \$ 1,615 Vacation: 4 weeks

Continuing education (time/funding): \$700

Travel reimbursement: \$2400 reimbursed

Other: cover costs for NALC and Carolinas Mission Region Convocations

When the Congregational Vacancy List is updated, a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) is included announcing each congregation's ministry. If you wish, your call committee may compose that summary, realizing it may be edited/formatted as needed.

Granite Falls is a small town in western North Carolina at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Christ United purchased our church and paid off our \$85,000 mortgage in two years. We have 40 active members who are willing to actively serve Jesus in and through worship and serving our missions and community.

Provide any other information about your congregation that may be helpful in the call process.

[enter text]

Completed by: Call Committee

Date: _____

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