

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE



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Congregational Demographics

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

Average worship attendance 20 Average Sunday school attendance 8

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, low income

Describe the congregation's ethnic composition and age distribution.

WASP 40+

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.

Support of local missions with growth and support

What are the primary goals of your congregation?

Growth and spreading the Gospel

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

WOV setting 5 with traditional hymns, relaxed style with communion once a month and all holy days.

Describe your congregation's Christian education ministry.

Adult Bible study and one youth catechism

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

A bi-monthly fellowship group, support of local senior center, local outreach ministry. Mother's day and fall dinners, craft shows, rummage sales, etc.

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 aren't
- Congregation understands, is on-board and involved

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

1. Open communication while retaining confidentiality
2. Able to embrace country values and traditions
3. Help us grow
4. A spiritual leader that is able to work as a team
5. An ability to communicate sermons to all members

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.

July 15, 1876 the birth of the church. 1995 the break away of Rider congregation from Parish. 2010? leaving the ELCA and joining the NALC

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

Yes **No**

What were the three most significant results of the workshop?

1. Open communication
2. Do not want a dictatorship
3. Opened our eyes to what we really need

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?

Conflict between a pastor and parish members. Parish has decided to let go and move on after pastors handed in resignations due to health reasons.

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?

EXTREMELY Tense

How did your council/congregational leaders work together with your last pastor?

- Leadership is shared, with shared decision-making
- Pastor makes important decisions
- Council makes decisions with pastoral input
- Council makes decisions without pastoral input
- Pastor dominated and council/parish struggled with this.

Is your pastor a member of council with:

Voice Vote

Congregational finances

Total budget for last fiscal year: \$ 23,000

Benevolence to the North American Lutheran Church: \$ 100 to Mid Northeast Mission District

Other benevolence: \$ 1329.00

Total debt of the congregation: \$ 0

Total savings, reserves, and endowments: \$

Compensation of Last Pastor

Salary: \$ 12,944.00 Parsonage/housing allowance: \$ 0

Social security offset: \$ 316.00 Pension: \$ Pastors discretion

Health Insurance: \$ 0 Vacation: 4 weeks per pastor

Continuing education (time/funding): 500

Travel reimbursement: 0

Other: We had 2 part time pastors

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.

A church in a country setting that is looking for a committed pastor. A tent maker ministry perhaps?

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

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