

Congregational Profile

(Revised January 2017)

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Position Being Filled:		
Name of Congregation:		
Street Address:		Phone:
City:	State:	Zip:
Search Committee Chair:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Preferred Phone Number:	

II. Membership Profile

1. Total Number of Members: _____ Number of Participating Members: _____
Number of Participating Non-members (*including children*): _____
2. Number of Participants: Are these figures- Estimated or Actual
A. Ages 1-11: _____ D. Ages 25-34: _____ G. Ages 55-64: _____
B. Ages 12-17: _____ E. Ages 35-44: _____ H. Ages 65-79: _____
C. Ages 18-24: _____ F. Ages 45-54: _____ I. Above 80: _____
3. Church Family Profile: Are these figures- Estimated Actual *Note: Percentage may add up to more than 100%*
_____ % Single Adults 18-35 _____ % Single w/children at home _____ % Married
_____ % Single Adults 36+ _____ % Married w/children at home _____ % Blended Families
4. Education Level of Adults: Are these figures- Estimated or Actual
_____ % High School _____ % College _____ % Graduate School _____ % Specialty Training
_____ % Other: Please Specify _____
5. Occupations of Participants: Are these figures- Estimated or Actual *Note: Percentage may add up to more than 100%*
_____ % Business/Retail _____ % Service _____ % Agriculture _____ % Homemaker
_____ % Construction _____ % Education _____ % Professional _____ % Student
_____ % Military _____ % Technical _____ % Manufacturing _____ % Other (*Specify Below*)
(*other explanation*): _____
A. From totals above: _____ % Employed full time _____ % Retired

III. Organizational Information (Check those currently active)

1. **Worship** How many worship services per week? _____
Traditional On Site Off Site Average Attendance _____
Contemporary On Site Off Site Average Attendance _____
Other, Specify _____ Average Attendance _____
Total weekly average attendance from all services: _____
2. **Educational Ministries**
Average weekly attendance: Children's Church School _____ Adult's Church School _____
Weekly Children's Program _____ ...(*name of program*)- _____
Weekday Adult group(s) _____ ...(*name of program*)- _____
_____ ...(*name of program*)- _____
Total **average weekly** education attendance: _____

3. Administrative and Oversight Groups

Board	Cabinet	Personnel	Pastoral Relations
Elders	Diaconate	Deacons	Deaconesses
Planning/Functional Committees		How many?	_____
Other Groups- Specify: _____			

4. Ministries and Service Groups Within the Congregation (List all)

List all active ministry and service groups and share information about their activities, focus and ministry.

IV. Staff (label those presently employed/serving as "FT"- full time; "PT"- part time; or "V" - Volunteer)

____ Pastor	____ Youth Minister/Director	____ Office Staff # _____
____ Co-Pastor(s) # _____	____ Education Director	____ Other (Please Specify)
____ Associate Minister(s) # _____	____ Organist/Accompanist	
____ Music Minister/Director # _____	____ Administrator	

V. Property

		Year Erected	Adequate--	Yes	No
1. Sanctuary:	Seating Capacity-- _____ / _____				
2. Education Unit:	Number of Classrooms-- _____ / _____				
3. Fellowship Facility:	Seating Capacity -- _____ Tables -- _____				
4. Administrative Facility:	No. of Offices-- _____ / _____				
5. Off Street Parking:	No. of Spaces-- _____	Paved?	Yes	No	
6. Building Program:	Yes	No	Projected?		

If Building Program answer is "Yes" or "Projected", describe:

7. Church Location (check all which are applicable):

Downtown	Inner City	Urban	Suburban	County Seat
Neighborhood	Rural	Bedroom Community	Small Town	

8. Parsonage: Yes No

No. of Bedrooms-- _____	No. of Bathrooms-- _____	Garage?	Yes	No
Age of Parsonage-- _____	Condition: _____			

9. Other Facilities: (such as senior housing, preschool, camp, etc)-**VI. Community (check all which are applicable)**

1. Characteristics:	Industrial	Commercial/Retail	College/University	Medical Center
	Agricultural	Military	Tourist/Recreational	
2. Population Trend:	Rapid Growth	Slow Growth	Other (describe): _____	
	Rapid Decline	Slow Decline	Other (describe): _____	

3. Concerns:

Teen Needs	Senior Citizen Needs	Race Relations	Alcohol/Drugs	Crime
Population Changes	Unemployment (Seasonal or Chronic)		Other (specify on line below)-	
(list other concerns here)--_____				

4. Population Profile: Total Population: _____ (Are these figures Estimated or Actual
____ % Asian American _____ % African American _____ % Hispanic American

_____ % Haitian _____ % Pacific Islander _____ % Native American
_____ % Middle Eastern _____ % Euro American _____ % Other _____

5. Demographic Trends< Ethnic trends, Religious trends, Economic trends, Political/Issue Trends - Describe your perceptions in narrative form and how you've arrived at them. How has your locale changed over the last 6 months, 5 years and 10 years?

VII. Financial Information

Income & Expenses for the last four years, beginning with the most recent year: (Year Book Information)

Year	Operating Receipts	Capital Receipts	Total Outreach Paid (include Disciples Outreach)	Total Disciples Outreach Paid (DMF, WOC, Reconciliation, etc.)
A.				
B.				
C.				
D.				

2. Current Total Debt: \$ _____ Monthly Payment on this Debt: \$ _____
3. Reserve / Restricted / Endowment Funds: Building- \$ _____ Savings- \$ _____ Permanent- \$ _____
Memorial- \$ _____ Other- (specify)- \$ _____

VIII. Congregational Outreach Ministries (please list)

1. Community Ministries Program (*e.g. food pantry, tutoring, etc.*)

2. Participation in Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) - *(district/area, cluster, regional, general)*

3. Ecumenical and Interfaith Activities *(with other denominations, religious groups, local and regional)*

IX. Previous Pastoral Leadership History for Past Twenty Years

Beginning with most recent, provide a listing of all clergy (*including installed and interim/transitional ministers, whether in senior, co-, or associate positions*) who have served your congregation during the past 20 years, and the requested information about those persons.

X. Congregational Dynamics / Dealing with Conflict

Many congregations experience conflict at various times. Characterize your congregation's experience with conflict given the following possibilities. Indicate the extent to which each statement describes your congregation: C= closely, S= somewhat, N= not at all.

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 (*Specify*:

Comments:

XI. Congregational Discernment

The following questions are beneficial to a process of discernment that helps you look at yourself and also provide important information to your candidates. It is our hope that you'll spend significant time in reflecting on these ten questions prior to you providing the answers on this form. You may likely want to involve discussion of them in various congregational venues to provide the Search Committee with a breadth of input. Discuss with your Regional Minister how this might be accomplished. We are encouraging answers on the Congregational Profile that are both succinct and well thought through.

1. What has God uniquely called you to be and do as a congregation (both now, and looking to the future)?
2. Describe the processes you used to hear God's unique call for your congregation.
3. Describe the Spiritual Disciplines that are regularly practiced throughout this congregation.
4. Describe your sense of God's covenantal call to be a part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and broader ecumenical/interfaith ministries.

5. In what ways have members of the congregation been engaged in the Search and Call discernment process?

6. What are the ministry opportunities you see in your particular context? What are the resources and gifts you have within the congregation to respond to these opportunities (including particular talents represented by members of the congregation; financial and other resources you have; the traditions you have manifested over the years)?

7. Describe the congregation's strengths and growing edges.

8. Describe the ways you make decisions and carry them out as a congregation.

9. How is this congregation relevant to the needs of (a) the local community, (b) Disciples mission, and (c) the world?

10. How does this congregation bear witness in tangible ways to God's healing, welcoming, reconciling presence in a broken world?

XII. Goals of the Congregation for the Next Five Years - List four, attach recent congregational mission statement and goals if available.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

XIII. Personal and Professional Qualifications

1. Name the personal / professional qualifications you desire in your pastor:

A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
D. _____
E. _____
F. _____
G. _____
H. _____

2. Educational Level (*check one*)

High School/GED Undergraduate Seminary Doctoral Other (*explain*) _____

XIV. Compensation, Housing, Benefits, Expenses - Our congregation will provide the following:

Salary/Housing	We can provide a cash salary (including social security offset) and housing (incl. utilities, furnishings, insurance, etc.) in the range checked below:				
15 - \$17,999	18 - \$21,999	22 - \$25,999	26 - \$29,999	30 - \$34,999	35 - \$39,999
40 - \$49,999	50 - \$59,999	60 - \$69,999	70 - \$79,999	80 - \$99,999	\$100,000 +
<i>Negotiable</i>					

Provided Housing: Parsonage Fair Rental Value \$ _____ (*Per Month*)

Pension: Pension Fund (*14% of combined value of cash salary & housing allowance/parsonage fair rental value*) \$ _____
Vacation: Days _____ including _____ Sundays \$ _____

Continuing Education: Days _____ including _____ Sundays \$ _____

Sabbatical: _____ Months after _____ years \$ _____

Family/ Medical Leave: _____ Weeks "*****" Negotiable

Health Insurance: Taxable Stipend Negotiated Plan Other - Canada Supplemental Health Plan

Reimbursable Professional Expenses: Auto Allowance- \$ _____

Assembly/Meeting Expenses- \$ _____ Books- \$ _____ Miscellaneous- \$ _____

Reimbursement for cost of mandatory Criminal Background Check (CBC) -\$160.00 Yes OR No

Moving Expenses: The congregation will provide **all** OR **up to \$** _____ (*Negotiable*)

XV. Discerning Areas of Greatest Need for Ministerial Leadership

The list below is based on the requirements found in "Theological Foundations and Policies and Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)". It is used for describing a minister's areas of skill and expertise (which you will observe on the Ministerial Profiles you receive). It is expected that all ministers will demonstrate competency in each of these areas, but will excel in some more than others. Part of the Search & Call process is discerning a good match between the skills of the pastor and the needs of the congregation. In light of where growth is desired and God is calling you please indicate the top 4 skills needed in your next pastor.

Biblical Knowledge

Rooted and grounded in scripture and able to interpret and apply the scriptures in ways that are appropriate to original and contemporary contexts.

Church Administration and Planning

Able to practice the principles of good administration, planning and implementing short- and long-range goals to enhance Congregational life in collaboration with teams and committees.

Communication

Be an effective communicator and able to facilitate effective communication within and on behalf of the church.

Cross Cultural and Anti Racism Experience

Sensitive to the different manifestations of racism and prejudice in the culture and committed to confronting and overcoming them.

Ecumenism

Exhibit a commitment to working with other Christians and denominations, and with other faiths, in programs of common witness and service – articulating the vision of the ecumenical and global church as a starting place for mission.

Education and Leader Development

Knows the foundations of Christian education and principles of leader development, and can demonstrate competency in teaching children, youth, and adults, including lay leaders and staff.

Ethics

Able to help parishioners think critically about the relationship of their faith to issues of justice, ethics and morality.

Evangelism

Able to motivate congregational members to share their faith through word and action.

Mission of the Church in the World

Understand and articulate the centrality of the call to mission given by Jesus Christ and the prophets, and can empower congregations to engage in mission from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

Pastoral Care

Able to engage other persons with empathy and assess situations and relationships with the compassion of Christ, with sensitivity to culture and context, and to convey the healing power of God to those who suffer.

Proclamation of the Word

Know the practice and theory of Christian preaching, and can proclaim the Word of God, share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and help congregational members apply their faith to daily life.

Spiritual Development

Establish and maintain spiritual disciplines that lead to personal growth and help others develop a rich spiritual life.

Stewardship

Able to develop and encourage healthy stewards who recognize and share generously God's abundant gifts for all creation.

Theology

Able to articulate a coherent view of God's nature and activity in relation to the Christian tradition, critically engage human situations from a perspective of faith, and help persons recognize theological issues in their daily lives.

Understanding of Heritage

Know and appreciate the history and thought of Christianity and the history, structure, practices, and ethos of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Worship

Know the purpose and elements of Christian worship, and can plan and lead meaningful worship by working with the worship team, musicians, and congregational members.

Optional: Please include any comments regarding the 4 skills identified and/or how you identified them.

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XVI. Congregational Conduct

Our Congregation has taken official Action to adopt and abide by the “Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct” Yes No

A PDF copy of the [Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct](#) can be downloaded from the following website:

<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/SC-EthicalGuidelines.pdf>

XVII. Additional Information (*Please use space below or attach your document to this packet*)