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CALL FINDER

WHAT: The Great Lakes Call Finder (www.greatlakescallfinder.org) is a website designed to help congregations call pastors and hire staff to support their mission in the Great Lakes Region.

WHY: It is our experience that…

- Pastoral calls are increasingly part-time or multi-congregational.
- More pastors are geographically rooted in a particular area.
- Geographically rooted pastors are more open to serving across denominational lines.
- The lines that separate judicatories and denominations can impede good ministry.

With that said, there is no tool specifically designed to help congregations fill part-time positions or to help pastors take advantage of the Formula of Agreement. The Great Lakes Call Finder was designed for both!

WHO: The Great Lakes Call Finder is designed to connect church leaders and congregations in Formula of Agreement denominations (ELCA, PCUSA, RCA, & UCC) in Michigan, Ohio, and our near neighbors. It currently has participating judicatories in IN,KY, NY, MI, OH, PA, WI, & WV.

HOW: In order to ensure that the appropriate ecclesiastical checks and procedures are followed:

- All job postings will require approval by the congregation's judicatory.
- All applications for pastoral positions will go directly to the judicatory of the congregation.

All positions will also be geo-located on a map with pins that are color-coded by denomination in order to…

- Help pastors identify ministry opportunities in their preferred geographic area.
- Help judicatories identify potential opportunities for shared ministry across judicatory lines.

COST: FREE for the first year! After the first year, we will assess the ongoing cost of maintaining the system and invite judicatories to contribute toward that cost, which we expect to be modest.

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