

Church Leadership Connection Narrative Questions

1) What is the congregation's vision for ministry? Additionally describe how this mission is lived out.

Our ultimate vision is to care for our own congregation's spiritual growth and share this commitment to our local and global communities. We accept all individuals that share the spirit of faith, love, and hope as guided through scripture. Our First Presbyterian Church reaches out to these communities by a variety of means including Christian Education (with summer youth camp), local ministerial association, deacon and elder calls, the Connection (a local youth organization), Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day feeds, and an affiliation with a Central American sister church.

2) How do you feel called out to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency?

Our smaller, yet active congregation reaches out in a variety of additional ways to support our community's spiritual growth...meals on wheels, home-bound connection, and local food shelf participation. The past couple years have been challenging; however, we make an effort to keep our church's visibility by occasional services in the adjacent park and youth summer camp fundraising events.

3) How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals?

We envision a pastor who will nurture our adult and youth to create a warm, welcoming, and inviting church in our rural community. He/she will be a solid communicator at the pulpit and within our congregation. Our pastor will have the personality and skills to be an approachable mentor for all age groups, including our session and committees.

4) Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and/or organization.

Our new leader will use his/her spiritual wisdom and good judgement in an increasingly technological world to connect with our congregation and community. He/she will provide effective energy to enthuse the interests of all ages.

5) What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

-Reach out to individuals on social media through various means

-Provide clear and effective sermons

-Occasional outreach to homebound and ailing members (as needed or as necessary)

-Work with the session as moderator to support church governance

-Communicate and lead the spiritual and individual development of those that are Deacons and Elders, plus additional committees