Yoked Congregations Form

This form is to be used when two or more congregations are "yoked" and calling a pastor together. Each congregation should complete Part I of the MIF. There is only one Part II of the MIF for the yoked position the congregations share. Contact your presbytery office or Church Leadership Connection (1-888-728-7228 ext. 8550) for assistance in determining which congregation will be listed as the "contact" church and which will be listed as "yoked." This form should be completed for each of the "yoked" congregations.

Contact Church Identification Number (OGA PIN Number) 03235
Yoked Church ID number (OGA PIN Number) 03222
Yoked Church Name. Chandler Presbyterian Church
Yoked Church City and State Elkton, MI
Distance between yoked church and contact church (in miles) 17
Driving time between yoked church and contact church (in minutes) 20
(If more than 2 churches), total distance between all churches (in miles) 39
(If more than 2 churches), total driving time between all churches (in minutes) 45
What is the membership size of the yoke congregation (s)? 13

Complete the following questions for all yoked congregations:

What is the worship time of each congregtion? (hour, times per month, seasonal variations). Chandler Presbyterian Church 11:00 worship service every Sunday. We are open to a flexible scheduling in our time of worship service with the three yoked churches and to the use of technology in our worship service.

Describe the schedule for any other regular activities such as choir, youth groups, committees and outreach activities. Session meets once a month. Chandler has coffee hour 3rd Sunday of the month. We do a joint VBS with Kinde First Presbyterian Church and the Catholic churches every summer. Kinde and Chandler do joint services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Chistmas Eve. The two churches also do a joint service if there happens to be a 5th Sunday in a month.

Complete the following questions for the yoked congregation that does not have a MIF Part II listed on the system.

Mission Statement (of yoked congregation). The purpose of Chandler Presbyterian Church is to show our love of God through joyful worship, spiritual growth and caring fellowship. Our mission is to be faithful to Jesus Christ, so that our members can provide both a spiritual and material ministry to ourselves and our surrounding community.

NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

(For each narrative question, please limit your responses to no more than 1500 characters including spaces and punctuation.)

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

~~Chandler Presbyterian Church was established in 1889. The church is located in a rural setting of Huron County surrounded by farmland along the banks of the Pinnebog River. The church is also ten miles from our county seat, Bad Axe and ten miles from Lake Huron which attracts many vacationers during the summer, and attracts many people who retire from the city to live here year-round. As a church, we see this as an opportunity to extend our ministry.~~ Throughout our history, we have provided spiritual leadership not only to our members, but to the surrounding community. We want to continue to make Christ known through our ministry and provide for the spiritual and physical needs of everyone through worship, prayer, and fellowship. We have a joint relationship with Kinde First Presbyterian Church, sharing a minister. Both churches work together to share the ministry of Christ to those who want to learn more and have a relationship with him. We look forward to this new collaboration between Chandler, Kinde and Fraser Presbyterian Churches. We are three small churches that are searching for new leadership that will work with our congregations to develop a vision and strategic plan to help our ministry and membership grow.

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

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We welcome all members of the community to participate in our Sunday worship, fellowship, outreach programs and our social events. We especially feel a need to reach out to the retirement community along the shoreline. This is a group that is growing in Huron County faster than any other group of people.Our VBS program in the summer is a joint partnership with the Kinde Presbyterian Church and the Catholic churches in the Kinde and Port Austin communities. Other outreach programs we have participated in are: Operation Christmas Child, Heifer Project, Safeplace, Clothe a Child, Kinde Presbyterian Food Pantry, Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund, and Project Linus. Throughout the year, we have joint special services with the Kinde Presbyterian Church (ex. Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday). Monthly, we have a church coffee hour where we get together and catch up on things happening with each member of the congregation. We invite everyone in the congregation, including visitors to join us. In the past we have invited the surrounding community to join us in a mystery dinner and our ladies have had a quilting group meet at the church. We also have hosted chicken barbeques and corn roasts to the entire community. Our church has also participated in a local bake and craft show selling baked goods and crafts made by our members.

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

To accomplish our mission, we will need leadership and direction from our pastor to achieve progress on the following:

* Implement strategies for membership growth
* Broaden congregational participation in the nurture and care of our members.
* Have worship experiences that will enlighten and inspire worshippers
* Be a presence in the community and involved in events.

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

Leader

* Inspires the congregation through carefully prepared and well delivered sermons
* Projects the identity and character of the congregation through worship and leadership presence
* Gives a clear and consistent message through his/her sermons
* Demonstrates a comfortable ease when speaking in a variety of settings
* Has the ability to get people to work together, create a strong feeling of belonging among group members and can accurately assess the strengths and limitations of others
* To be able to see ahead clearly, keeping focused on the larger picture and is future oriented; sees possibility and can create effective strategies

Compassionate

* Someone who is motivated to care and listen to the needs of others
* Someone who is called to advocate for others

Well Organized

* Knows how to get things done through formal and informal channels
* Understands the importance of supporting good policies, practice, and procedures of the church

Flexible

* Can adapt his/her behavior and work methods in response to new information or situations
* Is open to new ideas and approaches that may arise

Bridge Builder

* Possessing a certain responsibility for the unity of the congregations and works to connect people of different views and connecting surrounding communities.

5.What specific tasks, assignments, and programs areas will this person have responsibility?

The pastor be responsible for the following areas:

* Worship Services on Sundays including special services throughout the year (i.e. Holy Week, Christmas Eve, etc.)
* The administration of the Sacraments
* Moderate the monthly Session meetings
* Hospital visitations and emergency visitations
* Visitations to shut-ins (including giving communion)
* Leading new member and confirmation classes
* Conduct funerals, weddings, baptisms and member ship services
* The pastor will be an ambassador for Chandler to help expand our growth by making his/her presence known in the surrounding community.