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) 03221
Yoked Church Name First Presbyterian Church of Kinde
Yoked Church City and State Kinde, Michigan
Distance between yoked church and contact church (in miles) 22
Driving time between yoked church and contact church (in minutes) 35
(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)? 38

Complete the following questions for all yoked congregations:

What is the worship time of each congregtion? (hour, times per month, seasonal variations).
~~.~~Currently we hold worship service at 9:00 AM. We are flexible to a time change and also open to the use of technology to fit the needs of the 3 yoked church partnership.

Provide the schedule for each church school (hour, times per month, seasonal variations).
Kinde has church school from 10-11:30.

Describe the schedule for any other regular activities such as choir, youth groups, committees and outreach activities. Bible study Monday from 6:00-7:30, choir practice is 7:00 on Tuesday evening, food pantry is on Thursday from 3:30-5:00. 3rd Sunday coffee hour, 5th Sunday of the month joint service with Chandler, VBS one week in summer with Chandler and local~~fellow~~ Catholic church, Ash Wednesday~~Wednsday~~ and Maundy Thursday , Christmas Eve all shared with Chandler.

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). This response is limited to 1500 characters, including spaces and punctuation, or about one-half page of text.

The First Presbyterian Church of Kinde has been called by God and organized to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to minister to the needs of members of the congregation and residents of the community, and to promote peace and justice in the world.

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.

In 2017 this congregation celebrated 100 years of the call by God to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to minister to the needs of our members and residents of the community, and to promote peace and justice in the world.

By having a yoked church with Fraser and Chandler, we will be better be able to reach more people in the community, and hopefully gain more church members to help reach out to support our mission goals with more financial support.

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

- Most of the emerging needs of the community are met by the support of our mission projects.
- Top of the Thumb Leisure Ministry reaches out to the community by providing ministry in the State Park campgrounds.
- Youth camperships are awarded to children of the church and community who show an interest in a week of fun and education at the Bay Shore Christian Camp.
- An annual community luncheon, sponsored by the Women's Association, is held in May to gather food and monetary donations for the local food pantry, to help feed the community youngsters and their families.
- In the summer our church and the local Catholic church partner together to hold a community VBS. We welcome between 60-76 children and many adults that help with teaching, music, and sharing God's love to children who have never known about Jesus before. A few years ago our church gave Bibles to the students as a special gift.
- Boxes filled with turkeys and all the trimmings are distributed at Thanksgiving to families in the community so they can prepare their own meal. Harvested crops from local farms are also shared with people through this ministry.
- Our free Christmas Day dinner is prepared and served to about 100 people. Anyone who wants to join in this time of friendship, fellowship, singing songs, and praising God for all He has given to us is welcome. People come to help simply because they have heard of our ministry and want to be a part of it.

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

- To be an effective church member, each person must maintain a plan to attend church, pray to God regularly, and be a devoted student by reading/studying the Bible. A pastor with training to teach, and share knowledge and love through a well-prepared sermon each Sunday would be a powerful asset for our congregation.
- A good communicator mixes well with all people in the church and community can reach people in special ways. For example, a person willing to share the love of God with people who come to our pantry for food can also be fed with a lesson about the special love of Jesus Christ.
- We are fortunate ~~enough~~ to have several non-member families who attend our Sunday services. These families have expressed a desire to have a Sunday school program for the young children of our church. Help in reaching the children with a regular lesson each Sunday would be beneficial.

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

- Our congregation is made up of people who are working: self-employed, school employees, farmers, retirees, moms and dads, grandparents and great grandparents. Some of our youngsters share their voices to remind us that we are all God's children. Our members have many talents they share, such as providing instrumental music, singing, and teaching the Bible. We share handshakes, hugs, words of encouragement, tears of joy and sorrow. We are all Family! Our new pastor would need to be a loving and compassionate leader who will care about our congregation and want to become a real part of this family.
- A person who will manage his or her personal schedule, making sure to reserve time off each week.
- Possess the vision and ability to lead the worship and spiritual growth of the congregation leading us forward into the future.
- Must have a strong understanding of God's love, his people, the Bible, and be able to share these feelings.
- Deliver a Bible based sermon using the standard lectionary or the narrative lectionary as a guide each Sunday.
- Be a positive example of our Church.
- Willing to be active in the community.
- We are open to God's call to a new minister for our church, and will welcome a person who feels called to minister the yoked churches.

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

- Deliver a strong biblically based sermon with the world as we live it in mind.
- Administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and home communion as needed
- Administer the Sacrament of Baptism
- Perform marriages
- Participate in new member and confirmation classes
- Moderate Session meetings

- Visit shut-ins and hospital patients
- Be visible in the community
- Seek relationships with other Church communities in Port Austin and Kinde
- Be available for Bible study.
- Participate in local programs and events