

2018 Trinitarian Congregational Church Profile Summary

Purpose for our Church Profile

As part of the search for a settled Senior Minister, a Church Profile was created for our congregation by a five-member Transition Team with help from Jean Vandergrift, Interim Minister, who specializes in the transition process. The profile was developed through a well-established format created by the United Church of Christ and included myriad interviews and activities to solicit broad inclusion within the congregation and community. The intent of the profile was to allow the congregation time to reflect upon who we have been and who God is calling us to become. Through this discernment, a vision statement has been created, as well as a description of the qualities a senior minister should have to support this vision. The vision statement becomes a guide for congregational life in the upcoming years, and the ministerial qualities become a guide for the Search Committee in their efforts to find a Senior Minister who can help the congregation realize its vision.

Our Vision Statement

God is calling us to be a nurturing community of faith that honors God through service and mission.

Trinitarian Congregational Church has identified three priorities in support of this mission:

1. **Create vibrant worship through a spectrum of opportunities**, including Sunday Services, small group gatherings, church school, youth and adult programs.
2. **Live out our faith through caring for one another and hands-on service and mission**, including youth, family, and adult mission opportunities.
3. **Cultivate our church community to grow and thrive through increased collaboration, communication, and harnessing our collective talents.**

Our Vision of a Senior Minister

Our church is seeking a leader who will actively utilize the strengths and gifts of this congregation to expand our mission impact. We seek a minister who will play a strategic role in our committees, introduce guiding themes, identify and help implement additional programs, and be a visible presence in our community.

Our Statement of Who We Are

Trinitarian Congregational Church is a dynamic, intergenerational community of faith striving to reach its full potential. Our church understandably finds itself in a state of flux as we seek to find a settled Senior Minister. Yet during this transition, we feel a heightened sense of anticipation, for we trust we are evolving in the right direction. We gratefully recognize that we are gaining in vibrancy and with a greater sense of community. We are steadfast in God's love, and our life in faith is strong. We believe in a benevolent, loving God who encourages us to accept and support each other and to go forth that we may serve. We also believe in the Holy Spirit who speaks to us both personally and collectively.

We consider our congregational family to be generous, welcoming, open and affirming, spiritually curious, thoughtful and caring, to enjoy laughing, and to love our children and youth.