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CELEBRATE! I.C.C.C. IN MISSION TOGETHER!

CELEBRATE! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED – TOGETHER!

Special Report to the Christian Community from Past President and newly elected Council Secretary, Rev. Dr. Bruce N. Merton

Churches, ministry centers and individuals of the I.C.C.C. – **CELEBRATE!**

CELEBRATE the successful completion of a mission together unlike any we have had in recent memory!

CELEBRATE the fact that we have done in mission together what no single church, ministry center or individual would do alone!

CELEBRATE the fact that our gifts have already helped to save hundreds, maybe thousands, of lives!

CELEBRATE our embrace of Jesus' words: "As often as you have done to the least of these, you have done unto me."

CELEBRATE our acceptance of tangible global responsibility in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

In April of this year our Executive Director, Phil Tom, received a mission and ministry challenge from Austin Chu, Manager of Global Cause Partnership, UNICEF USA. It called for the I.C.C.C. to become a contributing partner in the UNICEF effort to raise 1.3 million dollars to purchase lifesaving equipment to immediately aid Covid victims in India. Beyond immediate lifesaving aid the equipment would continue to benefit the seriously ill for years to come.

In May of this year our Board of Directors set a **mission together** goal of \$13,400 to help purchase the equipment that would bring relief to and save lives of those suffering from Covid in India. Our Executive Director said, "During my three and a half years working with the I.C.C.C., we have never taken on a mission project of this scope."

I can certainly affirm what the Executive Director said and add that in my 18 plus years' experience with the I.C.C.C. we had never set, let alone met, a mission goal like our Board approved.

Our Executive Director and our Board are to be commended for considering and approving such a significant mission endeavor especially in the face of the continuing financial challenges that the I.C.C.C. is facing. Their action, backed by a \$3000 contribution from our annual budget, challenged churches, ministry centers and individuals to look beyond self to the needs of others and contribute the other \$10,400. In doing **mission together** the clarion call of Jesus to serve others is embraced and the life example of Jesus is emulated.

Our Executive Director noted, "I set this goal (\$13,400) that would challenge our members to give, but not too high a goal that we would not reach."

I personally found the Executive Director's comment to be extremely optimistic. Past years have seen the I.C.C.C. set numerous mission goals with little or no success in bringing them to fruition as an example of doing **mission together**. In short, I was one of little faith based on my past experience.

I have certainly learned an important lesson. The past does not need to define our present or our future! Our **mission together** has proved this conclusively! Our Executive Director impressed the lesson on me. "I wanted our mission funding to succeed, and we did!"

YES, we did it! For the first time in many years, we met and surpassed the established goal by doing mission together. To date we have contributed \$22,252 to support the caring, healing, lifesaving work of those ministering to Covid victims in India.

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President's Message

Abraham Wright

Last Words Become Feet and Hands

James's idea of faith without works is dead and ageless; it fits present-day life as well as life during first-century AD in Syria or Palestine, the audience to which James initially directs the idea. Yes, James believes that we are justified by faith, but he also insists, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that faith should be the catalyst for good works; otherwise, faith is dead (James 2:17;22). So even during a pandemic and a season of gun violence, including the taking of innocent lives, compounded with political wrangling and social injustice with attempts to reverse basic voting rights privileges, and other occurrences that go against the nature of God, our faith must take roots and grow as gospel-driven feet and hands.

We saw some of those feet and hands in action this past summer in response to the Council's leadership's fall announcement that we would have an in-person Annual Conference, and that we needed Council members to walk by faith, to trust scientific data, and to meet us in Columbus/Dublin, Ohio; you did so 112 strong. Several of you with premedical conditions were also there, while others of you at home cheered them on with your faith in and love of God and Council. Through real live workshops such as "We Need a Revival" and "Church in a Pandemic World," good biblically-based preaching, and excellent music that reached the souls of all the participating believers, we left that conference re-energized to return to our respective places of worship, recommitted to the work to which God calls us, not retires us.

We experienced other genuine commitments to be model witnesses of the Christian faith when we asked you recently to be a part of several of the Council's committees. Some of you who

have served faithfully and consistently and graciously for years regretfully had to decline because of either your health or because of increased responsibilities in being the health care provider for a relative; this the Council honors with its blessings. Some are facing other issues and

deem it best that they not serve, but they share with the Council their love and their blessings; this too we honor dearly. And there are those

who committed themselves to serve freely and gladly. So to those whose feet and hands are represented through their hearts and minds and to those whose feet and hands are represented through their commitment to serve, the Council thanks you.

So in many ways the Council is blessed. It has a purpose that embraces all believers in Christ, it has dedicated leaders who work tirelessly for the sake of all, it has a heightened record of individual financial giving, and the Council has a loving Spirit that would cause Goliath to tremble. The area we need to work on, however, is strengthening our financial stability to support our annual budget so that the Council can further implement its programs more effectively to carry out its mission. Soon, the Executive Director will discuss this concern with the Board of Directors.

And yes, churches, we know that you face several challenges; for if we are not the clergy, we are active members. We know that online worship during the pandemic was and still is a blessing, but we also now know that something further needs to be done with online worship for those who cannot or choose not to return to in-house worship; we know that financial giving increased during the height of the pandemic, but it may decrease now for various reasons; and we are aware



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that there are other problems created at least partly because of the pandemic that we must work through. However, we also know that guided by the Holy Spirit, we will work hard using grants, special donations, community resources, state and federal opportunities, exchange of services among churches (ICCC churches and others), our special financial giving, and other gifts to meet these needs, and to make modifications where necessary. We further realize, even if somewhat reluctantly, that doing ministry effectively requires money; giving is part of ministry. So, as faithful Christians we include in our budgets our tithes to our churches and to our Council. For our faith hands and feet remind us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8); and if we do what is right, He will supply our needs. To reaffirm this belief, my mother, who lived to be 94, would say, "Deed He will!"

And yes, our voice and action should be clear on matters of social injustice as well. We must not only talk but find ways to address social injustices through our Creating Community initiative, through meaningful justice and social justice groups, and through partnering with national and community policing programs and other meaningful activities, including those that address health care disparities; we also must reaffirm respect for law and order and seek alternative ways of addressing mis-carriage of justice that may not yield immediate desired results but at least save lives.

So shifting the blame and being defensive are not options. But giving our faith hands and feet as the Spirit directs us are excellent choices. This will look differently in various places and in various situations, but the same Spirit works through all of them. Too often our actions contradict what we profess. So during this conference year, let us be the people who treasure God's loves as it works in every inch of our being and in this Council so that our faith will be revealed through our action.

Peace, hard work, and blessings,

Abraham

Celebrate I.C.C.C. Together *cont'd. from page 1*

We have not seen the people that have been saved by our gifts. However, we can be assured of the fact that there are children that still have moms and dads because in ***mission together*** we cared, and we gave!

CELEBRATE!

We can be assured that there are men and women that can still be called "mom" and "dad".

Their sons and daughters have survived the deadly virus because in ***mission together*** we cared, and we gave!

CELEBRATE!

We can rejoice and be glad because in ***mission together*** the equipment our dollars purchased will continue to save lives for years to come!

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Our Executive Director said of our accomplished mission together, "I expect that this successful campaign will give our I.C.C.C. family the confidence to take on another mission project." To that statement I add a heartfelt and enthusiastic "AMEN" along with the promise of my support. I hope and pray that the I.C.C.C. will join me in like emotion and support because in mission together we serve God, serve others and become what God, in Christ, wants us to be!

CELEBRATE!

We received a Thank You video from UNICEF. Visit <https://vimeo.com/605993459> to view.



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community, to treasuring diversity,
to living our faith in service and love."



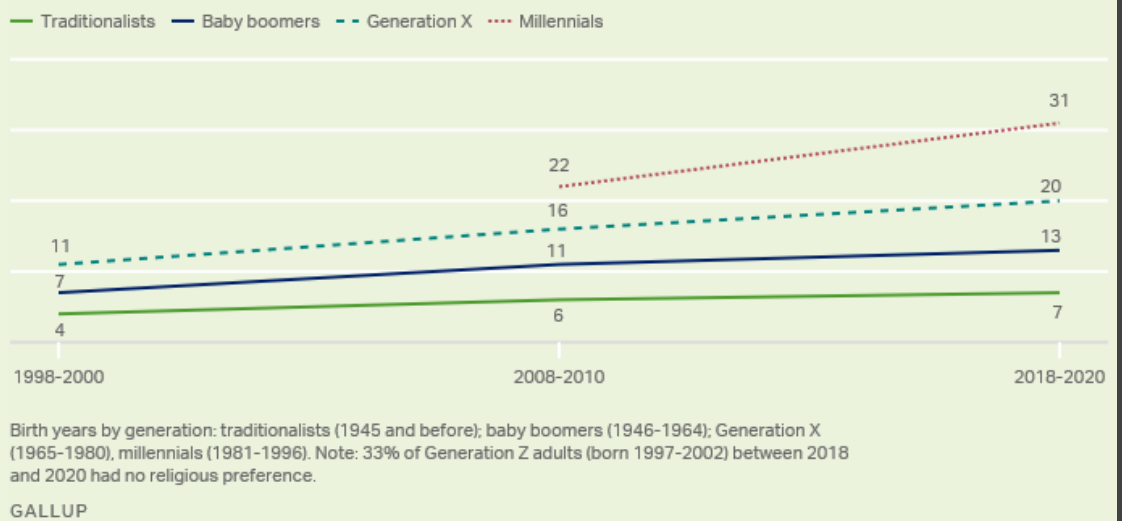
Executive Director's Message

Phil Tom

In August, as I was reading the New York Times, this headline jumped out to me - **The New Chief Chaplain at Harvard? An Atheist** - <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/26/us/harvard-chaplain-greg-epstein.html>. The secondary headline read - "The elevation of Greg Epstein, author of "Good Without God," reflects a broader trend of young people who increasingly identify as spiritual but religiously nonaffiliated." Mr. Epstein describes himself as a humanist, not an atheist. He was raised in a Jewish household and has been Harvard's humanist chaplain since 2005, teaching students about the progressive movement that centers people's relationships with one another instead of with God. In the article, Mr. Epstein said this - "There is a rising group of people who no longer identify with any religious tradition but still experience a real need for conversation and support around what it means to be a good human and live an ethical life."

As you have read about the latest religious trend, more people, not just young people but people of all ages, are now describing their religious affiliation as "none." Moreover, the number of "nones" is rapidly grow-

Change in Percentage of U.S. Adults With No Religious Affiliation, by Generation



ing. In addition, a recent Gallup survey - <https://news.gallup.com/poll/341963/church-membership-falls-below-majority-first-time.aspx> - showed that Americans' membership in houses of worship continued to decline, dropping below 50% for the first time in Gallup's eight-decade trend.

On the day I wrote this article, I read this statement in my daily devotional written by Mr. Brueggeman - Gift and Task (WJK) - "Everyone now knows about the crisis of the institutional Church in our society. That institutional Church is failing in its capacity to connect with great numbers of people (most especially millennials) and seem stuck in conventional practices that lack energy and imagination."

Some people tell me that the Church is focused only on the three "Bs" - building, budget, and butts in the pews. We have all heard the criticism that the Church does not practice what it preaches. Yes, we are human and not perfect. But, unless we are willing to change how we share God's good news with others, our congregations and the Church at large will continue to age and shrink. Brueggeman said that we need to shed our conventional institutional bureaucratic modes of operation and be open to the Holy Spirit transforming us and how we proclaim and live out God's Word. Let us open the doors of our churches and welcome the winds of God's Holy Spirit!

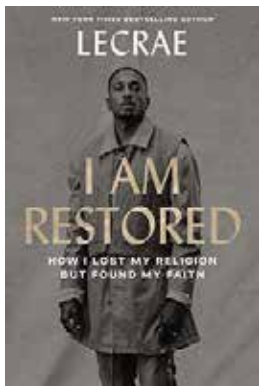
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Book REVIEW

By Rev. Kenneth N. Nelson

Encouraging Our Hope (Romans 15:4)

I Am Restored: How I Lost My Religion but Found My Faith | Lecrae. Zondervan, \$26.99 (192p) ISBN 978-0-310-35803-9

How would you recall your past, present, and future faith today? What would you say? How about this: “Church hurt is the worst hurt (p.39).” In *I Am Restored: How I Lost My Religion but Found My Faith*, Lecrae, an

award-winning American Christian hip hop artist explains his life reflection after his 2016 memoir *Unashamed*.

“In the middle of all this pain, I realized that I didn’t have the right ‘Christian’ response to find the escape from my trial,” writes Lecrae. Many readers identify immediately with these words and attempt to begin a quest for answers for the soul. Lecrae observes that “this was probably the most haunting, hopeless part of my journey. The obvious remedies you always hear from fellow believers— ‘Just pray about it!’ ‘Let go and let God!’ ‘Well, maybe you should just worship God more and read your Bible!’—weren’t reaching my soul. Something was missing” (p. 6-7). With this idea, Lecrae goes on to examine his life and plan for his future.

Restored has three parts—Facing My Own Chaos, Reckoning with The Chaos Around Me, Finding Hope in the Midst of Chaos. In the first three chapters of Part 1, Lecrae writes about his childhood, his disconnected relationship with father, and church dynamics. As Lecrae tells his story, some readers will recall similar experiences, and they, like Lecrae, try to understand but without much understanding. Lecrae explains, “I had no answers for how to escape my chaos and find healing. I didn’t have a collection of Bible verses that would help me understand exactly what was happening or how I could experience true freedom. I felt stuck” (p. 6). These opening chapters

offer some observations about what happens when we get “stuck” in life.

In the next three chapters, Lecrae writes about his interpersonal challenges in the context of our times. He explains how he was living through the Black Lives Movement and the political reality of Let’s Make America Great Again. During this time, he discovers the concept of political privilege. Lecrae observes, “Your perspective often depends on your proximity. Political privilege is the ability not to care about certain issues because they don’t directly affect you or because you don’t have categories to explain them” (p. 91). Furthermore, Lecrae realizes the great contradiction of faith and politics, and then he emerges with this idea: “I can’t afford to do violence to my soul through perpetual outrage. Left unchecked, frustration and bitterness will comprehensively destroy me” (p. 94). After reading this section, one realizes that this may be his turning point for restoration.

In the final three chapters, Lecrae writes about living his new restoration. In these chapters, Lecrae shares his growth, his renewed thoughts about faith, and the necessity of getting help for our problems and not avoiding them. He asserts “maturity is faithful commitment to God and contentment with God’s purpose for your life” (p. 166). While some say, “I know that” they will have missed the point. Lecrae’s story is an excellent book for our young people and adults who want to understand them and their music. *Restored* is an excellent and necessary read.

SHARE YOUR COMMENTS. Remember, please share your thoughts at ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net by the end of the month. And let us know if we have your permission to quote or paraphrase your comments. *Thank you for your feedback, and have a blessed month!*

Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations News

Rev. Rock R. Fremont Jr., VP Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

Greetings. My name is Rock Fremont and I am honored to be stepping into the role of Vice President of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations for the International Council of Community Churches. In addition to most recently representing the ICCC on the National Council of Churches' National Hindu-Christian, Buddhist-Christian, and Sikh-Christian Dialogues, and Churches Uniting In Christ Coordinating Council, I am a spiritual director and ICCC Clergy in Special Standing, serving as Senior Pastor at Shepherd of the Hills, UCC in Phoenix, AZ, as well as an adjunct faculty member in the Maricopa Community College System teaching World Religions, and immediate past Moderator for the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ for 2020-2021, a board member of the non-profit Nourish Phoenix Food and Clothing Bank, and a former Vice President of the Arizona Interfaith Movement with a focus on Education.

Having grown up and been formed in a Community Church, I have a passion for ecumenism, unity and inter-spirituality, and have served in chaplaincy among Arizona's Death Row and homeless populations, where I have been able to bring my passion for volunteer development and lifting up those most vulnerable among us.



I am especially humbled to follow in the footsteps of Rev. Dr. Herman Harmelink, III and so grateful for his leadership of the past 20 years. Herman has agreed to serve on our ICCC Ecumenical and Interreligious Committee and be our official delegate at the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Karlsruhe, Germany in 2022. I am

fortunate to have his guidance as I transition into my new role.



If you've always wanted to attend the National Council of Churches Christian Unity Gathering or the Parliament of the World's Religions but couldn't make the trip, here's your opportunity!

The Parliament of the World's Religions will be hosted virtually, October 16-18, which will bring together people of faith from around the world. The virtual Parliament is a safe way to gather the world's global interfaith movement and celebrate the enduring spirit and work of religious and spiritual communities striving toward a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world. The 2021 Parliament will not only provide attendees with 48 hours of programming, but the opportunity to access all of the programming free with your registration for 30 days after October 18th.

This means re-watching all the plenaries, experiencing all the featured religious and spiritual observances, and attending all featured programs at the touch of a button. For more info about the program and schedule, and to register, visit their website: [ParliamentofReligions.org](https://parliamentofreligions.org)

National Council of Churches annual Christian Unity Gathering will be held virtually on October 11-12, 2021 with the theme, "In New Wineskins: From Pandemics to Possibilities to Promises," and this event is free to attend. This year's CUG will explore how church life has changed and what our hope is for the church as the global community struggles to emerge from its pandemic and economic crises while at the same time continuing to grapple with the racial reckoning that is happening in our nation and the world. Can we discard the old wineskins? What will it take to go beyond conversations on racism to fully incorporating equity and racial justice in our churches? Where are new models of racial reckoning/reconciliation?

Dr. Robin DiAngelo, who has agreed to present, coined the term White Fragility in 2011 in an academic article which influenced the international dialogue on race. Her book, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard For White People To Talk About Racism* was released in June of 2018 and debuted on the New York Times Bestseller List, where it has remained for over three years and been translated into 10 languages. Her follow up book, *Nice Racism: How Progressive White People Perpetuate Racial Harm* was released this past June. She is an Affiliate Associate Professor of Education at the University of Washington and holds two Honorary Doctorates. She is a two-time winner of the Student's Choice Award for Educator of the Year at the University of Washington's School of Social Work. In addition to her academic work, Dr. DiAngelo has been a consultant and trainer for over 20 years on issues of racial and social justice. For more information about the program and schedule, or to register for free, check out the NCC website: NationalCouncilofChurches.us



Sharing Joys with:

- The ICCC Board of Directors recently granted **Rev. Herman Harmelink III** with the status Clergy Emeritus, in grateful appreciation of his 20+ years of service to the ICCC, especially in the Ecumenical and Interfaith field, where he represented the ICCC with integrity and love.
- **Seneca Community Church** in Germantown, MD where **Rev. Ken Nelson** is the Senior Pastor. On June 27th, they celebrated 80 years of fellowship, serving and praising God at their Seneca Community Church Day.
- **Pastor Adam Roe**, the new Associate Pastor at **The Church at Litchfield Park**. He began service on August 1st and was installed on August 15th.
- **ICCC Chaplain Tim Dahlstrom**, who recently received two awards from the 446 Airlift Wing at Joint Base Lewis McChord: Company Grade Office of the 4th quarter for 2020 and Company Grade Officer of the Year for 2020.
- **Rev. Eloise Crenshaw**, newly elected Pastor of **Metropolitan Community Church**, Birmingham, AL. "Our hearts rejoice with Pastor Crenshaw and the Metropolitan Community Church" - **Pastor Dennis Brock** President of the **Alabama Area Council of Community and Independent Churches**.
- Congratulations to **Rev. Harry Foockle**, who recently received the ICCC Cross pendant for service as ICCC President. **Jerry Brown** presented the cross at their church Antioch Community Church in Kansas City since the cross was not completely made in time to be presented at conference. Thank you Harry for your service as ICCC President.
- Welcome to the newly elected Board of Directors and the new Ministerium Leadership! Watch for great things to happen as they work to serve God and the ICCC in the upcoming year!



L-R (front to back): Bob Fread VP for Informational Services, DeAnn Granahan Administrator, Connee Fitch-Blanks WCF President, Phil Tom ICCC Executive Director, Jerry Brown, VP for Planning, Mike Donahue VP for Membership Services, Rhonda Blevins VP for Leadership, Wendy Childress VP for Regional Relationships, Nick Brame Treasurer, Wayne Samuels Samaritans President, Herman Harmelink, past VP Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Rock Fremont Jr. VP Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Abraham Wright President, Harry Foockle Immediate Past President, Roberta Smith VP for Financial Development, Bruce Merton Secretary

Rhonda Blevins President, Rock Fremont Jr. Vice-President, Jennifer Brown Secretary and William Currin Treasurer

Our Prayers are with:

- **St. Anne Woods Chapel Community Church** and the family of **Pastor Louis Barnes**. Rev. Barnes passed away June 5th, 2021 at age 90. He had been pastor at St. Anne for 41 years! **Bob Harris** and his family as they mourn the death of Bob's wife **Toni**, who passed away July 5th. Her service can be found at <https://youtu.be/b7uk42PXcAk>. "Toni was a truly remarkable, accomplished and energetic 'doer' with a large heart. She was blessed with many talents. Talents she used time and again to help improve the lives of others, especially children." - Bob Harris
- **Rev. Lorna Hart** and her family. Lorna's husband **Le Roy Tyrone Hart** passed away September 1st. His Celebration of Life was September 10th.
- **Rev. Barbara Peters, Pastor Emeritus of Wilson Memorial Union Church**. Her husband **Tom** passed away July 9th.

Thank you to **Pamela Jones**, Business Administrator, **Cindy Conolly** Administrator Assistant and **Rev. Tim Meadows**, pastor at **Protestant Community Church**, Medford Lakes, NJ for their work on final edition of the Inclusive Pulpit. This edition begins with a dedication to **Bob Puckett** who passed away in 2020. Bob was a longtime editor of the journal. We also celebrate **Charles Trentham's** legacy by republishing a sermon and prayer given by his wife to the ICCC on the occasion of his untimely death. This edition features all the award-winning sermons thru 2020 that were selected as recipients of the **Charles Trentham Homiletics Award**. To purchase the book contact the Council office or order thru our website: <https://www.iccc-now.org/community-church-press/>

In July, many of the ICCC Family gathered in Dublin, OH at the 71st Annual Conference. We enjoyed some much needed fellowship, worship, workshops and meals together. We hope to see you at the 72nd Annual Conference, also being held in Dublin, OH. Information can be found on our website shortly. Below are some great photos of us all!



If you were at the Annual Conference this past July, you may have caught a glimpse of Sandra Nelson's Tree of Life Necklace, which resembles the ICCC logo. We were able to purchase more of these from Fair Trade made in Peru to help women in Peru make a living and support their families. If you would like to purchase one, contact the Council Office. The cost is \$20.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.





PASTORAL SEARCH

Senior Minister

Bridgeport Community Church, (Bridgeport, Michigan) is seeking a candidate for Senior Pastor to replace current pastor retiring December 2021.

BCC is an interdenominational church that has been serving the community since 1867.

Responsibilities include spiritual leadership, pastoral and youth ministry, church and community relationships and church administration.

Ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree and seminary degree or equivalent. Strong biblical knowledge and proclamation of The Word is required, along with good communication and planning skills.

Qualified individuals should submit a resume to Attention: Pastoral Search Committee via 1867BCC@gmail.com.

A Time to Laugh



"Basically we're looking for an innovative pastor with a free vision who will inspire our church to remain exactly the same."

Ordained Minister

Join us in turning the tide from surviving to thriving in 2021 and beyond. The historic Community Church of East Williston is a Mainline, Interdenominational Protestant Church serving the needs of persons from all backgrounds. We have a faithful, hardworking congregational core and seek a Senior Minister who, through Christian love and action, will help us turn those with occasional attendance into persons with faithful commitment. The position requires an experienced, ordained Protestant minister with youthful enthusiasm to reestablish CCEW as the "Light in the Community." We offer a competitive salary and a beautiful manse in a verdant suburb with a highly ranked school district (top 10% in NY), only 25 minutes from Manhattan via railroad.

Our ideal candidate:

- Is an ordained minister and graduate of an accredited Protestant Seminary (CCEW will facilitate ordination if necessary)
- Maintains a cheerful and enthusiastic outlook
- Preaches interesting, thoughtful and provocative sermons
- Relates Scripture and the teachings of God to everyday lives
- Fosters relationships with youth and young families
- Collaborates with lay leadership and church staff to coordinate and conduct the ministries of the church
- Counsels congregants and committees
- Uses social media to further the goals of the church
- Considers high quality and diverse music to be a vital part of worship
- Demonstrates team building and conflict resolution skills
- Visits congregants in need
- Works to expand the influence of the church in the community
- Provides wedding support including rehearsals
- Has experience in pastoral ministry as a Senior Minister

The Pastoral Search Committee is accepting packages containing (but not limited to) your resume, your calling (share your call to ministry), style of ministry (share your beliefs) and samples of your sermons on a website, blog or Facebook.

Please email your response to: maryellen@ccew.org, or mail a hard copy to:

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