



What you identified as key minister attributes

The following identifies key attributes you told us you'd like to see in a minister, followed by selected comments related to those attributes.

Leadership

"We are looking for someone who brings energy and enthusiasm and on the upswing of his/her career and able to be relatable to the broad spectrum of ages of church members."

"An ability to jump-start something new while protecting the core."

"Positive energy can do wonders and only attracts more of the same. A sense of humour comes in handy too!"

"I do think we need a 'doer' with leadership, organization, management and listening skills who will focus on the implementation of the Fairlawn Call."

Worship

"A person who will co-create a contemporary sanctuary space and revitalize its use throughout the week, taking a more contemporary approach to worship including music, liturgy and scheduling."

"Someone who effectively makes Christian teachings and references relevant to the living out of our lives in today's world; who delivers sermons that are inspirational, and who engages with congregants in a deep, compassionate manner."

"In addition to having deep knowledge of Christianity, has to be familiar with today's world, and be skilled at framing Christ's message into today's context."

"A leader who champions spirituality and the Big Picture...the God within each of us instead of what God does for us."

"Leader who is organized, innovative and enriching worship services, including lay participation."

Faith Development/Pastoral Care

"When people are troubled, confused and/or hurting, it gives great comfort and reassurance to know that he/she is available for occasional counselling with whom they can talk freely and lean on."

"How to cope in this ever-changing world and the never-ending problems we're confronted with."

"Someone who is an empathetic, active listener, able to connect deeply with others."

“Spiritual growth should be encouraged, not just for knowledge, but to provide an avenue for developing friendships. An inventive Minister could make sure that those in need of companionship have a place.”

Summary of Other Comments

“Fairlawn is building a reputation as a church that reaches out to the larger community and sometimes leads the way. I would want to see this community connection continue and grow and our new minister would need to take the lead in this.”

“A sincere communicator with all levels (young and old) of the congregation.”

“I think the women’s perspective (hopefully younger but at least newer in the role) would be very good for us right now.”

“Support of the music program. Music adds so much to the Service. God speaks to me through music.”

“LGBTQ-friendly while still able to connect with the entire congregation.”