

Alaska Conference

Our needs are many. We are really thinking about the 2024 appointment year and setting up a pattern of connecting in the Fall in time for information to be sent, and applications to be filled out, discernments to be embarked upon, before our appointment process begins in January.

And yet, there are several appointments yet to fill even in this appointment year.

Many of our appointments throughout the Western Jurisdiction are part time at this stage. We are aware that these part time appointments might be a good fit for a student that is able to do distance education or some form of hybrid on campus/off campus experience.

Each of our conferences has been individually recruiting but we are exploring the concept of more permeable boundaries and are working together to meet our pastoral needs.

I am also writing more particularly on behalf of the conference that I serve, the Alaska conference. We are unique in that most of our pastors come from other conferences, as guests, in our unique status as one of the three remaining missionary conferences. The exception to that is that we do care for those in the LLP category through our Professional Ministries Unit here.

Currently we still have a half time appointment in Wasilla, about an hour above Anchorage. Parsonage is provided, and the salary is in the \$25,000 range. A delightful congregation, wanting to grow, in one of the fastest growing areas of Alaska. In Alaska we consider appointments to a community rather than just to a congregation. The community one would be appointed to is the Mat-Su Valley. I didn't know if there was a way to get word out about this opening in particular, if you had a job search board that goes out to students or alumni.

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