

The Ministerial Vocation Committee and the Office of the Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church are responsible for denominational vocational services. As part of the process of "matching" ministers and congregations, the Office of the Stated Clerk provides resources and advice to both pastors and congregational search committees. To that end, we ask congregations and ministers to complete information forms as an introduction to each other, and a first step in the process of calling a minister for a congregation. For both the pastor and the congregation, this is an opportunity for self-study and evaluation of current ministry and goals. This calls for honesty, effort, and open communication.

This Church Information Form (CIF) presents the local congregation's history, challenges, and goals. It is our hope that this will help facilitate the search process by assisting both the church in focusing on future directions and applicants in gaining some sense of the nature and uniqueness of this congregation.

We encourage churches to list their vacancies on the Ministry Staff Opportunities webpage at <u>www.epc.org/mso</u>. For more information or to send your posting, email <u>info@epc.org</u>.

Guidance for church-based human resources questions such as background checks, personnel policy manuals, and more is available at the Office of the General Assembly by contacting Marti Ratcliff at *marti.ratcliff@epc.org* or 407-930-4263.

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Please return completed form to:

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Part 1: Church Information

1.	Church Name Covenant Community Church	
	Address 3870 Alamo Dr. Vacaville, CA 95687	
	Telephone (707) 448-5234 Fax (_)
	E-mail search@cccvv.org Websit	
2.	Presbytery Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest	
	Presbytery Ministerial Committee Liaison Mark Esh	
2	Search Committee Chairman Rev. Nancy Duff	
J.	Address 3870 Alamo Dr. Vacaville, CA 95687	
	Address	
	E-mail nancy@cccvv.org	
4	List all paid staff positions (use additional sheet if neces	
••	Senior Pastor	
	Director of Worship	
	Director of Volunteers	Full time Part time
	Production Lead	Full time Part time
	Administrative Assistant	Full time Part time
	Nursery Coordinator	Full time Part time
	VBS Director (seasonal)	Full time Part time
	(2) Nursery Childcare Staff	Full time Part time
	(2) Toddler/Preschool Staff	Full time Part time
		Full time Part time

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J.	DISCUILING VO	Iunicci	positions

Elders

Clerk of Session

Deacons

Worship Band & Team

Media Volunteers

Head Usher

Greeters

Committee Chairs and Members

Sunday School Teachers

Nursery Volunteers

Youth Group Leaders

Small Group Leaders

Stephen Ministers

Prayer Teams

Webmaster

Admin Volunteers

Our congregation also willingly volunteers for events on an as-needed basis (VBS, church workdays, neighborhood walks, mission dinners, polling place workers, etc.)

6. List all vacant positions

Position Available Assistant Pastor	Date of Va	cancy <u>5/20/2023</u>
Position Available		
1 USITION AVAILABLE	Date of val	
Position Available	Date of Va	cancy
Membership (state approximate numbers an	d percentages)	
	Five years ago	Currently
A. Number of church members	211	121
B. Number of family units		96
C Worship attendance	150	75

- Increasing Declining 8. Community Growth Static
- 9. Profile of church members

C. Worship attendance

A. Age:

7.



B.	Occupation:
	20 % Business 20 % Professional 15 % Trades
	0 % Agriculture 5 % Stay-at-Home Parent 35 % Retired
	5 % Other (Please Specify) Military
C.	Educational level of adults
	0 % some high school 40 % high school 40 % college 20 % graduate school
D.	Percentage of members belonging to the congregation
	Less than one year%
	5 years or less <u>17</u> %
	6-10 years 38%
	10 years or more 44%
10. Ra	acial/Ethnic composition of:
	Congregation
	5 % African-American 5 % Asian 80 % Caucasian 10 % Hispanic
B.	Community (within 5-mile radius of church)
	10 % African-American 10 % Asian 50 % Caucasian 25 % Hispanic
	5 % Other (Specify)
11. Co	ommunity Setting (check as many as apply):
	ocation
	Rural Small Town Metropolitan Suburban Inner City
	inction
	Industrial Agricultural Recreational Military College/University
	102 000
Αį	oproximate population of community: 103,000

12. Worship

A	•	Average Worship Attendance	Worship Style					
	9:30am	75	Contemporary					
	Livestream & YouTube	35						
		40						
В	. Frequency of commu	nion celebration: 13	per year					
C	. How are members in	volved in planning and participatio	on in the liturgy/worship?					
		Staff plans worship. Members and students play on the worship team, run						
	media, pray, read scripture and give announcements.							
D	Challe of literature of it		t					
D	Style of liturgy used in your worship (e.g., traditional, contemporary, variety)							
	Primarily contempor	rary						
E	. Type of music used in	n worship (e.g., traditional, contem	porary, variety)					
	Contemporary with	a few hymns						
13. M	linistry Programs							
A	. Average attendance i	n Church School (under 18 years):	15					
В	. Average attendance i	n Adult Education (Sunday):	0					
C	_		35					
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14. Organizational Structure

List major boards, committees, and organizations that are part of your church and frequency of meetings (monthly, weekly, etc.)

Name	Purpose of Group	Number of members	Frequency of meetings	Leadership Role*
Session	Ruling board	7	Monthly	2
Deacons	Spiritual care of church	10	Monthly	3
Worship Team	Leads worship	6	Weekly	2
Missions	Supports local & global mission	3	Monthly	3
Student Ministry Team	Plans & leads youth group	3	Monthly	2
Outreach	Reaches out to community	4	Quarterly	3
Congregational Life	Congregational fellowship	8	Monthly	3
Finance	Oversees church finances	5	Monthly	2
Human Resources	Supports church staff	5	Monthly	2
Stephen's Ministry	Spiritual care of individuals	4	Monthly	3
Buildings & Grounds	Facility & property maintenance	7	Monthly	3

^{*}Indicate leadership role expected by using the number below:

- 1. Pastor takes primary initiative and responsibility.
- 2. Pastor and laity share responsibility.
- 3. Laity takes primary initiative and responsibility.
- 4. A staff person takes primary initiative and responsibility.

Part 2: Financial/Church Campus Information

1.	Current annual budget: \$ 546,642	_Last year's annual budget: \$\frac{487,822}{}
	(Attach a copy of current budget)	

2. Percentage of income received toward budget: 97.00



3.	An	nount contributed for y	ear (most rece	nt complete re	eporting ye	ear)		
	A.	EPC Percentage of Inco	\$ <u>2,7</u>	\$ <u>2,783</u>				
	B.	EPC World Outreach G	lobal Workers		\$ <u>0</u>			
	C.	EPC Special Projects			\$ <u>0</u>			
	D.	Presbytery Per Membe	er Asking/Perc	entage of Inco	me \$ <u>1,8</u>	15		
	E.	Other Missions/Mission	onaries		\$ <u>3,1</u>	70		
4.	 Property owned by church A. Describe buildings and property (other than manse), including condition. 5 acre parcel. Sanctuary is approx. 8080 sq ft and Children's/Youth Min 							•
		Center is approx 250 building.	ο sq π. Churci	n office is loca	ated in a p	ermane	nt modul	ar
	B.	Are your buildings ade If no, please explain:	equate for your	rpresent prog	ram?		Yes	□No
	C.	Is a building program of the second of the s					Yes	■No
	D.	Does the church own a Condition: Pastor's Office/Study:	Good	☐ Fair ☐ In Manse	☐ Poor		Yes	■No
			Other					



5.

Со	mpensatio	n:								
A.	The salary	range we are prepared to offer:								
	Position:	Assistant Pastor -	\$							
	Position:	a range from \$55K to \$60K	\$							
		commensurate with experience								
B.	The averag	ge annual increase over the past three	e years is:							
	Position:	All positions	\$	or <u>5.0</u>	0_%					
	Position:		\$	or	%					
	Position:		\$	or	%					
	Position:		\$	or	%					
C.	Housing									
	Housin	g Allowance								
	Manse	Only								
	Either of	of the Above								
D.	Benefits a	nd expenses								
	Retirement Plan (minimum 10% gross effective salary)									
	\$10,000 Medical insurance (EPC medical coverage required for full-time TEs)									
	No	_Social Security								
	Yes	_Travel/mileage								
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	2 weeks Study leave allowance (minimum 2 weeks)									
	4 weeks	Annual vacation days (minimum 4 v								
	1	Number of worship services per year for which pastor is provided relief (in addition to vacation and study leave)								
		Sabbatical frequency and length								
	\$3,000 Other (Specify: Professional expenses including mileage, books, study leave, continuing ed, etc.)									
E.	The churc	h participates in the EPC's medical be	enefits plan	Yes	No					
F.	The church participates in the EPC's retirement plan									

Part 3: Church Characteristics

Check the box that most closely describes the current characteristics of the congregation.

Ou	r congregation	Ag	ree	Disagree		
1.	Is spiritually vibrant	<u> </u>	2	3	$\Box 4$	
2.	Demonstrates love for the pastor and his/her family	1	2	3	$\Box 4$	
3.	Readily shares their gifts with the rest of the congregation	<u> </u>	2	3	$\Box 4$	
4.	Places a high priority on sound biblical preaching	1	2	3	$\Box 4$	
5.	Effectively integrates newcomers	<u> </u>	2	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>	
6.	Is engaged in evangelism	<u> </u>	2	1 3	4	
7.	Is often found living their faith in their communities	<u> </u>	2	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>	
8.	Has a spirit of unity	<u> </u>	1 2	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>	
9.	Cares about each other	1	2	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>	
10	. Is supportive of the Session and pastoral leadership	1	2	<u>3</u>	4	
11	. Ministers well to members that are hurting	<u> </u>	2	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>	
12	. Uses members' gifts in worship	1	2	<u>3</u>	$\Box 4$	
13	Contains people willing and able to lead the congregation	1	2	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>	
14	. Is capable of change when and where appropriate	1	2	<u></u> 3	$\Box 4$	
15	. Is connected to and prayerful about what God is doing in the global church	1	1 2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>	

16. How are elders and deacons initially trained and equipped for ministry?

Our pastor leads a 6 hour training that covers the Book of Order, the Westminster Standards, and key passages in scripture on spiritual leadership. Homework is done in advance.

17. What is the Session's current practice regarding the ongoing discipleship of elders and deacons?

Stated Session Meetings and Deacon Board Meetings include scripture study and prayer. Session also occasionally reads books on ministry and leadership (recently, Kara Powell's "Growing Young").

18. In what ways does your church participate in ecumenical activities?

Our pastor participates in the Vacaville Christian Ministerial Association. We support local ministries such as Vaca Fish (our local food bank) and Alpha Pregnancy Center. We are among a number of churches in our community who serve our local schools in various ways (we provide backpacks with school supplies and holiday groceries to families in need). Our individual members serve in various local ministries and non-profits such as the Bay Area Rescue Mission and Meals on Wheels. Our students recently did a service project at a local animal rescue ranch. Globally, we participate in Operation Christmas Child, and have served internationally in Mexico and Honduras. We also are active in our Presbytery and General Assembly.

19. Describe the strengths of your congregation.

We are biblically based, with a strong commitment to following Jesus. We are friendly and love including newcomers. We see each other as family. We have strong small groups. We are multigenerational and work to involve the next generaton in ministries across the church. We have students serving in significant roles on our weekly worship praise band, our Sunday media team, our children's ministry, and various service and outreach projects. We are willing servants -- we serve one another, serve our community, and serve the world. We host community groups and events on our campus, and partner with local and global ministries.

20 List	snecific	problems	with	which	vour	congreg	ation	struggl	29
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We lost a number of young families during the pandemic, and need to develop strategies to better reach and incorporate children, students and their families into our congregation. We want to develop ministries for college students and young adults. There are new homes being built near the church, and we want to find new ways to reach out to our neighbors. We also want to discover new local and global service opportunities that will be strategic for us to focus on.

21.	List ma	aior	goals	that the	congreg	ation l	nas s	et for	itself	
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We are in the midst of a discernment process, so have not yet set major goals for this new ministry season. At this point in the process, two themes that have emerged are:

- In general, our church body is thriving.
- We need to grow our ministry to children, students and young adults.

22. Has there	ever been disciplinary action taken against a pastor of your congregation?
Yes	No
23. Has there congregat	ever been any disciplinary action against an elder or deacon of your cion?
Yes	■No

If you answered "Yes" to either 22 or 23, please explain.

24. Have you completed a mission statement, vision statement, and/or a strategic plan for your congregation?
■Yes No
If yes, Date completed 5/2008
If yes, enter each statement or strategic plan (or attach copies if space below is limited)
Covenant Community Church exists to Celebrate God, Connect With Others and Change the World.

Part 4: Leadership Expectations

1. What are some key character strengths a person should bring to this position?

Authenticity, empathy, integrity, compassion, grace, love, collaborativeness, humility, patience, enthusiasm, self starter, and hard worker

- 2. What are five key gifts/skills/abilities a person should bring to this position?
 - * Passionate and effective in developing the next generation as disciples of Jesus; supports parents as the primary disciplers of their children
 - * Builds relationships through empathetic listening and personal authenticity
 - * Creative and strategic, inspires and equips volunteer teams and shapes programs to synergize with the big picture of the church
 - * Champions the next generation across all ministries of our church, helping each child, student, and young adult feel valued in the church community
 - * Compelling communicator to all generations; able to preach and teach the Word of God with clarity
- 3. What are the primary pastoral duties for the position? (Attach a position description)

To provide spiritual, theological, administrative and pastoral leadership for the next generations (infancy through young adults) of Covenant Community Church while also serving more broadly as a pastor to our congregation.

- * Foster Christian formation and discipleship of all age groups of the next generation.
- * Plan, oversee and lead programs and events for the next generations, building teams to serve them well.
- * Provide pastoral care to the next generation and their parents.
- * Champion the next generation across the church.
- * Preach, administer sacraments and other pastoral duties.

Part 5: Church History

1. What do you consider to be the three most important events in the history of your church?

Community Presbyterian Church made a decision to plant a sister church in Vacaville, which became Covenant Community Church (1991).

We purchased property, built facilities and moved our church to this permanent location in a growing area of Vacaville (2005).

We left our former denomination and joined the EPC (2016).

2. What do you consider to be the most interesting and challenging event in the life of your church in the last three years?

The COVID pandemic was extremely challenging for us -- especially since during the shutdown, our pastor accepted a new call and we went without a pastor for 18 months. As our staff, elders, deacons and members stepped up in leadership to fill the gaps and to care for our church in creative ways, God used those challenges to deepen our faith in significant ways. Although we lost members during this time, we remained financially sound due to God's faithfulness and our members' generosity.

Because we had to jettison most of our usual programming during the pandemic, we became open to new opportunities to serve our neighborhood, including hosting various community groups on our campus. We also had several other staff transitions during or soon after the pandemic. This has given us the opportunity to rethink staffing to position ourselves better for the future. The loss of a number of key volunteers during COVID has opened up opportunities to better include students across our ministries.

We called our new pastor in September 2022, and are currently going through a process of discerning specific vision and direction for this new ministry season. One thing is already clear: we must disciple our next generations well. We also sense that God has a specific purpose for planting us in this specific neighborhood. While we don't yet have clarity on all that is ahead, we have a renewed excitement for how God will use us in our city and in the world.

Part 6: Other Information

1. List the last three individuals who held this position

Name	Dates of Service		
(This is a new position, combining two previous positions)		to	
Becky Santini, Children's Minisgtry Director	3/2010	_{to} _12/2022	
Jordan Seamaon, Student Ministries Director	4/2021	to 12/2022	

2. Describe any significant factors about the church not covered in previous questions.

Before COVID, when we had more students and children, we had a full time Children's Ministry Director and a full time Student Ministry Director. After COVID, when both positions became open at the same time, we have recognized a unique opportunity to restructure our staff to help us more effectively disciple the next generations. We are looking for an Assistant Pastor who is passionate about the entire age span from infant through young adults and who understands the challenges these disciples face in today's world. We want someone who can help set and implement vision and strategy and who is able to build and equip volunteer teams as well as doing hands-on ministry themself. We look forward to this pastor's leadership throughout the church as we continue working to include students and young adults in all of our ministries, and as we move forward into better serving and reaching our community.

While your primary focus will be on our next generations, our senior pastor and our leaders look forward to mentoring you in all aspects of pastoral ministry. We see serving in our church as a great place to further develop your ministry skills as a pastor.



Statement of Acknowledgment

The EPC believes that honesty and a commitment to open communication are critical to building the body of Christ. In that spirit, please confirm your agreement to the following statements by your signatures below.

- 1. We attest that the information contained in this Church Information Form is true and complete to the best of our knowledge.
- 2. We authorize applicants for the position(s) listed herein to make inquiries regarding all statements contained in this Church Information Form.
- 3. We authorize the Office of the Stated Clerk to circulate, distribute, and otherwise share this Church Information Form with potential candidates for the position(s) listed herein.
- 4. We acknowledge the Medical Plan and Retirement Plan services offered by the EPC's Benefit Resources, Inc., exist to serve EPC churches and their staff members. We also acknowledge the EPC's Book of Order requirement that EPC churches provide medical insurance to ordained staff members through BRI as mandated by the following Acts of the General Assembly:
 - 81-04 Terms of call for any minister of member churches shall provide for participation in the denominational hospitalization and disabilities programs. (Minutes of the 1st General Assembly, 1-32)
 - 81-06 The denominational group insurance plan providing health, disability, and life coverage shall be mandatory for all ministers within member churches. (Minutes of the 1st General Assembly, 1-36)
 - 88-08 Assembly amends participatory requirements for group health insurance plan by requiring participation of all ministers on the rolls of presbyteries with the exception of:
 - 1. Missionaries laboring in cooperative agreements with mission agencies;
 - 2. Ministers laboring in institutional agencies providing their own group insurance plan:
 - 3. Ministers afforded group insurance coverage as part of retirement benefits from a previous employer;
 - Ministers without call, and ministers laboring less than 20 hours in a 4. place of ministry. (Minutes of the 8th General Assembly, 8-24)

For information about EPC benefits through BRI, see www.epc.org/benefits, email benefits@epc.org, or call 407-930-4267.

Clerk of Session	\sim	Date_ 5/30/2023
Search Committee Chair	Many h) W	Date 5/30/2023

2023 Covenant Community Church Budget

Account #	Account Name		2023 udget
Projected Income			
4110	General Fund Receipts	\$51	10,302
4243	Rental Income	\$ 3	6,340
Sub-Total	Projected Income	\$54	16,642
	Human Resources		
	Payroll	\$26	64,685
	Benefits	\$ 2	9,200
5014	Pastor's Business Expense	\$ 1	.0,000
5055	Workers Comp	\$	3,240
5056	Payroll Taxes	\$ 1	4,580
5064	Leadership Development	\$	1,000
5073	Recruitment/Backgrounds	\$	500
Sub-Total	Human Resources	\$32	23,205
	Adult Ministry		
5255	FPU Scholarship	\$	400
5256	Small Group Expense	\$	300
5257	Child Care Expense	\$	200
Sub-Total	Adult Ministry	\$	900
	Missions		
5601	PMA / POI	\$	6,162
5602	Operation Christmas Child	\$	100
5617	Local Missions	\$	1,000
5622	Project Mercy	\$	500
5625	Alpha Clinic	\$	500
5628	Global Mission	\$	1,500
Sub-Total	Missions	\$	9,762
	Outreach & Communication		
5516	Supplies	\$	500
5520	Hospitality Ministry	\$	100
Sub-Total	Outreach	\$	600

Account #	Account Name	202 Budg	-	
	Building & Grounds			
5111	Solar Panels	\$ 8,8	300	
5112	PG&E	\$ 2,0	000	
5113	Janitor & Supplies	\$ 13,0	000	
5114	Landscaping/Pest Services	\$ 13,0	000	
5118	Sanitary Service	\$ 4,0	000	
5119	Alarm Service	\$ 3,0	000	
5120	City Water	\$ 4,5	00	
5127	General Repair	\$ 5,0	000	
5135	* B & G Projects	\$ 12,6	660	
Sub-Total	Building & Grounds	\$ 65,9	960	
	Administration Committee			
5151	Telephone	\$ 5	500	
5152	Printing & Office Supplies	\$ 3,6	600	
5154	Postage	\$ 8	375	
5155	Payroll Fees	\$ 1,3	800	
5157	Planning Center Online	\$ 1,5	00	
5160	Insurance	\$ 7,0	000	
5162	Property Tax	\$ 4,1	.36	
5163	Permits / Fees	\$ 1,0	000	
5164	Bank Charges/Fees	\$ 6	600	
5166	Leadership Supplies	\$ 5	00	
5168	Copier & Riso Lease	\$ 2,5	20	
5171	Internet / E-mail services	\$ 3,0	000	
5175	Presbytery Meetings	\$ 3,1	.00	
5180	Right Now Media	\$ 8	880	
Sub-Total	Administration	\$30,5	11	
	Congregational Life			
5452	Fellowship Supplies	\$ 5	00	
5453	Special Events	\$ 9	75	
5454	Daycare	<u>'</u>	100	
Sub-Total	Congregational Life	\$ 1,5	75	

* 5135 B&G Projects

- Clean sanctuary chairs \$2,160
- Monument sign \$1,000
- Replace 1 AC unit \$5,000
- Office trailer gutters \$2,000
- Lawn mower \$2,500

Account #	Account Name	2023	
#	N	Budget	
5242	Nursery	ć 75	
5342 5343	Cleaning/Sanitation Snack	\$ 75 \$ 75	
5344	Toy Maint/Replacement	\$ 50	
Sub-Total	Nursery	\$ 200	
Sub Total	Children's Ministry	, 200	
5313	KidsTown Supplies	\$ 1,300	
5314	Toddler/Preschool Supplies	\$ 800	
5316b	Events, Activities	\$ 1,000	
5319b	Vacation Bible School	\$ 2,000	
5322	Volunteer Training	\$ 400	
5323	Administrative	\$ 500	
Sub-Total	Children's Ministry	\$ 6,000	
	Youth Ministry	1	
5358	Youth Admin	\$ 500	
5361	Youth Contacts	\$ 700	
5363b	Special Events	\$ 600	
5368	Youth Night	\$ 1,200	
5369	Leadership	\$ 200	
5370b	Youth Mission	\$ 2,150	
5374b	Camp	\$ 2,150	
Sub-Total	Youth Ministry	\$ 7,500	
	Worship Ministry		
5410	Honorarium	\$ 3,600	
5411	Music	\$ 1,200	
5412	Repairs	\$ 500	
5414	Equipment	\$ 1,500	
5417	Worship Supplies	\$ 300	
5418	Sermon Series	\$ 350	
5419	Special Services	\$ 505	
5422	Worship Software	\$ 400	
Sub-Total	Worship Ministry	\$ 8,355	
Total	General Fund Expenses	\$454,568	
	First Northern Bank Loan		
2725/5667	Principal and Interest	\$ 92,074	
Sub-Total	Sub-Total FN Loan \$ 92,07		
Total	Proposed 2023 Budget	\$546,642	