

**Church Leadership Connection**  
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Mif #: 05512.ADO**

**Ministry General Information**

<b>Ministry Number</b>	05512
<b>Ministry Name</b>	Western Presbyterian Church and Society
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<b>WWW Address</b>	http://www.wpreschurch.org/
<b>Ministry Size</b>	Under 100 members
<b>Ethnic Composition</b>	
	White 100%

<b>Average Worship Attendance</b>	42
<b>Church School Attendance</b>	10
<b>Curriculum</b>	Growing in Grace and Gratitude
<b>Yoked</b>	False
<b>Presbytery</b>	Geneva
<b>Synod</b>	SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST
<b>Community Type</b>	Village
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization <a href="#">Show Statistics</a>	

**Information about the position**

<b>Position:</b>	Solo Pastor
<b>Experience Required:</b>	0 to 2 Years
<b>Specific Title:</b>	
<b>Employment Status:</b>	Full-time

<b>Language Requirements:</b>	
	English

<b>Other Language:</b>	
<b>Statement of Faith Required:</b>	True
<b>Clergy Couples:</b>	True

<b>Training/Certificate Requirements:</b>	
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<b>Other Training:</b>	
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<b>Brief Church Mission Statement:</b>	
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**Western Presbyterian Church nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community, and global involvement; worshiping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. We strive to:**

- **Inspire worship in our hearts, minds, and actions in honor and celebration of Christ.**
- **Provide a sanctuary of faith for all people where support, empathy, and a sense of community are realized.**
- **Cultivate spiritual growth by encouraging each congregant to discern God's presence and guidance.**
- **Be a catalyst for growth and relevance of the local and extended Church.**
- **Extend our faith beyond our own experience through outreach to those who are unaware of Christ's grace.**
- **Be Christ's disciples through both local and global mission efforts.**
- **Guide, nurture, and support the youth of our congregation and community.**
- **Sponsor Canal Town Nursery School and other youth-based programs.**

**What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry:**

**WPC's role in the community is one of service and activity. We are active doers of Faith, having initiated and supported many community projects. WPC members stand out in local service organizations such as Rotary, Lions Club, as well as serving on boards of civic organizations. Canal Town Nursery School was started as a mission of the church and has remained so for 49 years. CTNS is in the midst of another great year and has another summer program scheduled for this year. Our doors have been open to the community for National Day of Prayer, inviting people to come in for prayer and dedication. WPC is a caring congregation that actively supports community and congregation in times of joy and concern. The community has come to know WPC as a leader in ecumenical endeavors such as Vacation Bible School. We strive to be a Christ-centered, nurturing, caring, welcoming and generous presence in our community.**

**How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency:**

**Initially prompted by a 2013 poverty report for our area and the increase of the Free and Reduced Lunch percentage at the Palmyra-Macedon School District (approximately 40% of students qualify), we started researching our area for the needs within our community. The Mission and Social Concerns Ministry Team saw one need and then from there more things came up. We have collaborated with others to help accomplish the following:**

- **Serving over 300 lunches at the Palmyra Library's Summer Free Lunch Program**
- **Operating a free snack program 2 days per week during the school year at the Palmyra Community Library**
- **Supporting the Weekend Wellness Backpack Program at the Palmyra Macedon Central School District, we packed and delivered 2651 bags for the 2020 - 2021 school year**
- **Overseeing the Good Neighbor Fund, in cooperation with other churches, to provide emergency funding for families in need and direct families to other service organizations as appropriate**
- **Spearheading the Angel Tree Project to provide Christmas gifts for families**
- **Participating in the community Food Pantry as well as collecting cereal on Communion Sundays**
- **Spearheading a Community Garden which provides produce to the Food Pantry**
- **Supporting an ecumenical clothing and houseware cupboard at Grace House**
- **Fundraising for Living Waters for the World which will install a clean water plant in the Yucatan Peninsula**
- **Family Promise of Wayne County to help support homeless families**
- **Work with other Presbyteries to support regional youth.**

**How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals:**

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As congregation members continue to support the many missions and activities needed in the community, we can become tired and less effective. We look to this pastor position to help keep us grounded, motivated, and inspired to continue on our path.

We each give our time, talents, and money to support the various works of the church. As a pastor comes to know us, we hope that the person will be able to help us see “better” or new ways in which we can join together to more effectively support our local, regional, and global communities. Our individual members and our mission teams communicate with each other regularly and strive to keep everyone informed, but can we do better? Once a Pastor learns more of who we are, can they bring any of their experience or knowledge to help us be even better?

Members of our congregation are given the opportunity to participate in many ways; mission, worship, and continuing spiritual growth. No matter their age, everyone is invited to help in ministry through such things as mission projects, prayer, worship leadership, educational opportunities to study the Bible or how we can make a difference in the world. WPC cares for those shut in, the poor, the sick, the hungry, and the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. We reach out to other community members and other churches to participate in common goals. Can we be more effective? How can we encourage others to join us for our mission projects and support them as they support others?

Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization:

WPC is looking for a pastor who is guided by the Holy Spirit and is friendly, welcoming, energetic, and spiritually grounded. The pastor will help the congregation to grow in its faith, family, and fellowship even as it focuses on building God’s kingdom through mission and outreach. Our pastor will be a strong leader who will guide and motivate our active congregation on the path to which God calls us. The ideal pastor will encourage us, support us, and help us to more fully understand and live God’s Word. Our pastor’s role will require technical skills to continue the worship and social media activities of our church.

What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

- Plan and conduct worship service each Sunday, including preaching while blending multimedia experiences which includes weekly slides used for visuals for live streaming of our services.
- Because music is important to us, work with the Worship Team and Music Director to support our worship through music.
- Provide direction and support to the Sunday School Director and Christian Education ministry team in their efforts to provide our members, youthful and otherwise, meaningful and relevant CE programs.
- Officiate at funerals and weddings.
- Support the work of the ministry teams of the Church by attending meetings if able.
- Moderate all Session meetings.
- Coordinate the duties of the office assistant and all other staff.
- Write an article for the cover page for the Spire (WPC newsletter) each month.
- Take an active role in the social media presence of our church.
- Submit to Session a monthly pastor’s report.
- Visit shut-ins, families in mourning or dealing with illness.
- Serve communion to shut-ins.
- Have established office hours.
- Carry us in prayer.

Optional Links:

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https://wpreschurch.org/  
 https://www.facebook.com/WesternPresbyterian

**Leadership Competencies:**

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Communicator

Technologically Savvy

Organizational Agility

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

Bridge Builder

Initiative

Flexibility

**Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator**

**Minimum Effective Salary:** \$51,555

**Housing Type:** Housing Allowance

**References:**

Name	Address	Phone Numbers	Relation	Email
Mrs. Lisa Premyslovsky	164 Canandaigua St, Palmyra, NY 14522	315-879-1813	Member of Palmyra community, co-chair of VBS, inte	londra33@gmail.com
Rev Val Fowler	1761 Ackerman Way, Farmington, NY 14452	585-738-8283	current, regular pulpit supply	pastorval@juno.com
Rev. Carol Wilson	7304 Hammocks Drive, Canandaigua, NY 14424	585-412-6221	moderator	carwi122541@yahoo.com

**Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?**

Yes

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