



## Ministry General Information

Ministry Name	Presbytery	Synod
Oak Tree-Iselin Presbyterian Church	Coastlands	The Northeast
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Congregation or Organization Size	Curriculum	Average Worship Attendance
Church School Attendance	Statistical Report	
	<a href="https://ogaapps.pcusa.org/api/report/15249">https://ogaapps.pcusa.org/api/report/15249</a>	
Intercultural Composition		Released Date
		6/10/2025

## Information about the Position

### Position Requirements

Position Type(s)	Language Requirements
Solo Pastor: Installed	English
Experience Required	Statement of Faith required?
No Experience/First Ordained Call	Yes
Employment Status	Are you open to a clergy couple?
Full-time	No

### Ministry Requirements

#### Church Mission/Vision Statement

#### Our Mission Statement

We are a warm and welcoming community of faith, living the teachings of Jesus Christ and open to God's presence through the power of the Holy Spirit. We seek new pathways of ministry and service to fulfil God's purpose for our diverse community.

#### Tasks, expectations, duties, supervision, assignments, and responsibilities for the position

The main tasks for our pastor is to prepare and lead weekly and occasional liturgical season worship services; moderate monthly Session meetings; provide pastoral care such as hospital and home visits, home communion; lead weekly Bible Study. Also be able to counsel our members in areas of spiritual, bereavement, family, and/or marital issues as needed. Have the ability and openness to work with people of different ethnic backgrounds and participate in the local interfaith association.

We are looking for a leader who adheres to Presbyterian methods of worship and overall polity also has strong pastoral care skills to care for the needs of our aging congregation. We would like someone open to building interfaith relationships within the community. We would like someone with experience in preaching Bible-based sermons and inspirational messages. We are looking for a leader to help encourage young families to become more engaged.

### Compensation & Housing

Minimum Effective Salary

70000

Housing Type

Housing allowance

### MDP - Narratives

How would you describe the congregation's/organization's specific vision for ministry? How will this vision impact the community? Is the congregation part of a ministry vision or program?

Our congregation reflects the diversity of our community. We are a merged church that is maintaining 2 campuses - the Iselin campus, which includes our sanctuary, and the Edison campus, which is used as an outreach center. We have opened our doors to 4 congregations of different denominations, which conduct services in their native languages, 2 nursery schools and a number of self help groups and local organizations, which utilize both campuses. The Iselin campus is used daily by the Man Making Group, a group of Asian Indians who provide classes for citizenship, ESL, written driving test, and yoga.

We recognized the declining membership in our churches and decided to merge as one congregation. We discussed this venture for many months and realized it was a good match to become one. Since our merger, we have blended together as one group in the ways that Jesus Christ has led us in his teachings.

Our vision is to engage and support the community, by sharing God's love and providing hospitality and a space for people to gather. One of our main missions is our deacon's food pantry which provides food for about 20 families a month; it is supported by the Woodbridge Township We Feed program as well as donations from our own congregants.

We are a warm and welcoming community of faith, providing opportunities for our congregants to gather for fellowship after church each week, for monthly CLEF (Christian Ladies Exercising Faith) and Men's breakfast, potluck dinners, Lenten Soup and Bread suppers, and Advent Fellowship and Bible study. Several church women gather to knit and crochet prayer shawls.

Our church sponsors two (2) children through Childfund and supports the local Salvation Army, Church World Service, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Moms Helping Moms. In addition, we support disaster relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Our annual pet blessing supports local animal groups.

What is the nature and context of the community in which your congregation lives out its mission/vision? How will you address the emerging needs that are impacting your community?

We are located in a multicultural community with a large South Asian population. Our aged and predominantly white membership has made it challenging as many local residents are non-Christian and may not be able to relate to the majority.

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However, we continue to look for ways to engage with the community.

How will this call help complement the responsibilities of other staff/volunteer positions, and the life of the congregation/organization, so that you may accomplish your short and long-term goals for ministry?

Our vision for our new pastor is to strengthen our current ministries. We are looking for someone to inspire the congregation to more active participation.

Provide a description of the skills, gifts and training the person you hope will become a part of your ministry must have, to lead the congregation towards the vision and mission established.

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What areas of ministry do you expect the person called to be responsible for? Share specific tasks, assignments, and programs.

We would like our leader to not only preach Sunday service, but also: Effectively communicate and preach the Word by leading a weekly Bible study, as well as Lenten and Advent studies. Lead confirmation class. Visit the sick in homes, hospitals, and care facilities. Counsel in areas of spiritual, bereavement, family, and/or marital issues as needed by congregants. Ability and openness to work with people of different ethnic backgrounds. Participate in the local interfaith association.

### Optional Links

Oak Tree-Iselin Presbyterian Church - church website - <https://www.oaktree-iselinpres.org/>

### References

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