

Vision for a Pastor of the North American Lutheran Church

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Faith Filled

- Has a life-giving relationship with the living Lord, Jesus Christ
- Confident in their justification through faith in Jesus Christ
- Trusts in Christ for their own forgiveness
- Demonstrates faith-filled obedience to Christ in daily decisions

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- Is able to engage others in conversation regarding their faith in Jesus
- Is committed to continually growing in their faith relationship with Christ
- Filled with Christ's love manifest in their relationships with others
- Dependent on the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit for their life, faith and sanctification

Highly Relational

- Treasures relationships as the most prized possession in life
- Engaged in relationships that transcend economic status, ethnicity, faith experience, philosophy or political persuasion
- Appreciates the spiritual and personal gifts of others and is open to learning from them
- Demonstrates both the commitment and competence in developing relationship of increasing intimacy with others

Highly Relational

- Understands that it is only through such relationships that the Gospel can be shared
- This commitment to developing relationships is manifest both within the congregation and beyond the congregation in the community
- Realizes and implements mutual accountability and responsibility as an essential understanding of Christ-like love in every relationship.
- Connected in significant and regular relationship with other pastors who are biblically and confessionally orthodox.

Personal Spiritual Growth

- Word of God (Holy Scripture)
 - Daily Reading
 - Study
 - Reflection
 - Meditation
 - Implications and implementation for transformation
 - Journaling

Personal Spiritual Growth

- Prayer life
 - Confession/ Forgiveness
 - Thanksgiving
 - Intercession for others
 - Listening to the Lord
 - Praying the Scriptures

Personal Spiritual Growth

- Worship life with spouse/family/friend
 - Daily offices
 - Other forms
 - Music

Capacity for Catechesis

- Thorough understanding of the Scripture
- Knows and understands the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Faith contained in Scripture
- Accepts the historic interpretation of the Scripture by the Church throughout the centuries as inspired by the Holy Spirit
- Understanding and integration of the Lutheran Confessional heritage into their preaching, teaching and life

Capacity For Catechesis

- Teaches with the expectation and mandate that learning must be passed on to others (We learn in order to teach others.)
- Preaches with the mandate that those who hear the Word will proclaim it
- Encourages others to share their faith in the context of their relationships
- Teaches with a clear focus on assisting others to live the faith (Vocation) by applying the teaching in daily living (Answering the question: What does this mean?)

Capacity for Catechesis

- Is able to provide instruction for people of all ages
- Instruction is focused on knowing Jesus
- Instruction is designed to transform world view from current culture to the Kingdom of Heaven Jesus proclaimed
- Mentoring and modeling the faith being taught and proclaimed

Worship Leadership

- Thorough understanding of liturgy in its various forms and competent in both designing worship and leading others in faithful worship focused on Jesus Christ

Worship Leadership

- Preaching focused on the Scripture (lectionary)
 - Demonstrated ability to engage in exegesis utilizing biblical Hebrew and Greek languages
 - Integrates both Law and Gospel into preaching
 - Christ Centered
 - Hope filled
 - Zealous

Worship Leadership

- Integration of Sacramental understanding throughout worship
 - Awareness that Christ is the Host who invites us into His presence
 - Focus on Baptismal identity and its promises
 - Centrality of the meal and Christ's real presence as the central focus of Christian Community

Leading and Developing a Community Conducive to the Mission of Making Disciples

- Understanding of fellowship as essential to relationship building
- Personal relationships as foundational to disciple-making culture
- Becoming a community known for sharing Christ's love with others
- Equipping others for ministry by investing in their lives – encouraging others to do the same

Leading and Developing a Community Conducive to the Mission of Making Disciples

- Acknowledging, respecting and celebrating spiritual gifts of others
- Engages in and encourages the faithful stewardship of:
 - Time – Structure
 - Physical body – Health
 - Relationships – Boundaries
 - Financial – Resources

Leading and Developing a Community Conducive to the Mission of Making Disciples

- Understands and is able to apply techniques for conflict resolution based on Biblical teaching
- Engages in and encourages healthy communication – Competent utilizing latest forms of technology
- Supports and develops healthy leaders and appropriate infrastructure for effective administration in implementing the mission of the Church

Leading and Developing a Community Conducive to the Mission of Making Disciples

- Knowledge of and appropriate use of constitution and leading both council and congregational meetings
- Community committed to participation in the larger and broader expressions of the NALC
- Committed to seeking out and partnering with all biblically and confessionally orthodox Christian churches and communities and individuals.
- Modeling behaviors that reflect the nature of a disciple-making community

Mission-Driven focus of Life-to-Life Discipleship

- Commitment to the Great Commission of Christ in Matthew 28
- Engaged in a coaching or mentoring relationship
- Engaged in coaching others (leaders)
- While using other resource materials, maintains the focus by using Scripture as the primary resource