**Church Profile Form**

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**Introduction**

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**New Hurley Reformed Church**

**1145 Route 208**

**Wallkill, New York 12525**

**A group of people standing together

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**Section A. Background Information**

**Today’s Date:**  3/15/2023 **Position to be filled:**  MINISTER

1. **Name of church:** NEW HURLEY REFORMED CHURCH

1. **Web address:** [www.newhurleychurch.org](http://www.newhurleychurch.org)
2. **Address:**

**Street**   1145 State Route 208

**City / State / Zip Code**   Wallkill, NY  12589

**Telephone: (**845) 851 – 8398 **E-Mail address:** Tcraner@hvc.rr.com

1. **Classis:** Classis of Orange
2. **Classis Supervisor:** Rev.Stacey (Duensing) Pearce

**Address:** First Reformed of Pompton Plains

**Street:** 515 Newark Pompton Tpke.

**City / State / Zip Code:** Pompton Plains N.J. 07444

**Telephone**: (973) 835-1144

**E-Mail address:** stacey@frc-pp.org

1. **Chair of search committee: Janet Langlitz**

**Address:**

**Street**

**City / State / Zip Code**

**Telephone: ( 845** ) 926-8151 **E-Mail address:**  [janlanglitz@gmail.com](mailto:janlanglitz@gmail.com)

1. **Membership:**

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| **Time of worship** | **Five years ago** | **Today** |
| **Active Confessing Members** | 32 | 23 |
| **Inactive Confessing Members** | 0 | 7 |

**Comment on significant changes:** Blessed by God, we continue to grow in faith and joy. Over the last five years the congregation has been affected by two major changes. First the retirement of a dearly beloved pastor and the pernicious presence of COVID. While these changes have brought a decrease in numbers in terms of membership, they have also brought about a renewal of commitment and hopefulness for the future that God has planned for us.

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**Age of all active members (baptized and confessing)**

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| 23.9 | **%** | **0-20 years old** |
| 4.4 | **%** | **20-34 years old** |
| 6.5 | **%** | **35-49 years old** |
| 41.3 | **%** | **50-64 years old** |
| 23.9 | **%** | **65 years and older** |

1. **Racial/Ethnic composition of congregation:**

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **%** | **African American** |
|  | **%** | **Asian** |
| 100 | **%** | **Caucasian** |
|  | **%** | **Hispanic** |
|  | **%** | **Other: (please specify)** |

1. **Worship schedule:**

**Average Attendance (includes adults and children)**

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| **Time of worship** | | |  | |  | **AvAverage attendance** **Five years ago** |  | **AveragAverage attendance** **Today** |
| 10 / 11 **am** | | |  |  | 26 |  |  | 25 |
| **am** |  | **pm** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Comment on significant changes:**

Summer schedule of service is 10 am, with no Sunday School. For the balance of year, service is 11 am and Sunday school is at 10 am.

1. **Describe a typical worship service (order of worship, music, etc.)  What is your congregation’s preferred style or styles of worship? Attach a bulletin, if available.**

**(See Appendix for bulletin)**

  Greeting by Pastor

Congregation greeting one another

Opening Prayer

  Opening Music

Prayers for the Burdened (a time to share our concerns for the world and each other—

followed by prayers of intercessions)

  Confessional Prayer (all led by pastor)

Scripture reading (All)

Children’s Message / Ordinary thing (Pastor)

Scripture Reading (Pastor)

  Pastor’s Message / Sermon

  Music

Communion (on 1st Sunday of each month)

Offering/Doxology/Prayer of Dedication (All)

  Testimony (A time to share and celebrate what good things we see God doing in our

lives and in the world.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

       The Lord’s Prayer

       Announcements

     Closing Music

Benediction

We at New Hurley believe that “Love Grows Here”, and our service reflects this in its open, relaxed and interactive style.  Our service is welcoming, inclusive, and child friendly.  Our worship service and tone are conversational and not monological.

Prayer and humor play an important part in our service.  In addition to the opening prayer and the Lord’s Prayer, we also have a time for prayers of concern, a time of testimony, and a time for prayers of thanksgiving.  As we like to say, “we’re serious about our faith; ourselves not so much.”

We use a laptop and projector to project our service onto a screen.  This enables us to use other modes of illustration (e.g., video clips, music videos, etc.) to enhance our service.

Our service also includes an “ordinary thing”/children’s message that uses an ordinary thing to explain God’s ways.  This is designed for children, but the whole congregation enjoys this segment.

We are also a musically diverse congregation singing everything from traditional hymns to contemporary praise music.

**11.Financial Information: Attach a copy most recent Consistorial Report and Annual** **Budget if available.**

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|  | **Five Years Ago** | **Today** |
| **Total RCA related contributions** | **$** 78,234 | **$** 74,683 |
| **Total other contributions** | **$**    N / A | $14,707 |

**Percentage of total budget contributed by living donors:**

(*Please include a copy of your annual budget*)

1. **Congregational Giving:**

**Number of those whose annual contribution is:**

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| --- | --- |
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| **Less than $500** | 4 |
| **$501- $1,500** | 7 |
| **$1,501- $2,500** | 4 |
| **$2,501-$3,500** | 2 |
| **Greater than $3,500** | 6 |

1. **Financial assistance: Do you receive financial assistance beyond the congregation? (rents, etc.) Yes X     No**

**If yes, amount received last year: $ 3000 approximately**

**List other fundraising programs that support the church:**

Fried Dough Sales at Local Community events

Annual Rummage Sale

**Church/Sunday School: Average Attendance**

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| --- | --- |
| **Average attendance** **Five years ago** | **Average attendance** **Today** |
| 9  Children   /   5 Adults | 11 Children   /   14 Adults |
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**Comment on significant changes:** We have been blessed to see a resurgence in both our children and adult Sunday morning church school over the past few years.  This is largely due to a very loving and devoted group of teachers of the young ones and a place for open inquiry in the adult class.

1. **Describe briefly all educational programs (including children, young adult, adult).**

Children Sunday school: 10 am – 11 am (excluding Summer).  Led by volunteer adult teachers

Adult Sunday school: 10 am – 11 am (excluding Summer).  Led by Pastor

Yearly three-week Consecration Sunday process (3-week series of bible-based lessons on giving / tithing, which we start in the beginning of May).

1. **Church groups/organizations: Briefly describe ministry purpose of each group. (use separate sheet if necessary)**

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| **Name of group** | **Frequency of Meeting**  **(i.e. weekly, bi-monthly, etc.)** | **Attendance** |
| Consistory | Once a month (2nd Wednesday) | 5 |
| Woman’s Breakfast & Bible Study | Once a month (1st Saturday) | 10 |
| Congregational Prayer Chain | As requests come in from members | 40 |
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**17.Comment on one event or experience over the last year that has significantly contributed to the spiritual life of the congregation.**

A few years ago, the congregation became involved in a program feeding the homeless called Hope On a Mission (HOAM) where once a month a group from the church feed the homeless (about 100 people) on the streets of Poughkeepsie, NY. The spiritual impact of this one mission has propelled the congregation to pursue many new mission endeavors within our community and beyond, such as a feeding program in nearby New Paltz (Millions of Butterflies); as well as participating in many community events in Wallkill and Plattekill.

1. **Buildings: Please describe church-owned or rented buildings and purpose.**

**Sanctuary:** Our Sanctuary was built in 1836 in the colonial style, containing numerous large stained glass windows, a raised pulpit and a full balcony.  The interior of the building was refurbished in 2000 and the exterior was also refurbished in 2015.  Additionally, we have recently (2022) installed heat pumps to provide heating and cooling.

A white church with a tower

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**Parsonage:**  Our parsonage was built in 1932 and is approximately 1500 sq. ft.  It contains a living room, dining room, kitchen with a small eating area, 3 bedrooms, 1 ½ bathrooms, a beautiful sunroom, finished basement with a washer and dryer. Large appliances are included.  It has hardwood floors on the main and 2nd floors.  The basement is carpeted.  In preparations for our next pastor, the parsonage has been cleaned, painted, and undergone electrical upgrades. The outside has a spacious private yard with 2 patio areas.

A large white house with a lawn in front of it

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**Church Hall:** Our church hall contains a full basketball court, full kitchen, men and women’s bathrooms, church and pastor’s offices along with an adult lounge/meeting room and a 3-classroom area that is used for our Sunday School.  The classroom area has been used for a weekly preschool program in the past.  The hall also has a partial basement for storage and utilities.  The Hall has recently been upgraded with new lighting in the gym and new basketball backboards.  The lounge has a new floor and new furnishings.  The pastor’s office has a new computer and new furnishings.  The copier is also new (less than a year old).

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**Grounds:**  The sanctuary, parsonage, and church hall occupy approximately 1 acre.  New Hurley owns additional undeveloped land (approx. 12 acres).  There is maintained landscaping around the buildings.  The parking lot was recently repaved (summer 2022).

1. **Do you plan any capital expenditure during the next five years?  Yes   X   No**

**If yes, please explain briefly:**  God has blessed us in so many ways that over the past two years we have been able to do extensive capital improvements to all three of our church buildings as well as to repave our church parking lot. Although we do not have a capital improvement campaign at this time, we have initiated discussions regarding major renovations that are needed in the bathrooms and kitchen of the church hall. We hope to attend to these projects in the not too distant future.

1. **Is there a mortgage indebtedness?  Yes   No X**

**Amount: $** - 0 -

**Of how long standing?**

**Annual rate of repayment**

1. **Pastor’s study:** The study is in the church hall and includes new office equipment and desk.

1. **List all paid staff in addition to the pastor:**  None

1. **Consistory Membership: What method is used in selecting members?**

New Consistory members are carefully selected and then recommended to the congregation by the current Consistory. The congregation then considers the selection and decides by vote whether to approve the selection.

**Please list present Consistory members (Put a check in the box where appropriate)**

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| **Elder** | | | **Deacon** | | | **Ma** | | **le** | **Female** | | | **Occupation** |
|  |  |  | ■ | | |  |  |  | ■ |  |  | Retired School Teacher/Actor |
|  |  |  | ■ | | |  |  |  | ■ | | | Court Officer |
| ■ | | |  |  |  | ■ | |  |  |  |  | Manager in County Government |
| ■ | | |  |  |  | ■ | |  |  |  |  | Retired Education / Retail |
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**24. What leadership roles do women currently fill in your church?**

Throughout the last 35 years women have participated in many leadership roles at New Hurley Reformed Church. Serving as Elders, Deacons, Committee Chairs, Music Ministry leaders, Sunday School Principals and Sunday School Teachers, they are a vital part of our church community. Currently, women serve as two deacons on our Consistory, as our church treasurer, and as the coordinators and teachers of our Sunday school program.

**25. In our congregation … (please check appropriate box)**

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|  | **Few have…** | | | **Many have…** | | | **Most have…** | | |
| **Had up to twelve years of formal education** |  |  |  |  |  |  | ■ | | |
| **Had some education beyond high school** |  |  |  |  |  |  | ■ | | |
| **A college degree** |  |  |  | ■ | | |  |  |  |
| **A graduate degree** |  |  |  | ■ | | |  |  |  |

1. **In our congregation…(please check a box)**

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|  | **Few are…** | | | **Many are…** | | | **Most are…** | | |
| **Scientists & Engineers** | ■ | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Farmers** | ■ | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Business People** | ■ | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Students & Teachers** |  |  |  | ■ | | |  |  |  |
| **Industrial Workers** | ■ | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Office Workers** | ■ | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Other:** | ■ | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. **Special training/experience desired: (describe briefly).**

We would like a Pastor who can be a teacher as well as a preacher who also has some understanding of computer/software technology (e.g., Microsoft Office products and Worship Tools).  Our ideal candidate would also have church-growth knowledge to assist us in our efforts at community outreach and growing our congregation.

1. **Languages:**

**Should your pastor be fluent in any language other than English?**

**Yes No X If yes, please explain**

1. **The salary we are prepared to offer our new pastor is $** Classis Mandated for year

**The average annual increase to our pastor over past three years was $** per Classis

Our congregation has been served by a part-time interim and as such the salary has remained the same.

**30. Is a parsonage provided? Yes  X    No**

**If so, is it on site with the church? Yes X No**

1. **Is a Minister’s housing allowance in lieu of a parsonage a negotiable option?**

**Yes No** **X**

**The benefits/business expenses we will provide our pastor are: (Please check those provided or give amount as requested.)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Base Salary** | | | | | **$**   19,530 |
| **Housing Allowance** | | | | | **$** |
| **Parsonage provided?** | | | | |  |
| **Yes X** |  | **No** |  |  |
| **Travel Reimbursement** | | | | | **$** at IRS rate |
| **Social Security (Amount)** | | | | | **$**  1,941 |
| **Book Allowance (Amount)** | | | | | **$** |
| **Continuing Education** **Allowance (Amount)** | | | | | **$**  1/52 of salary |
| **Provision for Sabbatical** | | | | | **$**   0 |
| **Other (Specify Below)** | | | | | **$** |
| **TOTAL** | | | | | **$** |

**Yes       Retirement**

**Yes       No  Major Medical Insurance**

**Yes       No  Health / Hospital Insurance**

**Yes       No  Life Insurance**

**Yes       No  Dental Insurance**

**Yes       No  Unemployment Insurance**

**Yes       No  Disability Insurance**

All the terms of call regarding benefits are negotiable within the Classis guidelines.

**Annual Vacation (Number of Weeks)**

4 weeks / year

**Necessary Comments regarding above:**

We are looking for a **½** time pastor.

A parsonage, with paid utilities, is part of the compensation.

1. **Community served: (please check one)**

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| **Rural: Under 2,500** |  |  |  |
| **Town: 2,500-9,999** | ■ | | |
| **Small City: 10,000-49,000** |  |  |  |
| **Metropolitan-Suburban: 50,000+** |  |  |  |
| **Metropolitan-Urban: 50,000+** |  |  |  |
| **Metropolitan-Inner City: 50,000+** |  |  |  |
| **Other:** |  |  |  |

1. **Cooperative ministry: In what ways have you cooperated with other churches in your community during the past year?**

 New Hurley Reformed Church helps to support the *Loaves and Fishes* food pantry, located at and facilitated by a local sister church. We also participate in a yearly Lenten Service series along with many other reformed churches in the Wallkill Valley.

1. **Community involvement: In what community programs or projects have you participated during the past year?  (As an organization, not as individuals.)**

--We are actively involved in a local food for the homeless organization called “Hope on a Mission” on a monthly basis and are also now involved with a feeding program in nearby New Paltz.

-We help to support our local food pantry, “Loaves and Fishes”.

-We donate the use of our meeting space weekly to three AA groups.

-We work diligently to make sure that our gym is available to a Youth basketball league out of nearby Newburgh, NY. The facility is also being used for Adult Volleyball.

-We donate the use of our Sanctuary for the High School Senior Chorus concert.

-We have participated in both “Weekend of Wallkill” with our Fried Dough booth and a

new festival event in Plattekill reaching out to children and families in that community.

-We have participated in Wallkill’s annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

-We have hosted a free Christmas recital open to the community.

1. **What denominations or religions are present within three miles (in rural areas, consider the county) where your church is located?**

  Catholic

  Methodist

  Non-Denominational

  Reformed

               Jehovah Witness

               Synagogue

1. **Outreach: What is your strategy to reach un-churched people in your community?**

                   New Hurley really doesn’t have a “strategy” for reaching the un-churched

people of our community, but we realize that this must be a priority now and in the

coming years, which is why we have increased our community visibility by:

Increasing the number of community groups using our facilities.

Offering programs through the church, such as a first time free Christmas recital, a planned Easter Egg Hunt for children often not included in such events, as well as

some other fellowship events just to make people feel welcomed in our facilities.

We participate in local festivals with our fried dough booth, and we’ve also participated in Wallkill’s annual St. Patrick’s Day parade showing our presence to the community.

1. **The income level of the people in our congregation tends to be: (please check one)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ■ | |  | **About average for our community** |
|  |  |  | **Somewhat below the rest of the community** |
|  |  |  | **Somewhat higher than the rest of the community** |
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**39.Describe the community and school system: (Provide website links were appropriate.)**

New Hurley Reformed Church is located in a rural setting on the outskirts of the Hamlet of Wallkill in the mid-Hudson Valley region of New York. We are located half-way between New York City and Albany, adjacent to the Shawangunk Ridge, which is world renowned for rock climbing. Our area is rich in culture, history, agrotourism, and recreational opportunities. Our small town is a great place to raise a family and has a great school district.

The Wallkill Central School District is a mid-size area school district.  Students who attend come from both Ulster and Orange counties.  The school district has three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school.  Their website is [www.wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us](http://www.wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us)    With the slogan "Together We can Make a Difference", the district's mission is, through an active partnership among school personnel, parents, students, and community, to nurture individuals who value themselves and others; to develop learners who appreciate diversity as a resource; to provide an exemplary educational foundation that will foster the ability to think and communicate; and to encourage creativity, flexibility and the continuous application of learning.  Wallkill Central School District students will have the skills, knowledge, and attitude necessary to embrace their future.

1. **Record of last three pastors:**

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| --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Dates** |
| Ken Kobza | 1986 **to**  2021 |
| Donald Heringa | 1979 **to** 1985 |
| Mike Van Dornik | 1973 **to** 1979 |

1. **Please complete your profile with the following contacts:**

|  |  |
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| **Name** |  |
| Todd Craner | **Vice President, Consistory** |
| Rev. Stacey (Duensing) Pearce | **Classis Supervisor** |

**Section B. Reflections**

**Please answer the following questions, adding your own experiences where appropriate.**

1. **What is the stated mission, vision or purpose of your congregation?**

The New Hurley Reformed Church seeks to be an honest and faithful Christ-centered Biblical group of people. We have committed ourselves to joyfully and obediently offer praise to God,  while we patiently and lovingly encourage each other.

We believe Christ is calling us to :

       -   Use the Word of God as the foundation for our spiritual discipline.

       -   Provide an accepting environment for people on their spiritual journey towards a

greater commitment to Jesus Christ.

       -   Foster an atmosphere of unity and support for spiritually growing people.

***Our Motto is "LOVE GROWS HERE!"***

1. **What goals have been developed from your mission and vision over the next 5 years? (Example new programs or outreach ministries.) Include long range or strategic plan.**

We have three main goals:

* Continue to grow our faith
* Continue our commitment to our missions
* Increase our presence in the community, which will hopefully help grow our congregation.

Our goals for the next 5 years are to continue to grow our congregation in its faith through the use of Scripture and added education and to continue to foster an atmosphere of love and acceptance so that we may continue to spread the Word of God to those who do not have it.

We currently support a number of local to international missions; our goal is to continue that commitment.

Our goals will be focusing on community outreach, spreading the Good News, and growing our congregation.  We are looking for ways to expand into adjacent communities that have no Reformed Church present.  We are looking at ways to better use our buildings for our missions and as a means of community outreach.  Currently the facility is used by several AA groups, a travel basketball league, and a volleyball league.

We are planning ways to invite the people of the community to come to our church for fellowship by offering free events.  The first such event was a successful “Christmas Recital.”  We will continue to become involved in community events, such as local community days, local parades.  At these community events, we’ve had a fried dough booth, offered free children’s crafts/activities while spreading the news about church and our Sunday School program.  We are planning other events to invite people to our facilities.

1. **Describe the strengths of your church, the best of what you are as a community, and what you can offer a new pastor.**

We are deeply faith-based with a great capacity for love, acceptance, and use of humor. As we like to say, “we take faith seriously; ourselves not so much.” We strongly believe in the power of prayer, and our service and active prayer chain reflect this.

 We are serious of our continuing education of God’s word. In addition to Sunday School, we have adult Sunday School on Sunday mornings, a Women’s Bible Study group that meets monthly during the school year, and we also include a Time of Testimony in our service where members can share a meaningful verse or experience.

We are also very flexible; if things don’t go according to plan, we’re great at adapting and finding solutions.

1. **Explain the strategies or ideas that most excite your church in becoming or remaining missional.**

Although we are a small congregation, we are blessed to support a number of local to international missions.  Locally, we support several food missions, and the stories brought back of hope and kindness encourage us to continue to find ways to grow our missions.  Currently we are exploring ways to use our facilities to address the needs of the community.  We are in the initial stages of doing more physical outreach to local communities.

1. **Name three of your church’s most passionate hopes and why they are significant.**

We are passionate in our mission

* We hope to continue to grow in faith, led by our pastor in church services and bible studies, as well as in prayer groups.
* We hope to Grow our Congregation/Church Community, most especially young families.  We want to spread the Good News and God’s love in our efforts to show that “Love Grows Here!”
* We hope to continue and strengthen our outreach to the community by making better use of our church hall, kitchen, and gym.  To continue to show Christ’s Love through our actions to those in need.

1. **How do you hope someone who visits your church would describe what she/he considers to be most important?**

We would hope that they see us as gracious hosts who are accepting and loving of all those who enter. We hope that they find peace in our sanctuary.  We hope that visitors feel the worship service is engaging, relevant, and uplifting.  We would hope that they find their visit to be a very loving, welcoming and non-judgmental experience, not only throughout our service, but during our fellowship time following the service.    

**7. Name at least one challenge facing your new pastor.**

The biggest challenge facing our new pastor would be to help us grow the church within the limit of our resources including maintaining the pastor’s part time schedule.  The goal would be to grow our congregation so that our church may continue to spread the Good Word for decades to come.  We particularly want to create a space that entices young families to want to worship with us.  And as we grow, to be able to keep our love and energy alive.

A challenge for our new Pastor would be to take us out of our own personal comfort zones so that we can explore our potential, and as a result, witness our growth as a child of God.

**8. Describe your vision and hopes for your church and your pastor over the next 5 years.**

We hope to find a teacher/preacher who will help us grow in our faith and expand our comfort zones to discover and utilize our spiritual gifts.  We hope to expose our church and our congregation more to the surrounding community to spread love, acceptance, and compassion.  Through our outreach efforts we hope to attract new members including families.  We also hope to become more technologically savvy in our mission and ministry.

We hope to continue capital projects to maintain our facilities.

We hope to continue to be a part of the Reformed Church of America.

We hope to continue to support our local, national and world-wide missions.

1. **Explain whatever else you would like your potential pastor to know about your church.**

The New Hurley Reformed Church is a historic church which was established in 1770. It is located in the midst of God’s glory and majesty at the foot of the Shawangunk Mountains. Nestled between the Hudson and Wallkill Rivers it has the distinction of being one of the oldest Reformed churches in the Hudson Valley.

Although small, our congregation is extremely faith-based, with a loving and caring commitment to one another through fellowship and involvement. We are committed to welcoming all who would like to worship with us with the same love and acceptance shown by Jesus. Our members are all at different places in their journeys of faith. Some are extremely advanced in their walk while others are just crawling, but we all learn from and are encouraged by each other as we grow in our faith. Many of our members are very active in church and community activities and programs on an ongoing basis.

Although a historic and faith-based church, New Hurley prefers a more contemporary type of service. With our slogan of **“Love grows here”** and our **“Come as you are”** style, our services are relaxed and uplifting. Our worship service and tone are conversational and not monological. We expect to have input. Whether it’s through prayer time, our personal testimony or the rare but important question or comment during the message, all are included in our service. Our children are also a very active part of our service. They are celebrated and cherished, encouraged to be themselves and to actively take part in what is going on.

We at New Hurly believe that ***“Love grows here”*** and believe that our church can be characterized through our Vows and Standards of membership, which state that,

***We believe Love grows here when-***

We are present more at worship than absent and when we attend monthly Communion together.

We read the Bible daily and pursue Christian education by attending church offered courses.

We share our faith with each other through fellowship in the form of weekly coffee hour and monthly “pot-lucks”.

We remain open to hearing pastoral direction and reproof for our lives as it becomes necessary.

We faithfully use our gifts of treasure and time by participating in our Consecration Sunday process and by offering our time and talent to participate in one ongoing program.

We seek to establish and preserve care, love and oneness in our relationship together.

We intentionally seek to share our faith with others in the hope of bringing them into the life of the church.

**10. What is New Hurley Reformed Church looking for in a Pastor.**

We are looking for a pastor who is a teacher as well as a preacher to lead our worship and adult Sunday School.

A pastor who feels called by God and lead by the Spirit and will provide strong spiritual Christian leadership to guide our congregation into the 21st century.

A pastor whose love of God shows and whose actions follow those of Jesus.

A pastor who will lead an uplifting worship service that is a mixture of traditional and contemporary styles.  A service which elevates the Good News of scripture using energy, humor, and compassion to deliver a message based in faith and scripture.

A pastor who believes in the discipline of tithing and is comfortable discussing tithing and the stewardship of the gifts from God.

A pastor who is family oriented and will include all members young and old.  One who is not disturbed by wandering or vocal children.  There should be time set aside during each service for direct interaction with the children.

A pastor who is well-rounded and can relate to a diverse group of congregants.

A pastor who would be willing to spend time with us at fundraisers and community activities when able.

A pastor who is well organized and focused in fulfilling their responsibilities to God and this congregation.

A pastor who is well versed in the use of current audio visual technologies and the use of the internet and social media.

A pastor who understands boundaries, especially the importance of meeting the needs of the church community while also being mindful of his/her own needs.  This includes being able to retreat and take time for renewal and reflection with him/herself and with family.

Essential Task Expectations:

* Worship
* Adult bible study
* Attend church events when able
* Attend consistory and classis meetings
* Scheduled office hours
* Home and hospital visits, as needed
* Be a presence in our community

Personality Traits:

* Humorous
* Relatable
* Charismatic
* Dynamic
* Enthusiastic

**Release Statement**  **(Full Church Name)**

**We,** NEW HURLEY REFORMED CHURCH , **acknowledge that the information in this Church Profile is accurate and complete. We authorize the Office of Ministry Services (OMS) to release this profile to designated recipient(s) seeking positions as ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament, including posting of this profile on the RCA website.**

**Signature of Search Team Chairperson or Designated Date**

**APPENDIX**

**Church Bulletin**

***WELCOME***

Welcome! The words of the hymns and responses to be sung today are on screen or printed in the bulletin. If you need to, please feel free to stand to be more comfortable.

***NURSERY CARE***

Due to the coronavirus, we are currently unable to offer childcare for children through first grade. We look forward to resuming this in the future.

***OUR MISSION STATEMENT***

We seek to be an honest and faithful Christ -centered Biblical group of people. We have committed our-selves to joyfully and obediently offer praise to God, while we patiently and lovingly encourage each other.

We believe God is calling us to:

·        Use the Word of God as the foundation for our spiritual discipline.

·        Provide an accepting environment for people on their Spiritual journey towards Christ.

·        Foster an atmosphere of unity and support for people in their Spiritual growth.

***PRELUDE***

***GREETING***

***CALL TO WORSHIP***

Some people have excellent eyesight but do not see further than their noses...

Some have sight yet choose to see only a fragment of the truth and love of Christ.

And some there are who have no physical sight yet who see brilliantly.

The light of Christ Jesus be with you all.

**And also with you.**

One thing we know for sure,

**once we were blind but now we can see***.*

***PRAYER of the DAY***

***HYMN***     Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord

***BURDENS AND CONCERNS***

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

**God of glory and God of grace, bring us to our senses. If that means shining your light fiercely until our inner eyes hurt, and our ugly ways stand exposed then so be it.**

**We do not look for an easy way but the hard way of truth and healing. Slowly but surely we come to you. In your arms may we find the grace to let go, to accept your forgiveness and receive restoration. This we pray in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen!**

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS***

***SCRIPTURE*** John 9:1-41Page 798

***MESSAGE*** “An Astonishing Thing!”

***HYMN*** Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

***OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES***

***DOXOLOGY***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

**With you as our shepherd and by sharing our gifts, we can indeed anoint others with grace, prepare feasts for the hungry, welcome the stranger, and love those we consider to be our enemies.  Bless these gifts, and use our lives for others, we pray.  Amen.**

***TIME OF TESTIMONY***

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

***LORD’S PRAYER***

Our Father in Heaven, holy be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours. Now and forever. Amen

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Please Note: The worship service will continue to be posted on YouTube.

Greeter/Attendance taker- Sign up/See Rachel

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry: Bring canned goods

1st Sunday every month or Mail checks to:

P.O. Box 54,  Wallkill, NY 12589

Coffee Hour - 1st & 3rd Sundays following Mass

HOAM - 2nd Saturdays - See Bonnie and email

March 19 - Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Today!

March 23 - **Happy Birthday Ellen Allis!**

April 1st - Easter Egg Hunt

April 21-23 - Women’s Retreat

April 29 - Rummage Sale

***HYMN*** Amazing Grace

***BENEDICTION***

***POSTLUDE***

***In the Pulpit this Sunday***

Pastor Dave - To contact him with your pastoral concerns, please email him at rev1956@aol.com or text or call him at 973-222-4967. 

