



Letter to Prospective Pastoral Candidates

Dear Pastor,

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the pastoral opportunity God has placed before us.

We recognize that considering a call is about much more than reviewing a job description or evaluating a congregation. It is a prayerful process of discerning where God may be leading you, your family, and a church to serve together. As you review our Church Information Form, we wanted to personally introduce ourselves and the community we call home.

Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church is located in the Village of Bergen, New York, a close-knit community of approximately 1,200 residents. While Bergen offers the charm, relationships, and pace of small-town living, it is uniquely positioned between the cities of Rochester and Buffalo, with convenient access to both. Our location offers what many people find to be the best of both worlds: a welcoming rural community surrounded by the opportunities, services, employment, healthcare, education, recreation, and cultural activities of Western New York's larger cities and suburbs.

For families considering a move, the area offers strong schools, numerous parks and recreational opportunities, youth sports, community organizations, and access to several colleges and universities throughout the Rochester and Buffalo regions. Whether you enjoy outdoor activities, local community events, professional sports, arts and culture, or simply being part of a town where neighbors know one another, Western New York provides a rich and rewarding place to live and serve.

Our church has been part of the Bergen community for generations. Today, we are a caring, evangelical congregation committed to faithfully preaching God's Word and serving both our church family and the surrounding community. We are known for being welcoming, relational, and actively engaged in ministries that impact the lives of people around us. Our congregation has a servant's heart, values meaningful relationships, and desires to be a visible witness for Christ in our community.

At this stage of our journey, we are excited about what God has ahead for us. Like many churches, we face challenges and opportunities. We desire to grow, reach new generations, strengthen discipleship, and continue serving our community with the love of Christ. We are prayerfully seeking a pastor who feels called not only to lead a church but to become part of a community and build lasting relationships with the people God brings into his life.

As you continue reviewing our Church Information Form, we hope you will see more than statistics, programs, or ministry descriptions. We hope you will see a congregation that loves the Lord, values His Word, cares deeply for one another, and is eager to follow God's leading into the future.

Thank you again for considering Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We look forward to learning more about you and the ministry God has entrusted to you.

May God bless you as you seek His direction for the next chapter of your calling.

In Christ,

The Pastoral Search Committee

Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Bergen, New York