



# **CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**"A multicultural congregation"  
1503 Broadway - Rockford, IL**



## **ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**December 3, 2023**

**Pastor Rev. Auderine Rochet**



**2023 CHURCH CONFERENCE**  
**CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2023**

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## Centennial United Methodist Church / Iglesia Metodista Unida Centennial 2023 Church Conference / Conferencia de Cargo 2023

### Agenda

#### GATHERING MUSIC / MUSICA DE ENTRADA

Erica Kessler

Simple Gifts  
*arr. by Anna Laura Page*

#### INTROIT MUSIC / MÚSICA DE INTROITO

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

#### WELCOME / BIENVENIDA

Pastor Audrey

#### OPENING PRAYER / ORACIÓN DE COMIENZO

**God of glory, your power darkens the skies and causes the moon to grow dim. When we scatter to the four winds, gather us from the ends of the earth and restore us as your people. Awaken us from slumber, that we may be found ready when the master of the house returns. Amen.**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP / LLAMADO A LA ADORACION

The Lord of hosts redeems us when we stray.

**With a mighty arm, God comes to save us.**

When God hid his face, we strayed. When God withdrew her presence, we stumbled.

**God has fed us with the bread of tears and given us tears to drink in full measure.**

Yet, through his Son, God calls us back from the pit and restores our future.

**God shines upon us with love, that we might be saved.**

Come! Let us worship.

#### OPENING HYMN / HIMNO DE APERTURA

Many Gifts, One Spirit

UMH 114

#### LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE IN ADVENT (PEACE) / ENCENDIDO DE LA PRIMERA VELA EN ADVIENTO (PAZ)

Today we light the first candle of Advent. This is the candle of PEACE. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our peace. From the prophet Isaiah we read: (Isaiah 9:6-7)

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

## INVITATION TO OFFERING / INVITACIÓN A LA OFRENDA

### OFFERTORY MUSIC / MÚSICA DEL OFERTORIO

Eric Kessler

Away In A Manger  
by William Kirkpatrick  
arr. by Eugenie Rocherolle

### DOXOLOGY / DOXOLOGÍA

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

### OFFERTORY PRAYER / ORACIÓN DEL OFERTORIO

**You have enriched us in every way, O God, through our faith in Christ Jesus. You have granted us grace and blessed us with every spiritual gift. In gratitude for your many blessings, we offer our tithes and offerings this day. Enrich and bless these gifts, that they may go into the world and help build your kingdom. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME / TIEMPO DE LOS NIÑOS

Dave Holland

*(As the children come to the altar, please sing stanza 1 of Hymn 191, "Jesus Loves Me")*

### SCRIPTURE / ESCRITURA

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

#### ***A reading from Corinthians...***

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Leader: The Word of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### MESSAGE / MENSAJE

District Superintendent Rev. Hwa-Young Chong

*"I believe the tables of the gospels suggest God's dream for us and they call us to become whole people who live in a healing and whole community. Our best parables are about inviting those in the highways and hedges to the table, about taking the last seat and putting others before us. . . Perhaps the most remembered scripture about the table is: 'Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.' The psalm suggests God is preparing the table and calls us to: 'come to the table and be God's table people even in the presence of hurt and division.'"*

*(Bishop Dan Schwerin during his State of the Church address at the 2023 NIC Annual Conference)*

### HOLY CONFERENCING / SANTA CONFERENCIA

- How have you experienced God's love and grace at a table?
- How do you extend Christ's table in your life and through your mission and ministry?
- How do we become one body in Christ?

### LITANY (Unison)

**We are called to be God's table.**

**We gather as a beloved community**

**Blessed with a theology of abundance**

**To equip vital faith communities**

**That we would make disciples of Jesus Christ**

**For the transformation of the world.**

**First and foremost, we believe God is preparing this table and that collectively, we are at a moment in time that our prayer could be framed as, 'by Your Spirit make us one in Christ that we may be one in ministry.' This is, first, God's table, a table of life in Christ as one body.**

(Adapted from Bishop Dan Schwerin's State of the Church address)

**HYMN**

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

**BUSINESS / NEGOCIOS**

Leadership Nominations and Election

Clergy Compensation

Ministry Recommendations

Lay Servant Reports

Additional Business

**SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION / SACRAMENTO DE LA SANTA COMUNIÓN**

UMH 15-16

District Superintendent Rev. Hwa-Young Chong

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING IN UNISON**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* BENEDICTION / BENDICIÓN**

Pastor Audrey

Keep awake; hope is coming to us.

**We await God's salvation.**

Keep alert; Christ is coming soon.

**We await God's blessings.**

Be ready; Christ is among us now.

**We go with God's blessing.**

**GOING FORTH:**

Erica Kessler

Christmas Time Is Here (from A Charlie Brown Christmas)  
*by Vince Guaraldi*



### Profile of the Local Church 2023

This profile will be on file with the District Superintendent to expedite the appointment process, if and when necessary. The form should be filled out by the Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee annually.

District \*  
Prairie North

Church \*  
Rockford: Centennial Multicultural - 4055

Name of person submitting report \*

Dave Holland

Email of person submitting report \*

daveholland6@yahoo.com

Current church membership \*

148

Average worship attendance \*

35

Sunday school membership \*

13

Sunday school average attendance \*

6

Worship Service times and styles \*

Online worship services: on Zoom and Facebook

1st service..10AM - English - Traditional

2nd service..11:30AM - Spanish - Contemporary (discontinued Sept 2023)

Brief history of congregation \*

187 year old congregation, now multicultural, located at 1503 Broadway, Rockford. Centennial has been the mother church of many other Methodist churches in the Rockford area. A strong sense of mission and leadership in the community. In 1978 Spanish speaking services were started under the leadership of various

Latinx pastors. Centennial is the oldest religious institution in Rockford. The building on S. 2nd Street was vacated in 2011, and we moved to the Broadway location.

Description of the congregation. (What brings it alive? Goals? How does the congregation feel about itself?) \*

Centennial is located in the heart of inner city Rockford. There are many issues surrounding us in the neighborhood, which brings a sense of mission and purpose to our congregation. The following are some of our ministries:

1. Saturday Kids Club and Sunday School with youth and young adults have been a constant. Thanksgiving baskets and school backpacks are donated by Christ UMC through our partnership with them. They are distributed to Saturday Kids Club members and members of our congregation. We also collected and donated around 80 pairs of gloves and mittens to Constance Lane Elementary School.
2. Worship experiences in both services are relevant to the mission of our church. Joint services bring us together helping us to understand each other and our cultural differences. We offer Sunday services in English and Spanish both in-person and on line via Zoom and Facebook.
3. Latinx ministries are a shared life of our church and bring the best expression of a multi-ethnic, multicultural way of living that the church embraces on a regular basis. Our congregation is a rich tapestry of many different cultures.
4. We stay connected through email and phone calls. In addition, joys and concerns are sent to all members via email or postal mail giving us the latest news, and birthday cards are sent to all members. Upper Room devotionals are given to members who request it. We have also started sending "we miss you" postcards to members who have not attended in a while. Our bi-monthly newsletter, "The Chimes", is e-mailed and/or mailed to our members.
5. Food Pantry is available for our members and community on an as-needed basis.

What are your core values as a congregation?

Our vision statement is: Centennial UMC is a multicultural congregation strongly committed to being open, accepting, welcoming, and loving to all, making a difference in our community through our Christian outreach.

What is the racial / ethnic / cultural diversity of the church and the community (who are your neighbors)? (Include positives and challenges) \*

An urban community is always a diverse community. Poverty is an issue, and homelessness in downtown Rockford is a challenge, not only for Centennial but for the entire city. There are all kinds of social and disruptive problems. Within the church, the congregation is primarily Caucasian, Latinx, Asian, African, and African American. Both services are welcoming to all.

What does the congregation need to accomplish in the next 5 years? \*

1. Continue to reach out to the community, especially in the Broadway neighborhood surrounding our church.
2. Continue to recognize the challenges of an aging population in our congregation.
3. Continue to build on our diverse and multicultural church.
4. Continue reaching people through our on-line services and social networks.
5. Continue to partner with other churches and organizations in the community to expand the reach of our ministries.
6. Continue to build our Sunday School to include all ages and ethnic backgrounds.



In what ways do you envision the pastor helping the church reach these goals? \*

Our pastor brings a rich and strong desire to reach out to our members as well as the community. Her involvement with Rockford Urban Ministries brings more opportunities to be present with peace and justice issues. As the congregation ages, there will be more people who are unable to attend church; therefore, the pastor is involved with congregational care, especially personal contact and monthly communion. This applies to all members, even those who do not attend regularly.

In what ways do you envision the laity helping the church reach these goals? \*

Our laity could encourage members to be involved in all of the church's ministries and programs. In addition, they could assist the pastor with visitation of shut-ins and members who are not attending church regularly. Everyone could be encouraged to be involved in training and leadership development in the ministries to which God is calling them. Members working with children and other vulnerable individuals are encouraged to participate in the Safe Gatherings training.

How does your church make a difference in your community and the world? (be specific) \*

Showing involvement in community issues such as the CROP Hunger Walk, supporting Rockford Urban Ministries, distributing mittens and socks to local elementary school, distributing food from our pantry, working with children through Saturday Kids Club, distributing Thanksgiving baskets and school backpacks, and being an intentional multicultural congregation.

What are your congregation's on-going needs, concerns, and opportunities?

Ongoing concerns are our aging population, our finances, reaching out to members in need, and building up the Latinx ministry. Over the years, our membership has been declining; therefore, we are looking for ways to increase attendance. We have hired a media specialist to help us reach a wider audience. We will begin the process of integrating our committees into one board.

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**\*\*\*\*Please copy and save the link you are provided. You may use this link to re-enter your session at any time by pasting it into your browser address bar. Once a form is submitted the link will no longer be available.\*\*\*\***

**We recommend printing a copy of each completed form to retain for your records and share with the church office. Please click on the print button at the top of each form before selecting 'submit'.**

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## 2023 CHURCH CONFERENCE

### Nominations/Lay Leadership Development Committee Report

Pastor Audrey Rochet

December 3, 2023

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL 2024**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Bev Dahlgren
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Lori Doll
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Milka Rivera
<b>Treasurer</b>	Cindy Whitmer
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Pam Sanders
<b>Lay Speaker to the NIC</b>	Dave Holland
<b>Lay Servant</b>	TBD
<b>Alternate Lay Member of Annual Conference</b>	Pam Herriot
<b>Alternate Lay Member of Annual Conference</b>	TBD

#### **CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEES**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>
<b>Staff-Parish</b>	Dave Holland
<b>Trustees/Finance</b>	Doug Herriott/Chuck Whitmore
<b>Wills and Memorials</b>	Sharon Sodergren
<b>Nurture/Mission and Outreach</b>	Cindy Whitmer/Carol Risenhoover
<b>Worship</b>	Janie Kellerman
<b>Christian Education</b>	Joseline John
<b>Permanent Endowment</b>	Chuck Whitmore
<b>Youth Representative</b>	TBD
<b>UMM Representative</b>	David Holland
<b>UMF President</b>	Cindy Whitmer
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Mimi Jacobson

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEES**

##### **NOMINATIONS/LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Chairperson: Pastor Audrey Rochet

<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Joyce Russ	Sharon Sodergren	Pam Herriot
Doug Herriott	Tara Arencibia	Carol Byers

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<sup>2</sup> \* Members: Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Lay Member of the Annual Conference, Ad Board Chair, SPRC Chair, Trustee Chair, Lay Leader (**¶258.4 BOD**)



## STAFF/PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dave Holland

2024	2025	2026
Pam Sanders	Sharon Sodergren	Mimi Jacobson
Bev Dahlgren	Joyce Russ	Dougal Whitmer
Carol Risenhoover	Bev Dahlgren	Pam Sanders

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## CHURCH STAFF:

Administrative Assistant – Milka Rivera

Pianist – Erica Kessler

Social Media Specialist – Dulce Maciel

Church Custodian – Marines Delgado

Choir Director – Jane Kellerman

## FINANCE COMMITTEE and BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE combined.

Chairperson: Chuck Whitmore

Chairperson: Doug Herriott

2024	2025	2026
Bev Dahlgren	Janie Kellerman	Carol Byers
Janie Kellerman	Lora Doll	Dougal Whitmer

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## WILLS AND MEMORIAL

Chairperson: Sharon Sodergren

2024	2025	2026
Sharon Sodergren	Mimi Jacobson	Marlene Wibom

## NURTURE COMMITTEE combined with MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Cindy Whitmer

Co-Chair: Pam Sanders

Chairperson: Carol Risenhoover

Saturday Kid's Club: Carol Risenhoover

Rockford Urban Ministries Rep: Pam Herriott

Rockford New Hope Rep: Doug Herriott

2024	2025	2026
Carol Byers	Marjorie Doll	Mimi Jacobson
Pam Sanders	Tara Arencibia	Marlene Wibom
Carol Risenhoover	Doug Herriott	Jong Kim
Pam Herriott	Milka Rivera	Pam Herriott

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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Janie Kellerman

Retired Pastor: Rev. Judith Kelsey-Powell

2024	2025	2026
Lora Doll	Janie Kellerman	Cindy Whitmer
Erica Kessler	Milka Rivera	Bev Dalhlgren
Carol Byers	Jan Rungren	

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHAIRPERSON: Joseline John

2024	2025	2026
Dave Holland	Tara Arencibia	Carol Risenhoover

## PERMANENT ENDOWMENT

Chairperson: Chuck Whitmore

2024	2025	2026
Dave Holland	Janie Kellerman	Chuck Whitmore

Permanent Members: Ad Board Chair, Finance Chair, Trustee Chair, Treasurer and Pastor (Non-Voting)

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### Clergy Compensation Report with a Parsonage

Northern Illinois Annual Conference Clergy Compensation Report for Clergy Provided a parsonage. Please complete this form for each clergy person under episcopal appointment. **Please round up to the nearest dollar. NO decimals or letters or symbols.**

[Download the clergy compensation explanation sheet.](#)

\*indicates a required field (if this field is not filled in, an error message will appear after hitting submit and required fields will appear in red)

District \*

Prairie North

Church \*

Rockford: Centennial Multicultural - 4055

Email of person filling out form \*

daveholland6@yahoo.com

Clergy Person \*

Rev. Audrey Rochet

Effective Compensation Beginning Date \*

Jan 1 2024

**Clergy Compensation**

This section determines:

1. Total cash to be paid to clergy
2. Taxable and non-taxable elements of total cash.
3. Compensation used by Wespeth to determine the benefit amount and cost of annual and monthly contributions to the Clergy Retirement Security Program Plan (CRSP) and Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP).
4. Cash amount for payroll

1. Annual Base Cash Salary includes housing exclusion + deductions to UMPIP, FSA or HSA \* \*

43496

2. Housing Exclusion: IRC Code 107 (Amount included in base cash salary identified as housing expense and not taxable to clergy. Clergy are responsible for reporting these non-taxable expenditures.) \*

5000

3. Accountable Reimbursement (Cash provided by church and accounted for by clergy for ministerial expenses such as travel, books, and continuing education. Accountable reimbursement money is not taxable to clergy) \*

5000

4. Other Cash: Dues, Additional Benefits, etc (Cash provided that is taxable to clergy.) \*

0

5. Other Cash (Medical Allowance if medical insurance is not provided by the Conference)

6. Other Cash: SECA (Self-employment, Social Security, and Medicare tax.) Clergy are responsible to pay 15.3% of their compensation including parsonage or housing allowance. Sometimes, churches choose to pay one-half of that amount.) \*

0

7. Other Cash Total \*

0.00

8. Parsonage = Base Salary (1) + Other Cash (4) + Other Cash (6) x .25 Does not include cash for medical individual insurance (5) \*

10,874.00

9. Personal Deductions, if any to UMPIP, FSA, HSA (This can be provided at a later date if the pastor has not made a decision concerning deferrals.) \*

0

**Taxable/Nontaxable Compensation**

10. Clergy Taxable Compensation \*

38,496.00

11. Clergy Non-Taxable Compensation \*

20,874.00

12. Total Clergy Compensation \*

59,370.00

13. Total cash payroll to clergy (Does not include amount allocated to accountable reimbursements) \*

43,496.00

**Wespath Compensation and Contributions**

Total Compensation (12) - Reimbursement (3) - Medical Cash (5)

[Refer to eligibility requirements](#)

14a. Is this person eligible for pension and CPP? (If no, disregard Wespath Compensation and Contributions) \*

Yes

14. Wespath Compensation \*

54,370.00

CRSP Contribution (13% of Wespath Compensation) \*

7,068.10

CRSP Contribution Monthly

589.01

CPP Contribution: 3% of Wespath Compensation \*

1,631.10

CPP Contribution Monthly \*

135.92

**Signatures**

This form is required to have at least three complete signatures. To secure all signatures, please select Save and Continue Later. You will be given a link to share with the other personnel needing to sign. The last person signing this form can then hit submit. The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Chair should attempt to have all church signatures prior to or at the time of Charge Conference.

\* If needed signatures can be added to a completed printed form.

E Signature of Clergy \*

The e-signature-of-clergy-356 field is required.

E Signature of District Superintendent \*

The e-signature-of-district-superintendent-359 field is required.

E Signature of Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Chair \*

Dave Holland

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE CC 2023



**Northern Illinois Conference**  
The United Methodist Church

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE CC 2023 FORM

Submitted on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 10:08pm.

<b>District</b>	Prairie North
<b>Church</b>	Rockford: Centennial Multicultural - 4055
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**CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Initial Application or Request for Renewal



Report for year ending 2023

**SECTION I: DATA ON THE LAY SERVANT**

Name (Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. ☒ ) Dave Holland  
Address 4481 Westwind Dr. City/State/Zip Winnebago/IL/61088  
Telephone 815-985-7823 E-mail daveholland6@yahoo.com  
Name of District Prarie North  
Name of Church Rockford Centennial Multicultural  
Church Address 1503 Broadway City/State/Zip Rockford/IL/61104  
Church Telephone 815-397-2771

**SECTION II: STATUS OF THE LAY SERVANT**

☐ **For initial application** as a Certified Lay Servant

1. What year did you complete your Basic Course? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What year did you complete your Advanced Course? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the title of your Advanced Course? \_\_\_\_\_

☒ **For renewal** as a Certified Lay Servant

1. What year did you complete your last Advanced Course? 2023
2. What was the title of your last Advanced Course? Accountable Discipleship

**SECTION III: REQUEST OF THE LAY SERVANT**

I request recommendation of my pastor and my church council/charge conference to begin/renew as a Certified Lay Servant for the ensuing year.

Date November 10, 2023 Lay Servant *Dave Holland*

**SECTION IV: RECOMMENDATION OF THE PASTOR**

I recommend concurrence with the request of this person to begin/renew as a Certified Lay Servant for the ensuing year.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION V: RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL/CHARGE CONFERENCE**

The church council/charge conference of \_\_\_\_\_ (church/charge)  
recommends the above person begin/renew as a Certified Lay Servant for the ensuing year.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Church Council Chair or District Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_

**(To be completed by those requesting renewal as a Certified Lay Servant)**

**SECTION VI: MINISTRIES BY THE LAY SERVANT**

During the past year, I have participated in ***caring ministries*** as follows:

- ☐ served as a volunteer in a care-giving institution ☒ provided one-on-one caring  
☐ at a hospital, nursing home, or to a shut-in ☐ in membership/evangelism visitation  
☒ served in caring/outreach projects (food pantry, prison ministry, etc)  
☒ other caring activities (Please list) Meals for Millions
- 

During the past year, I have participated in ***leading ministries*** as follows:

- ☒ served as member of committee, board, commission, council, task force, etc.  
☐ as a volunteer at a community agency  
☒ at my local church  
☒ beyond my local church  
☒ on my District ☒ Conference ☐ Jurisdiction ☐ General Church level  
☐ other leading activities (Please list) \_\_\_\_\_
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During the past year, I have participated in ***communicating ministries*** as follows:

- ☒ brought message in 2 worship services  
☒ served as worship leader in 2 services  
☐ delivered \_\_\_\_\_ devotional messages  
☒ taught 40 classes  
☐ shared my faith story \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ other speaking activities (Please list) \_\_\_\_\_
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During the past year I have participated in additional opportunities for ministry as follows *(Additional writing space below)*:  
helped with the NIC UMMen Spiritual Congress and both of the Rockford District Communion Breakfasts

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**SECTION VII: PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY THE LAY SERVANT**

In what activities have you engaged and/or what books have you read or used during the past year to help you develop your devotional life; improve your understanding of the Bible; improve your understanding of The United Methodist Church; and to improve your skills in caring, leading, communicating and speaking?  
Disciplines devotional (daily); Bible study (weekly); read The Heart of Christianity (Borg) and The Reason for God (Keller)

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**SECTION VIII: FEEDBACK BY THE LAY SERVANT**

1. Do you feel called to be in service in any area of ministry, either in the church or outside the church, in which you are not currently involved? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, please list those areas below.)

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2. What additional training or support do you need or would suggest to further your ministry:  
I'm going to continue taking a class at one of our District's Lay Academies.

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3. Give any recommendations you have for improving Lay Servant Ministries in your District or Conference:

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(Note: District Directors are encouraged to respond to any comments within this section.)

**NOTICE:** After this form is completed and signed by those listed above, the Recording Secretary of the Church Council or Charge Conference is requested to reproduce THREE copies: (1)Lay Servant, (2)District Director of Lay Servant Ministries, (3)District Superintendent. The Recording Secretary of the Church Council or Charge Conference keeps the ORIGINAL. **(Revised April 2014)**

CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*1503 Broadway, Rockford, IL 61104 – [Centennialumc.rockford@gmail.com](mailto:Centennialumc.rockford@gmail.com) – (815)397-2771*

REPORT OF THE PASTOR

Pastor Audrey Rochet  
December 3, 2023

Centennial United Methodist Church is a church that stands out for its warm and welcoming spirit. It is a community of faith that is mission minded and works well together. It is a united community of faith. It is not a big congregation, but it is a congregation with a big heart. It embraces diversity and has a history of engaging with the community in many outreach programs. It is a very active group that maintains its regular weekly activities and help each other as needed. The church has declined in membership especially lately that it has lost many members to parting with the Lord. This has not deterred the vision of the church to embrace the community and reach out. The church is active and continues to keep the spirit of God at the center of everything we do. On special Sundays we have Sing-along Sunday services where ahead of time we have the members deposit in the offering plate their favorite hymns and we join in lively worship, with one voice, as we exalt the Lord with singing and wonderful music played by our talented pianist.

We have regular Sunday services and a weekly bible study. Both are offered in person and through ZOOM. We have our Chimes Choir and Chimes Trio that alternately participate in the service monthly. A group of our women gather weekly for breakfast where they have fellowship time every Wednesday morning. We also have our Coffee hour after our Sunday worship service and after that usually there is a good group that go out to have a meal together.

On Saturdays we have the ‘Saturday Kids Club’ led by Carol Risenhoover which is a program hosted in our building that serves children and youth in the community. This is a year-round outreach program which is arts based that provides a morning of fun activities. They do crafts and are served a meal. It is a free program offered to the community. At Easter time this program, with the help and donations of the wonderful people at Christ UMC, distributes Easter baskets to the children. Before school begins, they are given backpacks with all the school supplies they need and at Thanksgiving time the families are given Thanksgiving baskets which consist of three boxes of food. During the wintertime the church members contribute mittens and other personal items of necessity to the children in the school of choice and at Christmas time the children are given toys.

Our United Women in Faith group meets regularly and is very active in sponsoring and making donations to wonderful ministries in our community. The belief that love in action can change the world is at the heart of this ministry just as our conference’s United Women in Faith mission statement declares. We also have participation in the United Methodist Men’s Ministry through our men’s ministry leader that always represents the church.

We have our children and youth Sunday school group that meets every Sunday. They have their children’s time during our worship service and then go down for their activities, crafts, and a snack. We are currently not having a Spanish speaking Sunday worship service due to very low attendance. We are starting again by going out to meet new people and to establish small groups in the homes just as it was in the early church days. We are in the beginning stage.

We give thanks to God for all the wonderful people of Centennial United Methodist Church who work with passion and love to bring forth the mission of God in our church and our community.

CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**2023 Membership Report**

Pastor Audrerine Rochet

**Current Membership Total 148**

**Baptisms 0**

**Members Received 0**

- a. 0 by Profession of Faith
- b. 0 From other UM churches
- c. 0 From Non UM churches

**TO BE REMOVED FROM PROFESSING MEMBERSHIP**

- a. 0 By action of Charge Conference
- b. 0 Transfer to other UM churches
- c. 0 Transfer to other non UM churches
- d. 5 By Death**

Nov 4 2022 Sheila Grady

Nov 21 2022 Noreen Slade

Jan 7 2023 Micaela Serrano

Apr 15 2023 Ellen Dean

Aug 27 2023 Linda Gentry

**First Year Unresponsive/inactive 66**

**Second Year Unresponsive/inactive**

Each person was sent a stamped envelope to return membership questionnaire.

## **Finance Committee Report**

The Finance Committee has met and created a proposed budget for the 2024 year. We went through the budget line by line and made adjustments where we could. The budget is tight again this year and will be balanced again with the endowment gift.

We must find ways to increase our membership and giving in the future. The endowment gift will not last forever and then we will have to make some tough choices.

**Chuck Whitmore**

**Finance Chairperson**

<b>District</b>	Prairie North
<b>Church</b>	Rockford: Centennial Multicultural - 4055
<b>Name of person submitting report</b>	Charles Whitmore
<b>Email of person submitting report</b>	<a href="mailto:Pastor.audrey@ymail.com">Pastor.audrey@ymail.com</a>
<b>For the period beginning</b>	Jan 1 2023
<b>and ending</b>	Dec 31 2023
<b>1a. Has the committee been organized according to the 2016 Book of Discipline (para. 258.4)?</b>	Yes
<b>Treasurer</b>	Cindy Whitmer
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Pam Sanders
<b>2b. Did the committee give the Church Council an opportunity to request financial support for recommended ministries (para. 258.4)?</b>	Yes
<b>4a. Is giving by individual participants in the local church regularly reviewed?</b>	Yes
<b>5. What are the plans for raising sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by the Church Council (para. 258.4)?</b>	The finance committee meets regularly to review our expenditures and income. If special needs arise the Finance Committee will recommend extra giving and we have a savings fund we draw from to balance the budget. We draw from it regularly.
<b>6. Does the Financial Secretary/Treasurer report regularly to the Church Council on the giving trends in the church/charge?</b>	Yes
<b>7. Does the Treasurer regularly make reports to the Committee on Finance and the Church Council on the financial position of the church (para. 258.4b)?</b>	Yes
<b>8. Are all benevolences and other connectional funds remitted monthly to the conference treasurer (para. 258.4b)?</b>	Yes



<b>9a. What bank(s) have been designated by the Church Council as a depository (para. 258.4e)?</b>	Chase Bank
<b>9b. Are all accounts FDIC insured and in amounts at or below the current FDIC insurable limit?</b>	Yes
<b>9c. Are all accounts in the name of the church?</b>	Yes
<b>10a. Has the committee established written financial policies to document the internal controls of the local church (para. 258.4d)?</b>	Yes
<b>10b. Have these policies been reviewed by the committee and found to be adequate and effective (para. 258.4d)?</b>	Yes
<b>11. Are the church offerings counted by a counting committee in accordance with the mandates of the Discipline (para. 258.4a)?</b>	Yes
<b>12. Are all funds deposited promptly in accordance with procedures developed by the Committee on Finance (para. 258.4a,d)?</b>	Yes
<b>13. Are financial officers of the church bonded (para. 258.4b)?</b>	Yes
<b>14a. Have the financial records of the church and all its organizations been audited for the prior fiscal year (258.4c)?</b>	No
<b>14b. Were there any recommendations or exceptions?</b>	No
<b>14c. If there were recommendations or exceptions, how has the church addressed them?</b>	N/A

## Centennial UMC -- 2024 Budget

### 2024 Budget

#### Ordinary Income/Expense

##### Income

6000 · Operating Revenue	
6015 · Envelope Offerings	55,000.00
6020 · Loose Offering	850.00
6021 · Hispanic Offering	-
6025 · Easter Offering	500.00
6030 · Christmas Offering	700.00
6035 · Wells Fargo Draw	36,000.00
6036 · Wells Fargo #2 Use as needed	99,220.96
6055 · TOPS	50.00
6060 · Non-budgeted Income	-
6065 · Endowment Income	3,700.00
6066 · Permanent Endowment Interest	19,055.00
6066 · Permanent Endowment Transfers	38,000.00
6075 · Interest Earned	3.00
6081 · Misc Income	12.00
6090 · Thanksgiving Offering	500.00
6095 · Other Income	-
6097 · Building Use	-
Total 6000 · Operating Revenue	253,590.96

##### Total Income

#### Gross Profit

##### Expense

7000 · Operating Expense	
7010 · General Operating Expenses	
4061.1 · Lawn & snow removal Vale Avenue	3,000.00
7020 · Office Supplies	2,000.00
7020.1 · Printing	5,250.00
7021 · Postage and Delivery	1,500.00
7023 · Office Equipment	-
7026 · Church Lawn & Snow Removal	3,000.00
7036 · Church Building Misc	2,000.00
7037 · Janitorial Supplies	300.00
7045 · Church Telephone @ internet	4,000.00
7047 · Church Security (contracted)	1,400.00
7048 · Church Heating & Air Condition	-
7050 · Church Gas	4,000.00
7051 · Church Electricity	2,800.00
7052 · Church Water	500.00
7053 · Church Garbage Removal	2,000.00
7054 · Church Sewer	500.00
7055.1 · Gas 128 Vale Ave Parsonage	3,000.00
7056.1 · Electric 128 Vale Ave Parsonage	1,200.00
7057.1 · Water & Garbage-Parsonage	575.00
7058.1 · Parsonage Maintenance- Vale Ave	2,000.00
7063.3 · Centennial Pest Control	50.00
7063.1 · Parsonage Pest Control	50.00
7059.1 · Sewer-128 Vale Ave parsonage	250.00
7064 · Van (gas & maintenance)	2,500.00
7065 · Annual Conference	200.00
Total 7010 · General Operating Expenses	42,075.00
7100 · Senior Pastor Salary Expense	
7105 · Senior Pastor Salary	43,497.00
7110 · Senior Pastor Health Ins	19,800.00
7115 · Senior Pastor Pension	8,700.00
7120 · Senior Pastor Travel & Expense	5,000.00
7125 · Pastor Cell Phone	1,560.00
7100 · Senior Pastor Salary Expense - Other	
Total 7100 · Senior Pastor Salary Expense	78,557.00

## 2024 Budget

7135 · General Staff Salary Expense	
7136 · Cost Of Paychex	1,752.48
7137 · Payroll Taxes	16,991.10
7138 · Net Payroll	33,169.90
7139 · Employer Tax Liability-Monthly	7,878.74
7050 · Admin Assistant Salary	8,034.00
7155 · Organist Salary	8,108.90
7160 · Choir Director Salary	5,791.62
7165 · Custodian Salary	8,034.00
Media Specialist	5,516.68
Total 7135 · General Staff Salary Expense	95,277.43
7200 · Church Program Expense	
7220 · Pulpit Supply	500.00
7230 · Worship & Music	550.00
7231 · Piano/Organ	600.00
7240 · Nurture	600.00
7245 · Mission and Outreach	500.00
7250 · Children Ministry	500.00
7265 · Youth & Young Adults	200.00
7270 · Hisp. Ministry	300.00
7295 · Wills & Memorials	50.00
7200 · Church Program Expense - Other	
Total 7200 · Church Program Expense	3,800.00
7300 · Insurance	
7301 · Building & Liability Ins	6,939.28
7302 · Automobile Insurance	977.50
7303 · Workers Comp	920.00
7304 · Parsonage Insurance	1,052.25
7307 · Commercial Umbrella	517.50
Total 7300 · Insurance	10,406.53
7399 · Apportionments	15,000.00
Total 7000 · Operating Expense	
7600 · Professional Fees	
7610 · Accounting	60.00
7615 · Legal Fees	15.00
Total 7600 · Professional Fees	75.00
8000 · Outreach	
8100 · Outreach Salary/Expense	
8120 · Sat Kids Club Salary	8,400.00
Total 8100 · Outreach Salary/Expense	
Total 8000 · Outreach	8,400.00
Total Expense	253,590.96
Total Income	253,590.96

## PERMANENT ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

November 24, 2023

### Stifel:

Beginning Balance September 2016 350,000

<b>Balance as of November 24, 2023</b>	<b>\$285,646</b>
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### Wells Fargo Advisors:

Beginning Balance September 2016 400,000

<b>Balance as of November 24, 2023</b>	<b>116,537</b>
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## TRUSTEES REPORT 2023



## TRUSTEES REPORT 2023 FORM

Submitted on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 2:38pm.

<b>District</b>	Prairie North
<b>Church</b>	Rockford: Centennial Multicultural - 4055
<b>Email</b>	dougbob14@comcast.net
<b>Name of person submitting report</b>	Doug Herriott
<b>1. Please list the names of the church's trustees (no less than three and up to nine) with the effective date and term expiration. Please separate by commas.</b>	Doug Herriott, Dougal Whitmer Both 12/31/24
<b>2. Is the local church incorporated (para. 2529.1a)?</b>	Yes
<b>Church Buildings (please list name on title and address)</b>	Centennial UMC 1503 Broadway Rockford IL 61104
<b>Parsonage 1 name on title and address (if the church doesn't own one please indicate that)</b>	Centennial UMC 128 North Vale Avenue Rockford IL 61107
<b>Other property i.e. ministry center (please list name on title and address)</b>	Van Centennial UMC 1503 Broadway Rockford IL 61104 Vacant Lot 425 Oak St. Rockford IL 61104
<b>3a. Does the church own any other property that is under another name besides the church? If so, please list name on title and address.</b>	no
<b>3b. Who is the custodian of deeds and other legal papers?</b>	Board of Trustees
<b>3c. Where are they kept?</b>	Chase Bank Rockford IL
<b>4. Does each deed contain trust clause (para. 2503)?</b>	Yes

<b>5. What are the three most urgent building matters that your congregation is facing?</b>	Kitchen Update Parking Handicapped accessible bathrooms
<b>6. Do you have a long-term plan for the replacement of facilities and equipment as they deteriorate?</b>	Yes
<b>7. Does your church carry the NIC-wide property and liability insurance? If yes, skip to question 7b. If no, continue to 7a.</b>	Yes
<b>7b. Have you assessed the replacement value within the last 5 years?</b>	Yes
<b>7c. Who performed the assessment?</b>	NIC insurance company
<b>7d. Is the amount of insurance adequate?</b>	Yes
<b>7e. Have the buildings been inspected for fire and other safety hazards within the past year?</b>	Yes
<b>8a. Has an annual accessibility audit for church properties been conducted?</b>	Yes
<b>8b. If needed, have you developed an accessibility plan?</b>	No
<b>9. Has the pastor and other leaders in the church charged with the supervision of children, youth, and other vulnerable adults completed Safe Gatherings training?</b>	Yes
<b>10. Provide a detailed list of income-producing permanent funds. Please provide for each fund - 1) Name of Fund or Fund Category i.e. Memorials 2) Where it is held/invested 3) End of year balance 4) How fund is to be used 5) Is the fund restricted by donor, designated by church action or undesignated?</b>	Wells Fargo Advisors Endowment Fund 11/16/23 \$106,536.07 Undesignated Stifel Endowment Fund 11/16/23 \$261,198.73 Undesignated Stifel Endowment Fund 11/16/23 \$49,868.31



**11a. Please list any organization  
legally related to the local church.**

none

**11b. Are certificates of insurance  
required by long-term users of the  
building?**

No

**E-signature Chair of Trustees**

Doug Herriott

**Date**

11/16/23

**URL**

<https://registration.umcnic.org/trustees-report-2023>

## PARSONAGE REPORT 2023



**Northern Illinois Conference**  
The United Methodist Church

### PARSONAGE REPORT 2023 FORM

Submitted on Friday, November 17, 2023 at 3:26pm.

<b>District</b>	Prairie North
<b>Church</b>	Rockford: Centennial Multicultural - 4055
<b>Name of person submitting report</b>	Doug Herriott
<b>Email of person submitting report</b>	dougbob14@comcast.net
<b>This parsonage is presently used by:</b>	Senior Pastor
<b>Address of Parsonage</b>	128 North Vale Avenue
<b>City</b>	Rockford
<b>State</b>	Illinois
<b>Zip</b>	61107
<b>Date of Annual Inspection</b>	11/17/2019
<b>E-Signature of Pastor (type First and Last Name)</b>	Audrey Rochet
<b>Checkbox-383</b>	By checking this box you verify your signature.
<b>E-Signature of Chair of Trustees Committee (type first and last name)</b>	Doug Herriott
<b>Checkbox-384</b>	By checking this box you verify this is your signature
<b>E-Signature of Chair of Staff-Parish Relations Committee (type first and last name)</b>	David Holland
<b>Checkbox-385</b>	By checking this box you verify your signature.
<b>Age of House</b>	75 years
<b>Date Purchase by Church</b>	3/26/2019

<b>Purchase Price/Cost</b>	\$132,000
<b>In one paragraph, give a "real estate" listing of the house: Number of bedrooms, other rooms by name or function, fireplace, study, basement condition, air conditioning, garage, landscaping, etc.</b>	Brick, Cape Cod, in the Calvin Park area. Two bedrooms on main floor and two bedrooms upstairs. All bedrooms have hardwood floors with walk in closets. Bright and sunny renovated kitchen with 2 skylights, island and large dining room table space. Brand new LVT floors in the kitchen and both bath plus new faucets and lighting. Dining room also with hardwood floors. Large living room with bay window and wood burning fireplace. Main floor primary with his and her closets. Finished lower level family room with second wood burning fireplace. Additional finished space for an office. Two car garage assessed from private alley.
<b>Rate the size of home in general</b>	10
<b>Rate the size of living room for entertaining</b>	10
<b>Is the floor plan conducive for both church-related use and family privacy?</b>	10
<b>Rate Bedroom 1 condition</b>	10
<b>Rate Bedroom 1 size</b>	10
<b>Rate Bedroom 2 size</b>	10
<b>Rate Bedroom 3 size</b>	10
<b>Rate Bedroom 4 condition</b>	10
<b>Rate Bedroom 4 size</b>	10
<b>Rate Kitchen condition</b>	10
<b>Rate Kitchen size</b>	10
<b>Rate Bathroom 1 size</b>	10
<b>Rate Bathroom 2 size</b>	10
<b>Rate Bathroom 2 condition</b>	10
<b>Rate Laundry Appliances</b>	10
<b>Rate Interior decorating (drapes, carpets, painting)</b>	10

<b>Rate Exterior decorating</b>	8
<b>Rate Room for study/counseling</b>	9
<b>Who is the contact person for emergency needs?</b>	Doug Herriott
<b>Are there working smoke detectors?</b>	No
<b>Are there working carbon monoxide detectors?</b>	Yes
<b>Who determines annual parsonage repairs and improvements?</b>	Board of Trustees
<b>When were the last updates made to the parsonage (maintenance and remodeling?)</b>	June 2022
<b>What is the current church budget figure for parsonage maintenance/repairs, excluding utilities</b>	\$3,000
<b>Present maintenance needs for this parsonage include: (e.g., inadequate wiring, wet basement, worn carpets, failing appliances, garage or driveway problems, other conditions.</b>	None
<b>What maintenance is planned for next year?</b>	new toilet for first floor repaint bedroom 1 ceiling install outside railing
<b>In the event a member of the parsonage family becomes disabled or has a disability, in what ways would the house need to be modified?</b>	Entryway ramp
<b>URL</b>	<a href="https://registration.umcnic.org/parsonage-report-2023">https://registration.umcnic.org/parsonage-report-2023</a>

## ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT 2023



## ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT 2023 FORM

Submitted on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 2:42pm.

<b>District</b>	Prairie North
<b>Church</b>	Rockford: Centennial Multicultural - 4055
<b>Name of person filling out the form</b>	Doug Herriott
<b>Email</b>	dougbob14@comcast.net
<b>1) Is your church accessible to those using wheelchairs, walkers or with other mobility challenges?</b>	Yes
<b>If yes, please provide specifics.</b>	We have an elevator to accommodate handicapped members
<b>2) Does your church provide large print worship materials such as Bibles, bulletins and hymn sheets and/or projection on screens?</b>	Yes
<b>If yes, please provide specifics.</b>	Large print bulletins and a projection on screen
<b>3) Does your church provide hearing assistance via personal devices or hearing loop? (If you need info on this, please contact the NIC Committee on Accessibility Ministries)</b>	Yes
<b>If yes, please provide specifics.</b>	Hearing assistance is available
<b>4) Does your church offer special accessibility ministry services such as sign language interpretation?</b>	No
<b>5) Does your church offer any special ministry programs such as support groups ( i.e. grief, divorce, mental illness, AA) etc?</b>	No

**6) Does your church have a fully handicap accessible restroom(s)?** No  
**This includes an exclusive single user restroom or an extra-large stall; both need to have grab bars, a high-rise toilet with auto-flushing valve, sink or vanity that allows for a wheelchair to roll under, a mirror that angles downward, reach-under activated faucets, paper towel dispenser and/or air powered hand-dryer located at a level that is easily reachable from a wheelchair and a power-assisted entry/exit door that opens outward. (for additional information, please contact the NIC Committee on Accessibility Ministries at accesstogodshouse@gmail.com)**

**7) Does your church promote its accessibility capabilities via the church website, publications, and signage? Signage includes an indication of items such as hearing assist devices, large print bulletins being available and HCA restroom & elevators or lifts, ramps etc.** No

**URL**

<https://registration.umcnic.org/accessibility-audit-2023>



### **Wills and Memorials received in 2023**

<b>Bettye Mixon</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Ellen Dean</b>	<b>125.00</b>
<b>Mae Foster</b>	<b>575.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>725.00</b>

## NOTES

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December 2023