

# Senior Pastor

Houghton Wesleyan Church (HWC) prayerfully seeks a senior pastor to equip members to live their faith and share the gospel, serve as a spiritual leader covering all aspects of church life, and guide its mission and vision through preaching, pastoral care, program leadership, staff oversight, and competent management.

## **Houghton Wesleyan Church and Community Description**

HWC, located in a rural setting, welcomes around 500 in-person worshippers each week and up to 1,200 online. The church offers services that blend contemporary and more liturgical elements, with music programs and ministries for all ages, including a preschool. The church strongly emphasizes global missions and local outreach. HWC is transitioning to a new senior pastor following the retirement of a long-term pastor; an interim pastor currently leads a staff of six pastoral staff and several full- and part-time support staff.

Houghton, a small hamlet in Western New York, hosts Houghton University (850 students) and Houghton Academy (100 students), both with diverse student bodies and a Christian liberal arts focus. These institutions offer a variety of cultural activities, and the Genesee River valley region offers scenic views, a diverse socio-economic profile, and an exciting and challenging ministry opportunity. Houghton is one hour from Buffalo and Rochester, offering a balance of small-town life and access to city amenities.

For further details about the church and community, visit [hwchurch.org](http://hwchurch.org), [houghton.edu/about](http://houghton.edu/about), and [wnywilds.com](http://wnywilds.com).

## **Senior Pastor Profile Description**

The ideal candidate is a lifelong learner with a seminary degree, spiritually mature, and an effective, Bible-based preacher. Experience in staff leadership, church management, and mission support is preferred. Strong interpersonal skills and community involvement are essential, along with a willingness to engage with local educational institutions.

## **Next Steps**

After prayerful consideration, if you sense God may be calling you to lead our congregation, please send your resume, in PDF format, to the contact below.

## **Contact**

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## **Employment Type**

Full-time

## **Organization**

Houghton Wesleyan Church

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