

INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD PULPIT SUPPLY LIST (UPDATED April 2025)

Greetings! We're pleased to provide this resource to support your congregation during times when you need a Supply Pastor. Attached is a copy of the current Pulpit Supply List, which includes Rostered Ministers, clergy from other traditions, Lay Worship Leaders, and occasionally seminarians and seminary graduates who are available to serve your congregation. This document is always in flux as pastors and others become available or unavailable, and we keep the contact information updated as we know it. Additionally, synod staff are available as their schedules permit to be with congregations for worship. Feel free to contact the synod office or synod staff to check their availability.

What's a "Conference"? A conference is a regional community of congregations, ministries, and leaders within the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, and represents between 15 and 25 of your closest ELCA neighboring congregations. For your convenience, this list is arranged by the ten conferences of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod; these smaller geographical regions are shown on the map found at <http://iksynod.org/map-of-the-ik-mission-territory-2/>

What's a "Rostered Minister"? Rostered ministers are clergy and deacons who are currently on the "roster" of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. Each synod has its own roster, and typically, all clergy and deacons in good standing are on the roster of one of the 65 synods of the ELCA. Being "On the Roster" means that person has been recognized and authorized as available for call – to the public ministries of the ELCA.

What's a Lay Worship Leader? Lay worship leaders are members of ELCA congregations in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod who have undergone special training to equip them to preach and lead worship. They are **not** usually authorized to preside over Holy Communion.

Who else is on the Pulpit Supply List? In addition to Rostered Ministers and Lay Worship Leaders, you will also find a few additional clergy who are not on the roster of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, seminarians (those currently enrolled), and candidates for ordination (awaiting call).

What if we can't find anyone? For starters, broaden your horizons. *This list is arranged by conferences, but some individuals will be willing to travel farther than others. Let them decide.*

In addition, the staff of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod has continued to make a sermon and prayers available each week, both in a video format and text manuscript. A congregation can use this resource along with lay members leading a Service of the Word if you are unable to find a pastor to lead worship that day. Sermons are posted no later than Thursday each week: <https://vimeo.com/user80091410>

If you are still coming up empty, there are a couple of other things you can do. First, there might be some other ELCA rostered ministers available who are not on the list. You might check and see if any of the ELCA congregations in your area have more than one rostered

minister on staff. Perhaps whichever pastor isn't preaching in their home congregation might be available on the Sunday you need supply. There are also some rostered ministers who are not available on a regular basis for pulpit supply, but might be on occasion. These would include some retired pastors/deacons, chaplains, professors and other rostered ministers serving in non-congregational settings.

Yet another option would be to find someone from one of our ecumenical partners. We stand in full altar and pulpit fellowship with the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church USA, the United Church of Christ, the Reformed Church in America, The United Methodist Church and the Moravian Church in America. Ordained clergy in any of these church bodies can preach and preside. Check your local phone book – if one of these church bodies has a congregation in your community, you might call their parish office and see if they have suggestions for who might be available.

What if we want to celebrate the Eucharist?

If you regularly celebrate Holy Communion, and wish to do so for this worship service, then you will need to find someone who can both preach and preside at the Eucharist.

- Those on the pulpit supply list who are marked “Yes” for communion are available to preside.
- Another option would be for you to find another ELCA clergy person who is not on the pulpit supply list but resides close by. This might include pastors (such as associate pastors, assistant pastors, and any pastors in staff situations), chaplains, professors, anyone serving in non-congregational calls, and retired pastors. Frequently, you will discover that some of these have chosen not to make themselves available for regular pulpit supply, but are willing to do so on occasion.
- A third option to consider would be with one of our ecumenical partners. We are in full altar and pulpit fellowship with the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church USA, the United Church of Christ, the Reformed Church in America, The United Methodist Church and the Moravian Church in America. Ordained clergy in any of these church bodies could preach and preside.

When your congregation has a guest pastor/worship leader:

1. Send a letter or email of welcome to the supply person. Include details related to the person's duties, important information about the church (such as location if traditional online maps are inaccurate), and a sample bulletin MARKED to indicate the pulpit supply person's involvement. Be sure to request information in advance so the bulletin can include the supply person's name (spelled correctly) and so you can add information that will clearly identify your guest.
2. List any extra activities which the supply person might be expected to participate in, such as a children's sermon, Sunday Church School, a special meal, etc. If possible, mail or email the bulletin for the service well in advance. At the very least, make certain there is a copy available upon his/her arrival at the church.

3. Call the supply person a few days before the service. Make certain the supply person has a name and phone number of the contact person, as well as a “live” phone number for the day of the service. Check directions to the church, and make certain the supply person knows when and where to arrive, and received the bulletin.
4. A member familiar with the worship practices should be on hand to meet the supply person on the day of the service at the time of his/her arrival. Acquaint the supply person with the church building – coat closet, restroom, room in which to robe, etc. Point out all the physical aspects of the sanctuary – clergy seating, acoustics, fans, etc. Be certain the supply person knows where and when to enter and leave the service, (do you process and recess?) microphone arrangements, choir, and where to stand for greeting members following the service.
5. Have the contact person or church officers available during the greeting period to assist the supply person if needed and to identify, welcome and follow-up on visitors and guests attending the service.
6. As you and your congregation are hosting the supply person, try to do everything possible to make your guest feel comfortable and welcome at your church.

The Indiana-Kentucky Synod Compensation Guidelines for pulpit supply honorarium:

- One worship service is \$200.00
- \$50.00 for each additional worship service
- Round-trip mileage should be paid at the IRS standard mileage rate for employee reimbursements (see www.irs.gov for current rate).

Thank you for your partnership in mission!

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