

# Antler River Watershed; Horseshoe Falls; Western Ontario Waterways Regional Councils

## Community of Faith: Demographics Worksheet

**PURPOSE:** To provide information about the Community of Faith’s ministry and community.

**Who uses it:** Communities of Faith in gathering their profile information for ChurchHub.

Community of Faith: Westminster United Church, St. Catharines, Ontario

Regional Council: Horseshoe Falls #9

Date: May 20, 2019

**ABOUT OUR PEOPLE:** (Multi-point Communities of Faith will complete Part A, B and C for each congregation)

Number of congregations:  1     2     3     NA (e.g. for Outreach Ministries)

Congregation A	<u>Westminster United</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>70</u>
	(Name of Congregation)	(# on roll)	(Avg. Sunday attendance)

**We think of ourselves MAINLY as:**     Rural     Remote     Small town     Suburban  
 Urban     Inner City     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Most of us live** (check only one):     In apartments     In single-family homes  
 In retirement homes     In long-term care homes  
 On working farms     On rural retirement properties

**The rest of us live** (check all that apply):     In apartments     In single-family homes  
 In retirement homes     In long-term care homes  
 On working farms     On rural retirement properties

**Our congregation includes** (approx. number in each group)

Infants and pre-school	<u>2</u>	Children (5-12)	<u>6</u>	Teens (13-19)	<u>2</u>
Young adults (20-30)	<u>          </u>	Adults (31-40)	<u>          </u>	Adults (41-50)	<u>          </u>
Adults (51-64)	<u>13</u>	Adults (65-70)	<u>30</u>	Adults (71+ )	<u>60</u>

**The proximity of our members to the church are** (approx. number in each group)

0-5 km	<u>100</u>	5-10 km	<u>15</u>	10-15 km	<u>          </u>
15-20 km	<u>          </u>	over 20 km	<u>1</u>		

**Most of us...:** (choose one)

- Grew up in this area
                         
  Moved to this area for work  
 Moved here to be close to family or other resources
                         
  Moved here for other reasons

**Many of us work in the following industries or sectors:** (check all that apply)

- Health or social services
                         
  Education
                         
  Manufacturing
                         
  Transportation  
 Agriculture and food production
                         
  Tourism/Hospitality
                         
  Retail  
 Environment
                         
  Mining/Forestry
                         
  Information Technology  
 Other (specify): Retired

**We work as** (check all that apply):

- Employees
                         
  Contractors
                         
  Owners
                         
  Consultants
                         
  Managers

**Our congregation is like:** (choose one that best applies)

- A big family where we all know each other;  
 A medium sized church where we recognize each other but may not know each other well;  
 A big church with lots of staff, where small groups of people are close to one another based on common interests.  
 Other description:

**Our heritage as a Community of Faith: (check one that best applies):**

- Has its roots as a Methodist/Congregationalist/Presbyterian/Local Union/Aboriginal congregation prior to Union in 1925;

OR, Began between

- 1925 and 1945     1945 and 1965     1965 and 2000     After 2000.

**We think of our Community of Faith as in the following way: (choose one that best applies):**

- We have a new vision and are really excited; maybe not as organized as we will be but really excited; maybe even a bit unrealistic at times.
- We are clear about our vision and purpose and are developing the skills and gifts to bring it about; we are excited and optimistic in who we are.
- We are clear about our vision and purpose; we have the skills, gifts and confidence to move toward our vision.
- We know we are changing; we haven't yet come to terms with it; we have some anxiety about the future but we are still confident in who we are.
- Our congregation is changing rapidly and it is clear that we can no longer continue as we have been; we don't know, though, how to go forward; we have some anxiety. We believe that we have a future but we can't yet see it.
- We see that the ministry within this community is probably winding down after many positive and productive years of faithful ministry, mission and service; we want to celebrate what we have been as we intentionally and graciously end this ministry.

**ABOUT OUR TANGIBLE ASSETS**

**Governance structure:**

How many people are on your Governing Body?        20    

How many are typically present at a meeting of your Governing Body?        16    

**Our Church Building(s): (include information for each building if more than one)**

- We don't have a church building. (if you check this one, please comment briefly on where you worship and what other spaces you use for your ministry.)

How many people does the sanctuary hold?        600    

What is the seating/set up in the sanctuary (pews, chairs, choir loft, etc.) **Pews & Choir Loft**

Is the sanctuary used other than for Sunday worship?  No  Yes *if yes, how?* **Funerals, Weddings; Celebration of Life**

Is there a basement?  Yes  No

Are there meeting rooms?  Yes  No

For what are they used? **Board Meetings; Weight Loss Group; AA; Avanti Chamber Singers; Jujitsu; Euchre; Ladies Craft Group; Children's Christmas Shopping**

Is there a nursery?  Yes  No

Are the toys/furniture compliant with current safety standards?  Yes  No

Are their Sunday School rooms?  Yes  No

How many? Are they multi-purpose use?  Yes **2**  No

Are there activity rooms? (i.e. quilting, gym, library)  Yes  No *if yes, please describe.*

### ***Gym with stage and Sound System***

Where is the office located for the minister? **Lower Level opposite Kitchen East Door**

Describe it: **Bright with large Window; Roomy; Desk, Chairs, Phone, Closet, Storage Cupboard**

To what extent is the building available for ministry purposes compared to being rented out?

**Ministry purposes have priority**

What computers/telephones are provided at the church? **Phones in Ministers Office; Church Office; Public Access. Computer in Church Office.**

Is there a photocopier in the church?  Yes  No

Is internet provided at the church?  No  Yes *if yes*  High Speed  Dial-up

Is the church accessible?     No     Yes    Tell us how: **Otis Elevator from Sanctuary;  
Street and Basement Level.**

What other measures of accessibility do you provide? (e.g. Assistive hearing device, large print, etc.)

**Sound System in Sanctuary**

Do you have plans for improving accessibility?     No     Yes *if yes, how?*

**Support for the Minister:**

Is there support for administrative tasks (e.g. bulletin, scheduling, reception)?  Yes  No

If yes, how many hours per week? 19.5 If yes, is this  paid or  volunteer?

Who takes the service when your minister is away on holidays or study leave? **Supply Minister or Members of the Congregation**

**Ministry and Personnel Committee:**

How many members? 3

How often does the committee meet? **As Required**

Has one or more of the committee members attended an M&P Committee Training event in the last three years?  Yes  No

**ABOUT OUR GEOGRAPHICAL COMMUNITY**

This is what we love about our community. This is what makes it unique. **Diversity; Vibrant Downtown; Close to Main Library; Meridian Centre; Performing Arts Centre; Brock University; Niagara College**

The three economic, demographic or political challenges facing our area are: **Low income Area; Safe Injection Site- Drugs; Prostitution; Crime; Mental Health Issues.**

Describe briefly the social and ethnic make-up of the community: **Single Family; New Canadians**

Here are two or three websites that offer detailed information about our community:

**stcatharines.ca; westminsterunitedchurch.org;**

**facebook.com/queenstonneighbours; westviewcf.com; questhe.ca**

Other faith communities represented in our community/region are: **St. Thomas Aquinas (Roman Catholic); St. Barnabas (Anglican); Salvation Army; Synagogue**

We have close ties with the following faith communities:

