



Office for  
Transition  
Ministry

# Ministry Portfolio

*Full Portfolio (last updated Feb 26, 2026)*

## Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga, Albany

129 Champlain Avenue, Ticonderoga, NY 12883, United States

Contact:

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Weekly Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)	Number of Weekend Worship Services	Number of Weekday Worship Services	Number of Other per Month Worship Services
25	1		
Current Annual Compensation	Cash Stipend	Housing / Rectory Detail	Utilities
SECA reimbursement	Compensation Available for New Position	Housing Available for	Pension Plan
	\$28476	5	
Healthcare Options	Dental	Housing Equity Allowance in budget	Annual Equity Amount
Negotiable	No	No	
Vacation Weeks	Vacation Weeks Details	Continuing Education Weeks	Continuing Education Weeks Details
4		2 (standard)	
Continuing Education Funding in budget	Sabbatical Provision	Travel/Auto Account	Other Professional Account
		Yes	No

*SECA Reimbursement: Half*

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

Our small parish has dealt with the loss of two rectors. Our long-term rector, Marjorie Floor died on March 1, 2017 and after a lengthy search we hired Richard Roessler in June 2019. Fr. Rick left us in April 2023 and while we were very disappointed with Fr. Rick's departure, we quickly regrouped and began operating on our own once again. We have, with the leadership of our Sr Warden, Bob Fogg, continued to successfully manage day to day operations, continue ministering to our parish and have undertaken major maintenance projects for the parish. Our search for a new rector continues but in the meantime, we stay strong and focused on all aspects of our church community.

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How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

Currently we are working on maintaining and growing an endowment that will enable our church to remain solvent. This endowment is critical to the financial health of a very small, aging parish. We have investigated financial service providers and have selected one that we hope will work closely with us to achieve our financial goals. The Church of the Cross constantly works to maintain our lovely, old church. This work is critical and constant to ensure that we have our church now and in the future. We are in the process of our search for a new rector and hope that this will be successful. As the search continues, we are confident in our abilities to provide a spiritual home for our parish and to manage our church business. We also will continue ministries outside our parish as well as outreach activities.

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Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

pastoral care, liturgy, interpersonal skills, outreach

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

Our church has a traditional liturgical style. The Church of the Cross worships according to Holy Eucharist Rite II with “Laying on of Hands” prior to the “Peace”. During Lent we have a weekly “Stations of the Cross” service. We sing (rather than recite) the Gloria in Excelsis, the Sanctus ET Benedictus, and the Agnus Dei. We sing the Gradual hymn, an Offertory hymn, and a Communion hymn in addition to the Processional and Recessional hymns. Church of the Cross does not have a choir or organist, so our music is from a recorded “music box” in addition to a pianist who plays for us once a month. The Church of the Cross has a history of supporting the wider Church by consistently meeting its Diocesan assessment. Locally, the church actively supports the Food Pantry run by the Methodist Church. We collect food donations, monetary donations, promote the Pantry on our outdoor sign, and church members work at the Food Pantry. We provide support to the Ticonderoga Area Clergy, which provides emergency assistance to those in need and conducts various ecumenical services.

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How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

We incorporate people in active ministries which include sub-deacon, vestry, acolytes, lay readers, crucifers, chalice bearers, intercessory prayer readers, ushers, greeters, Lazarus ministry, and Episcopal Church Women. All are volunteers and on a rotating schedule. Every Sunday we have a rotating volunteer schedule for coffee hour and brunch is served to attendees. We have an active ECW group that sponsors several events during the year including a Christmas Bazaar providing affordable gifts to purchase as well as homemade baked goods. The funds support the church’s special financial needs and functions. ECW also provides scholarships to young parishioners who graduate from high school. All women (men help also) in the church are members of the ECW. The Food Pantry and Ticonderoga Clergy Association receive donations from us regularly to help with their programs to provide food or heating fuel assistance to those in need.

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As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

In a recent survey, parishioners overwhelmingly felt the strength of our church was that we are a cohesive and loving congregation, much like a family. The Church of the Cross has a long history of supporting and taking care of one another. We have an active telephone tree to help prepare for birthdays, special events, and funerals. Coffee hour gives us time to touch base, deepen friendships, comfort one another, and make plans for future events. Busy parishioners even have an opportunity to pack a “to-go” box for a no fuss meal later. Occasionally, a meal may be delivered to an infirm parishioner. Announcements during the service aid the E.C.W. and parishioners in knowing who is ill, hospitalized, in the nursing home, or in other circumstances requiring special assistance or attention. We always have volunteers to help. When possible, Sunday service includes a “laying on of hands” segment for those who wish to participate.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

Due to the lack of a rector for long periods our church has not been able to focus efforts on pastoral care for those beyond our worshipping community. In outreach efforts, we sponsor two children in the Compassion International Program. We have volunteers who collect and distribute food to the local food pantry as well as volunteers to work at the food pantry.

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Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

We support the community Food Pantry, and we sponsor two Compassion International children. We try to support needs both locally and out of our area. As new opportunities are presented, we try to respond. We will be collaborating with St Mary's and Mercy Care for the Adirondacks to implement a new age-friendly initiative to empower older adults to age in place with ease.

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Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

Our church has 43 lovely stained-glass windows, many installed in the 1800's. Most of these windows were dedicated to family members of parishioners during the time they were installed. These windows are in desperate need of refurbishment. We initiated a project to restore all the windows. This involved raising over \$205,000, finding a contractor to repair the windows, negotiating a contract and managing the restoration project. The window repair project is underway and will hopefully be completed this calendar year.

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

We support the community Food Pantry, sponsor two Compassion International children, and contribute to the Women's Center. We try to support needs both locally and out of our area. As new opportunities are such as the Southern Adirondack Compassionate Companions are presented, we will try to respond.

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What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

Our vestry led by our Sub-Deacon has been available to listen to any issues raised by parishioners. We are a small, close parish that tries to resolve all conflicts through direct discussions that result in resolution to problems.

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What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

Marjorie Floor was the first female rector in our Diocese which represented a change for our church and the diocese. Marjorie served as our rector for 28 years - during that time she made sure all money raised by the E.C.W went to outreach; she added the exchange of the peace to our service; we stayed solvent during 20% decrease in interest rates even and with fewer pledging families. Due to our Rector's declining health, our parish suffered from infrequent pastoral care. We learned that we could take charge of that important facet of parish life. We implemented a layperson team to make home/hospital/nursing home visits, taking communion to those in need. The Church of the Cross has only one young family among our parish family. We are primarily a parish of grandparents, with only one young family. We have not been effective in drawing younger families to our church family and know that is critical to the survival of the church. The Church of the Cross has stayed strong during this difficult time with the leadership of our Sub-Deacon, Bob Fogg.



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### Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Richard Roessler	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2019-06	2023-04

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Marjorie Floor	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	1995-02	2017-02

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Craig West	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	1995-02	1996-07

*Currently we have no children in our parish interested in church school. We do have facilities and people willing to support a Church School*

Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School

Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School

Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School



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Worshipping Community Web site: [Website -cocti.org](http://Website-cocti.org)

Media Links:

FaceBook - [chofcross](#)

Online References:

Languages Significantly Represented:

English

Provide Worship or Classes in:

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