

My name is Tom Richards. I am pastor of the Mexico New Life Church located on U.S. Highway 31 just north of Peru, Indiana. Our church has just disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church, and we have decided to continue as an independent community church serving the northern Miami County area in the Wesleyan Tradition. As a Bible Believing church, we believe that scripture is the Sole infallible rule of faith. I graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2008 and am now preparing to retire. I have been given the privilege of assisting in the recruitment the next pastor for this congregation.

The physical building is on one level with two large asphalt parking areas. There is a good-sized playground with equipment. The building, grounds, and parsonage have no mortgage and are debt free. The interior has a sanctuary with balcony, two large screens and modern audio-visual equipment. There is a large, well-equipped office for pastor including computer, printer, table and additional chairs, and bookcase. Another for the secretary is well furnished also. There is a large conference room, several Sunday school rooms, a nursery, and a large fellowship hall with a well-equipped kitchen.

I am including a copy of the proposed 2023 budget hoping you might share it with those graduating and called to preach the gospel. You will notice that the pastor's area of the budget totals \$67,412. The church owns a parsonage in the Mexico community which is older and may soon be sold. If that happened there would be a housing allowance for the pastor.

If there are those interested, I invite them to contact me in the following manner: My phone number is 260-330-5021. My email is tjrichards46@gmail.com.

I want to thank you in advance for assisting our community in locating the one has in mind.

Faithfully serving,
Tom Richards, Pastor