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To Seminary Students looking for a church to serve:

My name is Faylenne Slechta, I am the clerk of Session for the United Presbyterian Church of Vail, Iowa. For nearly a decade our church has successfully shared a pastor in mutual ministry with United Church, a Presbyterian/UCC congregation of Westside, Iowa. The purpose of this letter is to advertise our need for a pastor to fill our pulpits that was recently vacated by the retirement of our former pastor. The communalities in which the churches are located are on paved highway 30, five miles apart in west-central Iowa. Both Vail and Westside are friendly farming communities that recently celebrated the sesquicentennial since being settle by pioneer families.

Both church buildings are handicapped accessible and are in good repair. Neither church has a mortgage nor burdened by pressing budget problems. Members give generously to mission for those Jesus defined as the "the least" in Matthew 25. Both congregations own a manse, but are open for a called pastor to have the option of purchasing his/her home.

The social reality of dwindling numbers of members and attendance is a concern. But by faith we believe a pastor who can preach and will provide good pastoral care will find a supportive and loving yoked congregation that pays just compensation for responsible pastoral leadership.

*Yours in Christ,  
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