

Moving Forward Consulting

Pastor Eric Hulstrand

Information Sheet

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Over my 25+ years of pastoring, I have always had a heart for faith communities who are working through conflict and/or transitions. My experience is that it can be extremely helpful to enlist a competent outside or neutral party to help come alongside and guide through these troubled waters. This is especially true when emotions are running high!

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**How Does the Consulting Process Work? \***

- Initial diagnosis of the issues and/or struggles affecting the faith community. This is accomplished through surveys, face to face conversations, phone calls, emails and/or letters. The goal is to be as thorough as necessary to be able to understand the issues in a way that all feel understood.
- Meet with leadership to discuss my Observations and Recommendations that have emerged from the information gathering. Collaborate together with the insights and thoughts of leadership to prepare the public presentation of Observations and Recommendations.
- Present Observations and Recommendations to the faith community.
- Reflect with leadership on possible Next Steps. These could be a Healthy Congregations workshop, preaching series, mediating conversations between parties, etc.
- Make myself available for consultation on an on-going basis if needed and requested.

\*Every church and situation is unique, so the process of consulting with every church is tailored to fit. This process here is more specifically for a conflict situation.

**Pastoral Experience**

**ReaLife Church**

Lead Pastor and Founder - Church Plant  
*Founded LCMC church, meeting in a middle school.*

**2012-2017**

Bloomington, MN

**Trinity Lutheran of Minnehaha Falls**

Lead Pastor  
*Sole Pastor for a 950 member LCMC congregation. Supervised 15 full-time and part-time staff.*

**2006-2012**

Minneapolis, MN

**Portland Lutheran Parish**

Lead Pastor  
*6-church parish with 1,050 members in rural, eastern North Dakota.*

**1996-2006**

Portland, ND

**Tri-County Ministry**

Youth Pastor  
*8-church parish with 1,225 members in rural, eastern North Dakota.*

**1992-1996**

Binford, ND

## **Adjunct Professor**

**The Master's Institute Seminary, White Bear Lake, MN**

**2006-Present**

Instructor of two courses in "Pastoral Acts"

- Pastoral Acts: Loss, Grieving and Funerals
- Pastoral Acts: Marital and Pre-marital Ministry (co-teach with my wife, Pam Hulstrand)

**University of Northwestern St. Paul, Roseville, MN**

**2017-Present**

Instructor in "Care and Counseling" course for the Ministry Department

## **Certifications and Training**

**Conflict Mediation Certification Training:** Qualified to be an official mediator in the state of Minnesota.

**Myer's-Briggs Certification Training:** Qualified to lead teams and individuals in the MBTI for purposes of team building, conflict resolution and personal growth.

**Healthy Congregations Certification Training:** Qualified to lead congregations in the Healthy Congregations process for healing, visioning and conflict mediation.

**Intentional Interim Pastor Training:** Training to intentionally lead a congregation through the transition process of preparing for a healthy next pastorate.

## **Entrepreneur**

**Kairos, LLC**

**2004-Present**

Owner and Founder

Real estate company...currently own four 4-plexes in 3 different small towns.

## **Hobbies and Interests**

Biking, hunting, wilderness camping, hanging with my family, volleyball dad, action movies, and fitness.