

Congregational Profile CHRIST THE KING (San Diego)

Who We Are:

Christ The King (San Diego, ctksd.org) is Christ-centered and scripturally-rooted; a closely bonded group of mature families. We have a heart for the Lord and desire to love others and benefit our community; our primary goal is to increase our ministry to families with growing children. We are looking for the rector God has already set aside for us who will help us accomplish these goals.



We have two campuses in the communities of Poway and Ramona, part of San Diego's North County, California. Poway is a stable, suburban community with good schools and low crime rates; its history is rooted in agriculture and the city slogan is, "The City in the Country." Ramona is an unincorporated community comprised of several rural areas with ranches and farms, as well as two "golf course" communities. (*Please see community demographics at the end of this document for data on Poway and Ramona, including community and school websites).



We come from various denominational backgrounds and most have been committed Christians for many years. Our weekly attendance averages are 35 in Poway and 13 in Ramona. Our current roster lists 76 adults (26 couples; 24 singles). CTK has approximately 31 "giving units" and the CTK average annual pledge is \$4530.

What We Have:

We are invested in the following ministries:

- **PRAYER: Healing Prayer Ministry** – We have a prayer team at the ready to pray for anyone in need; prayers are communicated through an email list. We also have trained "Order of Saint Luke" prayer ministers available for in-person prayer after worship services. Our prayer team meets monthly with our interim rector to pray for our congregation and to pray for our communities through prayer walks (both virtual and in person). Our related **Prayers and Squares Quilting Ministry** is a dedicated group of women who create beautiful hand-made quilts, saturated in prayer and given to those in need of comfort and healing. Members of the congregation bless the quilt and are invited to tie the yarn ties while praying over them.
- **HOSPITALITY: Lenten Fish Fry** – Our Poway campus hosts Fish Fries on Fridays during the season of Lent to benefit our community (people can pre-order meals and also show up to eat). Many of our church members participate: providing food and accessories for the events, cooking the food, serving the food, advertising, promoting, and even bringing the food to neighbors who may be unable to travel to our church to partake. Our Ramona campus has weekly Wednesday

night **Lenten Soup Suppers** during the season of Lent at either a community club house or at the Town Hall (where we have our services). The church members volunteer to bring soup and drinks each week and we invite our friends and neighbors to join us for soup, Compline service, and prayers. The Ramona campus also hosts **Monthly Community BBQs** during the temperate months of the year. Our members trade off volunteering their homes and providing the main course. Other members in attendance bring sides, friends, neighbors, and guests for feasting and fellowship (no strings attached).

- **Kairos Prison Ministry (at Donovan State Prison)** – We have several of our congregation members (men only) actively participating in and facilitating the 4-day Kairos weekends and the 2-day retreats that happen twice a year (separate events). They also attend a weekly prayer and share meeting. The whole congregation supports the ministry through prayer, special offerings, and blessing the inmates with home-baked cookies for the frequent Kairos weekends. Folks can also volunteer to attend the last day celebration at the prison, if they so choose, and hear the testimonies of the inmates who are graduating from the weekend program. Two of our clergy are among the five men from the San Diego Deanery who serve on the Kairos of San Diego Advisory Council.

We are invested in mission that grants people opportunities to serve the wider community through events such as:

We are also regularly involved with a number of ongoing, episodic, or seasonal outreach ministries and events, such as: *Life Choices Pregnancy Center of Poway* (provides abortion clinic alternative services); *Youth in Transition* (serving about 200 homeless youth); *Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child* (samaritanspurse.org/occ); *North County Homeless Veterans Stand Down* (provides a “full service” four-day weekend retreat for many homeless vets as a respite from the streets); *Serve Ramona* (joint church effort to serve the community in Ramona, especially the homeless).

We also have several Bible studies to better equip our members and community:

- Wednesday early afternoon (Poway); led by our Deacon.
- Thursday evening (Ramona) Zoom Bible study; led each week by a different lay volunteer from our study group.
- We just completed a study of the new Catechism and are currently looking at the Biblical underpinnings of the 39 Articles (taught primarily by our interim rector), in order to better understand the foundation of our Anglican faith.



Our two campuses:

- The Poway campus entails a beautiful, mission-style worship space, including a dedicated sanctuary and a meeting hall with fully functioning kitchen. The kitchen provides the perfect hospitality vehicle to bless the surrounding residential area. The campus also has a large parking lot that provides ample parking for church attendees. There is an independent preschool, operating under the auspices of the property owner, and a residence; we see the preschool as providing ways for our church family to reach into our Poway community.
- The Ramona campus meets at the Ramona Town Hall, which offers two meeting rooms (one for church services and the other for fellowship), ample parking, and the potential for expansion. The Town Hall is located centrally on the main street of Ramona. We have many businesses within walking distance (restaurants, laundromat, bar, smoke shop, tattoo parlor, antique shops, etc.) and one block behind us has several apartment complexes and homes.



Both campuses offer the opportunity for community outreach and growth.



Our Staff:

We are blessed with resilient and adaptable staff, clergy, and laity who have organized live-streaming Sunday worship services, online morning and evening prayer, and various church meetings very quickly; as a community we have established some proficiency in using technology for outreach. They work hard to catechize the congregation – teaching, encouraging, informing.

Our associate rector visits with those in need (in our congregation and any who are brought to him from outside our church family, too). Outside of his work with Kairos, he provides pastoral visits for hospitalized congregants, often accompanying them to doctor's appointments and providing transportation and advocacy.

We rely heavily upon the role of deacon and have been blessed with a very helpful deacon; we believe he will work well with the new rector, working very hard behind the scenes. He is at our Poway campus most days, fine-tuning our online streaming process, maintaining the property, etc. He serves as the volunteer outreach coordinator and attends most of our congregational meetings: Vestry, Search

Committee, Healing Prayer Team, etc., fulfilling the role of Chaplain for those groups and providing Spiritual guidance and support. He facilitated training and support for our lay leaders to host online Morning and Evening prayer. He also does hospital, nursing home, and home visitations, taking the Eucharist when appropriate. He has been leading a Bible study at a local nursing home for over 17 years.

Our parish administrator is the glue that keeps us together. She is our main communicator and organizer: sending out several communiques via email each week, putting together our bulletin, coordinating between campuses, serving as Clerk of the Vestry. Her greatest contributions, though, are her sense of humor, positive encouragement, and her deep faith in the Lord.



Where We're Going:

Our goal is to grow, to reach into our communities and bring families into God's kingdom, to have more young people active in our parish; to have increased visibility and interaction within the communities we serve. We have an active online social media presence (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, our website) and we want to continue growing in those arenas.

Goals for Mission (Poway) – To increase our knowledge of the needs of the Poway community to better understand and serve it; to establish, maintain, and strengthen relationships with families in the preschool with the end goal of providing a path for them to come to a relationship with Christ; to acquire and utilize resources to provide and promote a Spanish language service to better serve our local Hispanic community; to continue virtual (and actual, when feasible) prayer walks through our neighborhood; to grow in membership strength and purchase the Poway campus when it is offered for sale.

Goals for Mission (Ramona) – To establish, maintain, and strengthen relationships with the businesses and residential communities close to us with the end goal of providing a path for them to come to a relationship with Christ; to develop relationships with the local churches to identify ways we can collaborate for the good of the community; to acquire and utilize resources to provide and promote a Spanish language service or Bible study to better serve our local Hispanic community.

Goal for Ministry – to increasingly mobilize our lay leaders who understand our calling in Christ as lay people to practice our ministries in work, community, and relationships.

Goals for Worship – to continue to provide in-person services in Poway and Ramona and stream our services online from Poway; to provide morning and evening prayer (via Zoom) to encourage deeper personal worship for members and seekers alike who join us; to increasingly glorify God in our lives, at home and at church by the use of God-honoring music; to embrace the community by bringing worship out to it (e.g., mass on the grass, caroling, community concert, etc.).

Goal for Disciple-making – to be a multi-generational church; to have a strong, ongoing discipleship curriculum and laity training; to facilitate a program to support marriages commencing at the beginning

of 2021; to host a program for families (through Resilient Kids); to have an Alpha program (or something similar) for those new to our faith; to increase our impact on the community in such a way that families, the elderly, and children are benefiting from our ministries.

Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by boldly following where the Lord leads us in worship, teaching, fellowship, healing, and serving the needs of others in the power of the Holy Spirit. We have a solid and faithful core of believers and it is our desire to take what we have, what makes us such a beautiful family, and bring it to the world. We see this happening in some of the following ways:

- Creating disciple-making groups to grow new Christians (Alpha program to be a part of this)
- To be outwardly focused – both personally and corporately – to engage with our community and seek the lost.
- To actively share the gospel and the good news with our families, our friends, and our community.
- Remain in constant communication with the Holy Spirit and follow His direction.
- Be intentional with our vision and growth; checking in regularly and making sure we are headed in the right direction.
- Initiate community action programs, such as: literacy assistance, bilingual or Spanish led Bible studies, family and marriage support groups, grief share groups, mentoring programs [Seniors sharing their faith and experience with seeking and growing youth], Mom and tot groups, Habitat for Humanity type weekends, Senior care and home help [tech support, changing light bulbs, medication pick-up, doctors' visits, basic check-ins], rummage sale to support the homeless, youth groups/elementary school activities/programs.
- Solicit the youth and young adults of our community who are musically inclined to create a praise and worship band.
- Meet with other churches to see how we can work together to benefit our community.

As leaders and members of our church we commit to prayerfully, actively, and intentionally apply our energy toward the goals and desires mentioned previously. We seek a rector who actively seeks to guide, encourage, disciple, and empower us to reach these goals and go beyond them. We desire a shepherd who has the skills and energy to help us develop concrete action steps to reach our goals and grow the Kingdom of God. Our candidate will have an innate ability to see the potential in others and pair them with those who can help them fulfil their calling. Our desired rector will see beyond the comfortable and will find unique ways to bring our solid, Biblically-based, liturgical worship out into the world. This person will also help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of the Word of God by intuitive and culture-relevant teaching of the Bible (through sermons, Bible studies, and any other dissemination that will best inform and encourage our walk with the Lord).

If you sense that God may be calling you to consider Christ the King and if you see yourself as someone who might lead us to step toward the goals we have discerned from the Lord, please send your contact information, a brief letter of interest, and a resume of Ministry Experience and Education to: newrector4ctksd@gmail.com.

***Christ The King - AREA DEMOGRAPHICS BY ZIP CODES**

CTK services four primary zip codes:

	92064 Poway	92129 San Diego	92128 San Diego	92065 Ramona
Median Income	\$71,385	\$77,851	\$66,676	\$60,404
Owner Occupied Homes	77.5%	72.1%	71.6%	75.1%
Median House Cost	\$998,938	\$692,950	\$559,500	\$554,500
College Degree	38.8%	50.9%	50.7%	23.1%
Professional	44.1%	53.2%	55.9%	36.1%
Population	48,189	47,218	42,642	33,038
Avg House Size	3.0	3.1	2.2	3.0
Median Age	36.9	34.3	41.8	35.6
Married	64.3%	66.6%	64.2%	64.6%
White	76.8%	57.8%	74.8%	77.8%
Black	1.7%	2.9%	1.5%	0.4%
Asian	7.0%	26.2%	14.3%	1.6%
Hispanic	10.6%	7.9%	6.1%	17.1%

Some helpful local sites for our communities:

Poway Unified School District: <https://www.powayusd.com/>

City of Poway – Community Services: <https://poway.org/204/Community-Services---Parks-Recreation>

Poway Interfaith Team: <http://powayinterfaithteam.com/>

Ramona Unified School District: <https://www.ramonausd.net/>

Serve Ramona (an interfaith community action and outreach group):
https://www.facebook.com/pg/HollyLucasWhite/about/?ref=page_internal