

# Transition Ministry Conference Website Form

[www.transitionministryconference.org](http://www.transitionministryconference.org)

**DIOCESE:** NEW JERSEY

**PARISH:** Christ Episcopal Church

**WEBSITE and/or FACEBOOK PAGE:**

<http://www.christchurchmiddletown.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchMiddletown/>

<https://www.instagram.com/christchurchmiddletown/>

**CITY:** Middletown

**COMMUNITY** (check one):

Urban

**Suburban x**

Rural

Town

**# OF COMMUNICANTS IN GOOD STANDING:** 325

**AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE** (From Parochial Report): 108

**CHURCH SCHOOL POPULATION:**

# of Children: 40

# of Adults: 39

# of Teachers: 11

**BUDGET** (From Parochial Report Total Operating Expenses): \$385,046

**HEALTH BENEFITS:**

Clergy Only

Clergy +1

**Full family X**

Negotiable

None

**HOUSING:**

**Allowance X**

Supplied

Housing for 1

Housing for 2  
Housing for 3  
Housing for 4  
Housing for 5  
Housing for 6  
Negotiable  
None

**EQUITY ALLOWANCE:**

Yes  
**No X**  
Negotiable

**LITURGICAL STYLE** (check all that apply):

Anglo-Catholic  
**Broad Church X**  
Charismatic  
**Contemporary X**  
Emergent  
Morning Prayer  
Non-traditional  
Prayer Book X  
Renewal  
Rite I  
**Rite II X**

**STRENGTHS** (500 characters including spaces and punctuation):

Multiple Rite II worship options: Saturday 5:30 p.m. (at times contemporary/Taize), Sunday: 8AM music-free; 10AM traditional music with choir, bells & organ. Parishioners of all ages! We care for each other. Our signature coffee hour incorporates newcomers. We are ministry-oriented: faith becomes action as we share our talents with loving service. One campus with two beautiful church buildings, recently updated facilities. Our 316-year history gives us confidence that God is not done with us yet.

**CHALLENGES** (500 characters including spaces and punctuation):

Like many churches, membership is down from 10 years ago. Over the past three years, we have seen growth in young families and we continue increasing membership. Our financial situation is much improved, but still needs attention. Our parish ministries have been stable for quite some time. We recently improved our physical plant and wonder how best to use it. We welcome a new priest's help in perceiving where we are being called as we acknowledge "To whom much is given, much is required."

**COMMENTS** (500 characters including spaces and punctuation):

We value engaging, thought-provoking preaching, and quality Christian Education, for children, youth and adults. Priest, wardens, vestry and parish work collaboratively. Vestry members each manage a ministry portfolio. We enjoy many yearly fellowship events, and care for each other and for our neighbors in need. We seek a pastor who will walk with us, encourage us, challenge us, and care for us.