

I'm going to Living Savior Lutheran Church in Fairfax Station, VA! It's a suburb of Washington D.C., about 30 minutes from downtown and 15 minutes from the Pentagon. My supervisor will be Pastor Andrew Lissy, and I will be the 13th vicar they have there. The congregation itself has a membership of about 360, and worships about 160 a Sunday split between 2 services, so similar in size to Faith. They also have a Pre-K school of about 45 kids. Apparently, the church is quite heavily military, with 60-75% of the congregation either currently in the military, a veteran, or a civilian contractor for the military, which I am actually super excited about, because I happen to love working with military people. Apparently, according to Dr. Nielson, the Director of Vicarage Placement here, that was also a big reason he chose to send me there, so I'm very glad with the placement. As a bonus, it comes with a parsonage on church property all to myself, with 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, a three-car garage, a giant porch, and almost 2 acres of space! I keep joking that if anyone ever wanted to visit D.C., now's the time! But it will be fantastic for my parents and my kids to come visit and stay at; we're already talking about doing Christmas up there. I'll also finally get to visit the Marine Corps Museum, which has an awesome bar on the second floor that's a recreation of Tun Tavern, the place where the Marines got started back in 1775. All in all, I'm very happy with the vicarage I've been placed at, although I'll have to wait until July 27th to actually go out there and get started.

Thank you, Pastor Schneider, and the congregation there at Faith for being so supportive! I look forward to seeing you all soon!

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