

Profile of Pastor

1. Name: Wilko Hunger

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2. Personal history:

Date of birth: 2 July 1977

Where I grew up: Emden, Lower Saxony, Germany

Where I went to school: Emden, Lower Saxony, Germany

3. Marital status: divorced

4. Studies:

Where and when I studied theology?

University of Münster, Germany (1998-2005)

Any subsequent/other studies or previous occupations

Studies in Philosophy and French

Work for the German Seamen's Mission in Emden (Germany) and Douala (Cameroon)

5. Congregations and positions in which I served:

Where? Cadenberge (Church of Hanover, Germany) – Vicar (internship)

From 2005 until 2008

Where? Dorum and Padingbüttel (Church of Hanover, Germany) – Pastor

From 2008 until 2017

Where? North Rand Congregation (NELCSA) – Pastor

From 2017 until today

Deputy to the Dean in Central Circuit since 2019

6. Personal strengths and interests

in general: I am quite well organised, and I am curious on technical stuff (which was a help during the pandemic). Communication is important for me – I include as many people as possible in discussions and decisions.

in church: I love celebrating creative and comforting church services. I had trainings in solution-oriented counselling because I believe we should not focus on problems but on ways to solve them working together.

7. Hobbies: Sport (running, cycling), music (guitar, trumpet, accordion), photography, cooking

8. What do you think, makes church relevant to people and society today?

A world where people are categorized based on their origin, skin colour, culture, education level and sexual orientation needs reconciliation. A world in which everyone is defined by their performance needs the message of God's unconditional love. We need to spread that message to heal people and societies all over the world.