

CHICAGO NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT Reverend Zaki L. Zaki, District Superintendent (zlzaki@umcnic.org)

Skokie: Central (Full Time)

Skokie: Central (membership 225, average attendance 95) is located in one of the most diverse communities in the country, with 90+ languages spoken in the schools. The congregation reflects this diversity within the congregation and within the five other independent congregations that meet in Central's three buildings (Korean, Filipino, Haitian, Arabic, Assyrian). The church's motto is: "Keeping God Central, in hearts, minds, and lives."

The congregation seeks a pastor who affirms diversity and is strong in: inspiring and inclusive worship; community-building skills; developing new leaders (reflecting the congregation's diversity); finding new ways of missional outreach into the community; increasing the financial stewardship of the congregation; and in creatively using, managing, and improving Central's facilities.