bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you God has placed you.”

Next to faith, this is the highest art — to be content with the calling in which love of Christ. To learn more about mission interpreters and their ministry, difference in people’s lives: stories that affirm the congregation’s past or and share stories of ways in which your congregation’s ministry has made a interpreters can play an important role in your congregation as part of that purpose. Rath created a unique assessment tool to help each person align is that we already serve others; having a greater awareness of that inspires Discover How You Contribute to the World Along these lines, check out Tom Rath’s new book people internalize this sense of call, then congregational ministries become our congregation or denomination does not organize those opportunities. If calls all of us to invest in the common good, including financially, even when world a better place; we also raise and multiply disciples and stewards who concerned, not to diminish how critical organized religion is but to keep clear for our congregations and denomination. As good Lutherans, how do we give and serve. Involvement in a couple of congregations since then has blessed my life with shoots of faith during my college years and introduced me to my future wife. congregational life from Day One. Lutheran campus ministry nurtured the influenced my life. I grew up a pastor’s kid seemingly immersed in we collectively pay our congregation’s bills? Maybe being challenged to we do on Sunday morning, and that stewardship is so much more than how so much more than what necessarily avoided church campuses to maintain physical distance from Here is one possibility I’ve been contemplating. As churchgoers have forward. What might that look like in this particular case? Despite that experience, I can easily see how faith gets “churchified,” as if leave the building, as difficult as this has been, will bear fruit in ways we do on Sunday morning, and its impact on daily life. Members seemed Six years ago, pastors at Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, Minn., became painfully aware of the disconnect between what happened we could never have imagined.却 never have imagined.