

How a Megachurch Pastor Became the Democratic Party's Biggest Gamble in Kansas

The Rev. Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, has secured the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate after emerging victorious from an 11-candidate primary, setting up a November showdown with incumbent Republican Sen. Roger Marshall. But Hamilton's path to the general election is already drawing national attention for more than his pastoral resume. It's also raising fresh questions about the increasingly blurred lines between the pulpit and politics, according to Fox News Digital.

Hamilton, a longtime United Methodist pastor known nationwide for leading one of the country's largest mainline Protestant congregations, entered the race as a political newcomer. Yet his campaign quickly became a financial powerhouse, raising more than \$4 million after launching earlier this year, according to Fox News Digital. That fundraising advantage helped propel him past 10 Democratic opponents and positions him as the party's standard-bearer in a state where Democrats have faced steep odds for generations.



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According to the Associated Press, Kansas has not elected a Democrat to the U.S. Senate since 1932, underscoring just how difficult Hamilton's path to victory will be despite his strong fundraising operation.

The AP also reported that Hamilton raised nearly \$4.4 million after entering the race in February, while Marshall entered

the general election with a significantly larger cash reserve after facing little opposition in the Republican primary.

The race is already taking on a distinctly faith-centered tone.

Marshall told Fox News Digital that Hamilton is a “woke, big megachurch pastor” whose own sermons, he believes, will ultimately shape voters’ opinions.

“All we have to do is share his own sermons with the Kansas people, and they’re gonna realize that he’s too woke for Kansas,” Marshall told Fox News Digital.

As November approaches, people across the country will be watching closely—not only to see who wins a Senate seat, but also to observe how one of America’s best-known mainline pastors navigates the political arena.

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