

# CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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 Presbytery Foothills Candidacy Date Currently an Inquirer, candidacy anticipated September 2011  
 Home Congregation Westminster Presbyterian Church

**1. TYPES OF POSITIONS**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor (Christian Education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Tent Maker/Part-time)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor (Youth)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Yoked/Multiple)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Pastor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Solo)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Designated Pastor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Head of Staff)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mission Pastor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (New Church Development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campus Minister	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Redevelopment)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaplain	

**2. TYPES OF COMMUNITIES & CHURCH SIZES**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 100 members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village	<input type="checkbox"/> Inner City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-250- members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 251-400 members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 401-650 members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retirement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 651-1000 members
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1001-1500 members
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1501 +

**3. RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE** (List most recent first)

Church/Agency	City/State	Position	Dates	Part/Full Time
Rock Spring Presbyterian Church	Atlanta, GA	Seminary Intern & Youth Director	May 2009-Present	Part time
Westminster Presbyterian Church	Greenville, SC	Church Intern	September – December 2007	Part Time
Daniel Memorial Chapel, Furman University	Greenville, SC	Chapel Intern	September 2006 – June 2007	Part Time

**4. LIST THE 10 PRIMARY SKILL CHOICES FROM THE PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM:**

Preaching	Organization/Administration
Adult Ministry	Corporate Worship/Sacraments
Youth Ministry	Communication (Written/Oral)
Pastoral Care	Congregational Fellowship
Teaching	Ecumenical and Interfaith Activities

**5. FORMAL EDUCATION** (List most recent first)

<b>Institution</b>	<b>City/State</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA	Master of Divinity	2008-2011	Master of Divinity
Furman University	Greenville, SC	History, Religion	2003-2007	Bachelor of Arts

**6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

Dean's Scholarship – 2008-2009  
Merit Scholarship – 2009-2011  
Student Nominating Committee, Senior Class Representative – 2010-2011

**7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:**

I am open to traveling wherever God calls, and am looking forward to potentially experiencing new places.

**8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:**

Having grown up in the church, I knew early on that I had been claimed by God and would spend my life in the church. However, I did not expect the journey on which God would take me to seminary and beyond, and I stand in awe and gratitude for the ways in which God has changed and moved me.

I grew up in small town Mississippi in a faith tradition that I no longer call my own but name as an invaluable and formative experience. I was baptized, taught, loved, and raised in that church, and I firmly believe that God placed me there as part of my ongoing call. It was not until I was in college, however, that I found the Presbyterian Church and began to discern a call as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. It was through the support of my newfound home church and a number of campus ministries that I embraced a call to ministry and entered Columbia Theological Seminary.

My time in seminary has been transformative, to say the least. I have learned more than I ever expected and have been delighted by the ways that God has been revealed to me through classes, relationships, and other experiences. I have been blessed to serve a local church as Seminary Intern and Youth Director for the past two years, including a 12 week period as the primary worship leader in the absence of a called pastor. Experiencing both school and work together has been both challenging and life-giving, giving me a deeper sense of who God is calling me to be as a church leader.

Within the church I am passionate particularly about worship, education, and hospitality. Most of all, I value the relationships we build with each other and in the world – nothing delights me more than to see a church family that embraces each other as quickly as they do a stranger. I believe that church leaders have the responsibility to facilitate the call of each church member so that we may all serve Christ as a united body.

While I love church and cannot see myself anywhere else, I have also come to appreciate personal time and self care. I love to cook, travel, read novels and other fiction, and get lost in good conversation. I also enjoy being creative and have a very small (but very fun and relaxing!) hobby business making repurposed vintage jewelry.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing about all the ways in which God is moving in your church.

