

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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1. TYPES OF POSITIONS

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

2. TYPES OF COMMUNITIES & CHURCH SIZES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under 100 members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village	<input checked="" 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
Emory University PCM	Atlanta, GA	Campus Ministry Intern	August 2008-May 2009	part-time
Ormewood Park Presbyterian	Atlanta, GA	Pastoral Intern	Sept. 2007 – Sept. 2008	part-time
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA	Teaching Assistant	Summer 2007	part-time
Fairview Presbyterian Church	Lawrenceville, GA	Director of Youth Ministries	Mar. 2006 – Sept. 2007	part-time
Teach for America	Houston, TX/Atlanta, GA	Teacher	June 2005 – 2006	full-time
Indiana University Residential Programs and Services	Bloomington, IN	Resident Assistant and Honors Program Leader	Aug. 2003 –Jan. 2005	part-time
Indiana University Center on Evaluation and Education Policy	Bloomington, IN	Project Assistant	June 2004 – June 2005	full - (summer) part - (school year)
Geneva Center Summer Camp	Rochester, IN	Camp Counselor	Summers 2001 and 2002	full-time

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

Communication (written/oral)	Teaching
Corporate Worship & Administration of the Sacraments	Small Membership Church Ministry
Development of New Educational Experiences	Administrative Leadership
Preaching	Congregational Fellowship
Scholarship	Problem Solving/Decision Making

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

Institution	City/State	Major	Dates	Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA		Feb. 2006 – May 2009	M.Div
Indiana University Hutton Honors College	Bloomington, IN	English Literature	Aug. 2001 – May 2005	B.A.

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Columbia Scholarship Award (2006-2009)
Fund for Theological Education Ministry Fellowship (2006-2007)
Fund for Theological Education Conference on Excellence in Ministry, Worship Leader (2007)
Presbyterian Church USA Study Grant (2007-2009)
Omaha Seminary Foundation Scholarship Award (2008-2009)
East Lake Scholar (*urban ministry initiative*) (2007-2008)
Theological Student Advisory Delegate to the 218th General Assembly (2008)
Presbyterian Church USA Committee on Theological Education (2008-2012)
Junior Class Representative (2006-2007)
Middler Class President (2007-2008)
Co-Convener, Imago Dei (2007-2008)
Student Coordinating Council Vice President (2008-2009)

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

none

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

I cannot talk about myself without talking about the people and experiences that have nurtured (and continue to nurture!) me through my journey into the life of ministry. I am the daughter of two fantastic parents who have shown me God's love and grace throughout my entire life, the sister of a fun-loving brother who is a constant demonstration of God's joyful Spirit, and the future-spouse of a friend whose indiscriminating care is an inspiration to my own ministry. I am a member of a church family that celebrates Christ's reconciling love through regular acts of faithful worship, fellowship, justice, and stewardship – their care for me (even at a distance) has been a constant reminder of what it means to understand the church as "the body of Christ".

Prior to attending Columbia Theological Seminary I had the opportunity to serve as a teacher in both the Houston Independent Public Schools and the Atlanta Public Schools through a program called Teach for America. This experience opened my eyes to disparities in our educational and economic systems, two issues I hold very close to my heart. My time in the Atlanta Public Schools also placed me in a new cultural setting – one in which I was the minority in many ways. During this time it was my faith in Christ that provided much common ground between my own life experience and the experiences of my colleagues and my students' families. It was during this time that my particular call to ordained Christian ministry was solidified.

While in seminary, I have had the opportunity to continue the work I began as a teacher in church settings, urban mission settings (like the East Lake Scholars program) and as a teaching assistant at the seminary. My love of the classroom and my call as a theological educator have both been affirmed through these experiences.

In my year-long internship at Ormewood Park Presbyterian Church I was loved into the role of pastor by a profound mentor and Spirit-filled parishioners. This thirty-five member congregation taught me many things about what it means to be church: demonstrating the love of God, desiring to follow Christ, remaining to the Holy Spirit, and maintaining a good sense of humor. Though monetary resources may have been scarce, this congregation never failed to astound me with their energy and willingness to serve. During my time at Ormewood I was able to embrace my pastoral gifts for preaching, care-giving, and administration as well as continue grow as an educator.

I am a strong believer in the call process; it has not let me down yet. As I continue to remain open to how the Spirit is working in my vocational call, I am thankful for the many blessings God has granted me in my present situation. I have loved my time in seminary and the opportunity it has given me to practice balancing academics and internships with leisure activities like running, reading, movies, and spending time with my friends. It was through the seminary community that I met my future spouse, and in April of 2009 he and I will begin life as a clergy couple. Though our calls to ministry look very different, we are excited to see how God intends to put our gifts to use.

I thank you for allowing me to share some of the people and places that have meant so much in my faith journey and I look forward to hearing about your church's life, goals, and ongoing witness to Christ.

