

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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 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 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 checked="" 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 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
<u>Grady Memorial Hospital</u>	<u>Atlanta, GA</u>	<u>Chaplain Intern</u>	<u>Sept-Dec 2010</u>	<u>PT</u>
<u>Gum Creek Pres. Church</u>	<u>Oxford, GA</u>	<u>Youth Director</u>	<u>Jan 2009-Aug 2010</u>	<u>PT</u>
<u>First Pres. Church of Wahoo</u>	<u>Wahoo, NE</u>	<u>Pastor Intern</u>	<u>June 2010-Aug 2010</u>	<u>FT</u>
<u>YMCA</u>	<u>Lincoln, NE</u>	<u>Camp Counselor</u>	<u>Summer 2005-2008</u>	<u>PT</u>
<u>Doane College</u>	<u>Crete, NE</u>	<u>Resident Assistant</u>	<u>Aug 2005-May 2008</u>	<u>PT</u>
<u>Camp Calvin Crest (Homestead Presbytery)</u>	<u>Fremont, NE</u>	<u>Camp Counselor</u>	<u>Summer 2004</u>	<u>FT</u>

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

<u>Administrative Leadership</u>	<u>Involvement in Mission Beyond the Local Church</u>
<u>Communication (Written/Oral)</u>	<u>Pastoral Care</u>
<u>Corporate Worship/Sacraments</u>	<u>Preaching</u>
<u>Cross Cultural Collaboration/Cultural Proficiency</u>	<u>Spiritual Development</u>
<u>Evangelism</u>	<u>Teaching</u>

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

Institution	City/State	Major	Dates	Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA	Religious Studies and Philosophy; Minor in Psychology	September 2008- Present	Masters of Divinity
Doane College	Crete, NE		August 2004- May 2008	Bachelors of Arts

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

- Awarded Columbia Scholarship from Columbia Theological Seminary (2008-Present) (initially awarded with essay application, renewable each year with GPA of at least 3.5)
- Planned and conducted multiple campus chapel services (2008-Present)
- Approved Mid-Course Assessment (April 2010) (faculty recommendation for continuance of M.Div. program and graduation)
- Chosen to attend Jamaica Alternative Context course (January 2010)
- Teaching Assistant for Introductory Hebrew at Columbia Theological Seminary (September-December 2009)

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

None. My fiancé and I are open and excited to go wherever the Lord guides us.

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

I was born and raised in Lincoln, NE in a family of five: my mother and father, two younger brothers, and myself. Church has always played a significant part in my life. My family attended and was very active at Westminster Presbyterian Church. However, while I was in middle school, faith became personal to me outside of the church through a Fellowship of Christian Athletes leader. He said that faith is a relationship with Jesus Christ, and I have been discerning what this relationship entails ever since. In my sophomore year of high school I had an emotional, spiritual, and physical breakdown caused by my perfectionist personality. I learned that having a relationship with Christ means giving my life over to God and following God's guidance through life instead of following my own plans. Later that year, I received my call to ministry in the back balcony of the sanctuary during a worship service. After a time of discernment, I set forth to follow God's guidance. I attended Doane College in Crete, NE where I double majored in Religious Studies and Philosophy with a minor in Psychology in preparation for seminary. I then felt called to Columbia Theological Seminary which was a big leap of faith. It was my first time living outside the Midwest and the first time I set foot on campus was the day I moved-in.

My experience at Columbia has reaffirmed that this is where God called me to be and the nature of my ministerial calling. I was awarded the Columbia Scholarship which is the highest scholarship awarded to entering students. I have enjoyed and also been challenged by studying such areas as preaching, theology, biblical studies, and church and program administration. The Columbia community has also taught me how to be a more engaged member of a community and how God calls us to love and care for others. My field experience in youth ministry, Alternative Context course in Jamaica, a pastoral internship, a chaplaincy internship in a hospital setting, and working with the GAMC's Evangelism and Church Growth ministry have deeply impacted my understanding of ministry. I have also gained invaluable ministry experience and developed ministerial skills and passions in areas such as evangelism, cross-cultural ministry, pastoral care, preaching, leading worship, and missions. It excites me to think how these skills and passions may be applied and matured within the church to reveal God's presence and perform God's ministry in the world. The church's support has also reaffirmed my calling. I am currently a Candidate and will be eligible for final evaluation this May. However, I have already begun circulating my PIF and searching for a call with the permission of my CPM.

As I approach graduation, I not only look forward to beginning my ministerial call but also to marrying Rudi, my fiancé and best friend. We began dating our senior years at Doane while we were both RA's and will be married this June. She is a 7th grade resource teacher, and a volleyball and basketball coach in Nebraska. Our long distance relationship the last three years has really given us the experience of struggling in the wilderness of the unknown. I have learned how to fully trust God's will in these times and how important this trust is to making it to the promised land. We know that if God can guide us through this desert, God will guide us through anything. We have also learned the power that love has to overcome all obstacles when grounded in Christ.

I have learned the need for self-care through the numerous life experiences discussed above. I enjoy spending time with Rudi, my family, and friends. Athletics have always played a large role in my life and they continue to do so. Along with being an avid sports fan, I workout regularly in such ways as running, weightlifting, or playing sports with peers. I also enjoy reading whatever happens to catch my fancy at the moment.

My life experiences have shown me that when following God's guidance God will create a path through any wilderness. As Rudi and I enter the unknown future, we are trusting in God's guidance once more. We are open and excited to discern where God is calling us to be; wherever the path may lead us. I am very excited at the possibility of God putting my skills and passions to use wherever God calls me and how God will further develop me through what your church has to teach me. Please contact me if you feel God may be leading our paths to unite, it excites me to think of the innumerable ways we could perform God's work together.

