

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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 Home Congregation Myers Park Presbyterian

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 – Interim
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Solo)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Designated Pastor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Head of Staff)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Pastor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (New Church Development)	<input type="checkbox"/> Campus Minister	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Redevelopment)	<input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain	

2. TYPES OF COMMUNITIES & CHURCH SIZES

<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 100 members
<input type="checkbox"/> Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inner City	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 401-650 members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban	<input 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
Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church	Mount Pleasant, SC	Summer Intern	May 2008-July 2008	Full
Charlotte Regional Outreach Spirituality and Study	Charlotte, NC	Summer Assistant Director	May 2003-August 2003	Full

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

<u>Corporate Worship/Sacraments</u>	<u>Defining Program Needs</u>
<u>Leadership of Staff/Volunteers</u>	<u>Organization/Administration</u>
<u>PCUSA Polity/Constitutional Knowledge</u>	<u>Preaching</u>
<u>Training Volunteers</u>	<u>Urban Ministry</u>
<u>Young Adult Ministry</u>	<u>Youth Ministry</u>

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

Institution	City/State	Major	Dates	Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA		Sept. 2006-May 2009	M. Div.
University of North Carolina Wilmington	Wilmington, NC	English	Aug 2002-May 2006	B.A.

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Seminary Challenge Scholarship; Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC; 2006
Presbyterian Study Grant; PC(USA); 2007
50th Anniversary Scholarship; St. John's Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV; 2008
Athletics and Recreation Co-Coordinator; Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA; 2007-2009
Scripture Reading Practicum TA; Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA; 2007
Worship and Convocations Committee; Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA; 2007-2008

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

I am really open to anywhere, but my first choice in geographical location would be the southeast: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, West Virginia, Eastern Tennessee and Kentucky.

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

Growing up in Charlotte, NC, I attended Myers Park High School and Myers Park Presbyterian Church. In high school I participated in chamber choir and some of the school musical productions and loved my English and History classes, but most of my significant extracurricular activities took place at church, where I was a leader in the youth group, a member of the choir, and an active participant in the life of the church, including a Vacation Bible School teacher, a confirmation teacher, a mission trip chaperone, and a representative on a trip to our sister church in Debrecen, Hungary. I also loved spending time at Montreat with my church and my family, and am currently able to continue that passion by being a part of the Montreat Middle School Conference planning team for 2009.

I attended college at the University of North Carolina Wilmington where I was an English major and Women's Studies minor. I was active for 3 years in the Association for Campus Entertainment (ACE), the campus programming board responsible for bringing movies, entertainers, lecturers, musicians, and organizing festivals and events. My senior year I was the Homecoming Chair and worked with my committee to coordinate Homecoming and spirit week events. Additionally, during the summer between my freshman and sophomore years, I spent the summer in Charlotte working with the Charlotte Regional Outreach Spirituality and Study (CROSS), a ministry of my home church that coordinates mission trips for groups to come to Charlotte and work at agencies in the area. This experience was quite formative both through my work with the church groups who came to visit and with the people – employees and clients – of the agencies with which we worked.

My call (and it literally was a call) to seminary came in December of my senior year at UNCW when a representative from MPPC called and requested to meet with me when I came home for break. At my meeting with that committee, they offered me the opportunity to go to seminary. My home church would pay all the expenses for my first year and if I liked it, then I could continue and they would help support me. If I decided ministry was not the direction in which I was called, then I didn't have to continue after that first year and I wouldn't have to pay them back or owe them anything for that first year.

Thankfully, my first year at Columbia was fantastic and I realized that I really was called to ministry. In true Calvinist form, my external call was confirmed by an internal call discovered at CTS. In seminary, I have been an active participant in the community, attending chapel, participating in campus events and committees, and serving as the Athletics and Recreations Co-coordinator, responsible for organizing our weekly athletics events in addition to special events such as field trips, parties and social gatherings.

Another great thing that has come out of my time at seminary has been meeting my fiancé, AJ Mealor. AJ, a graduate of Presbyterian College and a native of Tucker, GA is pursuing his M.Div. as well. We are getting married in Charlotte on June 27, 2009, and wedding planning has become a significant part of my life over the past few months. The other important family members in my life are my mom, Nancy, who works for a networking company in Charlotte, and my brother, Taylor, currently a junior in high school.

