

# CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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Home Congregation Westminster By-the-Sea Presbyterian Church Daytona Beach Shores, FL

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Yoked/Multiple)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor (Other)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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>Columbia Seminary</u>	<u>Decatur, GA</u>	<u>Hebrew Teaching Assistant</u>	<u>Fall 2009</u>	<u>Part-time</u>
<u>Columbia Presbyterian Church</u>	<u>Decatur, GA</u>	<u>Kids Club Leader</u>	<u>Sept 2007-May 2010</u>	<u>Part-time</u>
<u>Tampa General Hospital</u>	<u>Tampa, FL</u>	<u>Chaplain</u>	<u>Summer 2009</u>	<u>Full-time</u>
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	<u>Brandon, FL</u>	<u>Pastoral Intern</u>	<u>Summer 2008</u>	<u>Full-time</u>
<u>University of Florida</u>	<u>Gainesville, FL</u>	<u>Student Teacher - Music</u>	<u>Spring 2007</u>	<u>Full-time</u>
<u>Westminster By-the-Sea Presbyterian Church</u>	<u>Daytona Beach, FL</u>	<u>Youth Director</u>	<u>2003-2007</u>	<u>Part-time</u>

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

<u>Teaching</u>	<u>Communication (Written/Oral)</u>
<u>Conflict Management/Mediation Skills</u>	<u>Community Service and Leadership</u>
<u>Hospital and Emergency Visitation</u>	<u>Family Ministry</u>
<u>Leading Music Ministry</u>	<u>Pastoral Care</u>
<u>Children's Ministry</u>	<u>Preaching</u>

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

<b>Institution</b>	<b>City/State</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Columbia Seminary	Decatur, GA	N/A	July 2007-May 2010	MDiv
The University of Florida	Gainesville, FL	Music Education	Aug 2002-May 2007	BM
Salzburg College (Study Abroad)	Salzburg, Austria	Flute Performance/ Music History	Summer 2005	N/A

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

Columbia Scholarship Award (2007-2010)  
Senior Class Representative (2009-2010)  
Community Life/Discrimination & Inclusiveness Faculty Committee, student member (2009-2010)  
Company of New Pastors (2009-2010)  
Hebrew Teaching Assistant (2009)  
Seminary Assistant at the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008)

**7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:**

My fiancé is currently employed in Tampa, FL, and it is likely we will need to be in the central/west Florida area.

**8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:**

Twenty five years ago, God formed me in my mother's womb and brought me into this world. I was brought not only into the arms of a mother, father, and two brothers, but into a Presbyterian church family in the small town of Malvern, Arkansas. It was there that I was baptized, loved and nurtured during my first year of life.

A year later, my father was called to serve at Westminster By-the-Sea Presbyterian Church in Daytona Beach, FL. I began attending Sunday school, children's choir, and Vacation Bible School at the church while training in gymnastics and dance after school. During my early teen years, I began attending youth group, adult choir, and Presbyterian Youth Council while playing flute in middle school, high school, and church. Around that same time, I decided I wanted to become a band director when I grew up. I had it all planned out: I would go to college, major in Music Education, and begin to teach children about the passion I had for music. *And so I did.*

I began my schooling at the University of Florida and spent my summers on mission trips, at youth conferences, and at church camps for children and youth. During my sophomore year of college, God whispered into my ear at a middle school youth retreat. This passion for music, for children, and for life would all begin to carry into my passion for Jesus, for teaching, and for leadership. I would graduate college with a degree in Music Education and go to seminary. *And so I did.*

I am now a senior at Columbia Theological Seminary. God has brought me to new and unforeseen places along the way, and every time I feel God point me in new directions, I try and follow faithfully. I have been truly grateful to be at Columbia Seminary along this journey – I believe it to be a place where I can study, openly discuss, and begin to unveil some of the great beliefs, truths, and mysteries of our faith. My friendships made both in college and seminary have helped to affirm my call, seek deeper questions, work for justice, and find laughter in the small things in life. I am also excited to say I am getting married to my future spouse, Brian Carswell, on April 10, 2010. While Brian's calling in life is working as a Project Engineer for a construction firm, I have found him to always be affirming and energized by my calling into ministry.

As I look ahead to the future in ministry, I envision a vocation either as an ordained minister within a parish setting or a chaplain within a hospital setting. I have worked with all ages and have found that each group shows me God's amazing work in this world in different ways. As the end of my seminary career unfolds, I will continue to be led by the Spirit through prayer and the reading of scripture. I believe my calling in life will be found at the point where my greatest gifts and the world's greatest need meet. Through all this, I realize the necessity of an open mind and heart as my call continues to develop. *And so here I am.*



