

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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 Home Congregation First Presbyterian Church Greer, SC

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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Retirement	<input type="checkbox"/> 651-1000 members
		<input type="checkbox"/> 1001-1500 members
		<input type="checkbox"/> 1501 +

3. RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE (List most recent first)

Church/Agency	City/State	Position	Dates	Part/Full Time
First Presbyterian Church	Covington, GA	Minister Intern	June- August 2010	Full time
Greenville Memorial Hospital	Greenville, SC	Chaplain Intern	June- August 2009	Full time
Chandler Creek Elementary	Greer, SC	4 th Grade Teacher	2007-2008	Full-time
First Presbyterian Church	Greer, SC	Director of Youth Ministry	2005, 2008	Part time
PCUSA	Belfast, Northern Ireland	Young Adult Volunteer	2006-2007	Full time
Fairforest Elementary School	Spartanburg, SC	3 rd Grade Teacher	2003-2006	Full time

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

<u>Curriculum building</u>	<u>Community service and leadership</u>
<u>Development of new educational experiences</u>	<u>Defining program needs</u>
<u>Hospital and emergency visitation</u>	<u>Involvement in mission beyond local church</u>
<u>Pastoral care</u>	<u>Spiritual development</u>
<u>Communication (written/oral)</u>	<u>Teaching</u>

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

Institution	City/State	Major	Dates	Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA	Masters of Divinity Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities	2008- Present	M Div.
Furman University	Greenville, SC	Elementary Education	2003-2005	MA Ed.
Furman University	Greenville, SC		1999-2003	BA

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Columbia Scholar
Company of New Pastors
Contextual Education Committee, student member

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

None

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says "I am the good shepherd" and describes the intimate relationship that he has with his sheep. The sheep follow him because they know the sound of his voice. The life of Christian discipleship is partly about learning to incline your ear to the voice of the shepherd throughout the journey. I grew up in the Presbyterian Church and was shaped by experiences in the life of church including music, summer camp, and Sunday school. As a youth, mission trips expanded my world view, my understanding of the Presbyterian Church USA, and my desire to partner with God's mission in the world. Through college and my first three years as a teacher, my ear and my heart inclined to hear the voice of the shepherd and I felt a growing divine discontent to be a part of God's work in the world. I followed the voice of the shepherd to Northern Ireland where I served as a Young Adult Volunteer in Belfast working with youth, young adults, older adults and people of all ages with disabilities. I saw God at work in real, authentic ways; in peacemakers, in people who just walked alongside. After I returned to the US, I saw similar longings in the communities where I had lived. People are searching for this God who is real and is in the ministry of being with them, in their hearts and in their lives in an authentic, "hands in the dirt" kind of way. People are thirsty, starving for the church to reach them in imaginative, creative, intelligent ways. People are aching for the church to point to the voice of the shepherd who can know them intimately, care for them sincerely, and guide them through the journey of life. I grew energized after my experience in Northern Ireland for what the church can be and how we can minister to people by showing them the possibilities of life abundant with Christ. This energy led me to seminary where I've been fueled by classes and relationships. I am excited to serve the church in this unique time that we have to witness to what God can do in our changing world. In these next steps, I lean in, inclining my ear to where God calls next. My husband and I are eager to begin the next chapter of our lives. Stephen works with FedEx and we both enjoy sailing, mountain biking, hiking, and music.

