

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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 Home Congregation Central Presbyterian Church

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor (Youth)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Yoked/Multiple)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor (Other)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input 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 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
Central Presbyterian Church	Atlanta, GA	Preschool Coordinator	08/2008 - present	PT
St. Luke's Training and Counseling Center (Urban Ministry)	Atlanta, GA	CPE Intern	09/2008 - present	PT
Columbia Theological Seminary – John B. Campbell Library	Decatur, GA	Library Assistant	06/2007 - present	PT
Oakhurst Presbyterian Church	Decatur, GA	Seminary Intern	06/2008 – 08/2008	FT
Emory University – Woodruff Library Special Collections	Atlanta, GA	Research/Archive Assistant – Sol Singer Hebrew Collection	08/2006 – 08/2007	PT/FT
Kidz Quarterz	Mechanicsburg, PA	Pre-Kindergarten Teacher	05/2004- 08/2006	FT/ Summers

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

<u>Children's Ministry</u>	<u>Teaching</u>
<u>Family Ministry</u>	<u>Curriculum Building</u>
<u>Communication (Written/Oral)</u>	<u>Organization/Administration</u>
<u>Community Service and Leadership</u>	<u>Pastoral Care</u>
<u>Development of New Educational Experiences</u>	<u>Youth Ministry</u>

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

Institution	City/State	Major	Dates	Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA		2006-2009	M.Div
Centre College	Danville, KY	Religion/History	2002-2006	B.A.

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Recipient, Dickson Bonneau Merit Scholarship (2007-2009)
Recipient, Franklin Fund Scholarship (2006-2009)
Treasurer, Student Coordinating Council (2008-2009)
Seminary Delegate, Middle East Travel Seminar (2008)
Co-author / editor, PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing Youth Curriculum (2007)

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

None

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

I was, quite literally, born into the Presbyterian Church. The oldest of four siblings, I was raised by two Presbyterian ministers, both of whom have been, and continue to be, incredible role models for ministry. Although I grew up very active in all areas of the church – participating in youth group, teaching Preschool Sunday School, serving on the Worship Committee, and participating in various outreach and mission programs – I never envisioned that my future would be in ministry. Influenced from an early age by my parents and grandparents’ involvement in issues of racial, educational, and economic injustice, and later on, by my own involvement with hunger and homelessness issues through our church’s outreach ministry, I wanted to pursue a career in law or politics, hoping to change some of the systemic injustices that I was so passionate about.

I attended Centre College, a small Presbyterian liberal arts college in Danville, Kentucky where I discovered many valuable things about myself. After a nearly fatal experience with an Intro to Economics class, I realized that a future in political strategy was probably not going to happen. Fascinated by a class in Literature of the Hebrew Bible, I switched majors from Political Economics to a double degree in Religion and History. I did however, discover many new outlets for my interest in social justice issues, including serving as an editorial writer and later Editor-in-Chief of the college newspaper, serving in student government, and volunteering at an after-school program for children in public housing.

I came to Atlanta to pursue a Masters of Divinity with the hopes of continuing on to doctoral work in Hebrew Bible studies. Soon after my arrival, I began attending Central Presbyterian Church, in the heart of the downtown area. This warm and caring community embraced me as one of their own, and saw in me gifts for ministry that I had not before acknowledged in myself. It was their support and faith that lead me to pursue a calling to ministry. And although I was provided with many opportunities to continue my interest in issues of hunger and homelessness, the congregation helped me to discover and nurture a new calling to ministry in working with children, youth and their families. Teaching the Preschool Sunday School class, serving as a youth advisor, and working with young families as the Preschool Ministry Coordinator, I have become extremely passionate about Christian Education and the amazing spiritual gifts that children and youth bring to the life of the church. The children of Central have deepened my own spiritual development, constantly inspiring me with their awe and wonder of all of God’s works, and their Christ-like unconditional love. Out of this has come another interest in developing curriculum for youth and children, one that I am currently pursuing under the guidance of Dr. Kathy Dawson at Columbia Theological Seminary.

And, fortunately, a seminary degree was not the only thing I was encouraged to pursue in Atlanta (although, according to some sources, it was the other way around). In September of 2006, mutual seminary friends introduced me to my future spouse, Daniel, and we are looking forward to beginning a new chapter of our lives together in May. Daniel is a constant source of unconditional love and support for my calling to ministry, and inspires me to look at ministry in creative new ways, as he lives his calling though the ministry of college coaching! We both look forward to finding an energetic, creative, and inspired new church community to call home.

