

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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Presbytery Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Candidacy Date currently an Inquirer, candidacy in May 2009

Home Congregation St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Dunwoody, GA

1. TYPES OF POSITIONS

<u> </u> Associate Pastor (Christian Education)	<u> X </u>	Pastor (Tent Maker/Part-time)	<u> X </u>	Other
<u> </u> Associate Pastor (Youth)	<u> X </u>	Pastor (Yoked/Multiple)	<u> </u>	
<u> X </u> Associate Pastor (Other)	<u> </u>	Co-Pastor	<u> </u>	
<u> X </u> Pastor (Solo)	<u> X </u>	Designated Pastor	<u> </u>	
<u> </u> Pastor (Head of Staff)	<u> </u>	Mission Pastor	<u> </u>	
<u> </u> Pastor (New Church Development)	<u> X </u>	Campus Minister	<u> </u>	
<u> </u> Pastor (Redevelopment)	<u> X </u>	Chaplain	<u> </u>	

2. TYPES OF COMMUNITIES & CHURCH SIZES

<u> X </u> Rural	<u> X </u> Urban	<u> X </u> Under 100 members
<u> X </u> Village	<u> X </u> Inner City	<u> X </u> 101-250- members
<u> X </u> Town	<u> X </u> College	<u> X </u> 251-400 members
<u> X </u> Small City	<u> </u> Recreation	<u> X </u> 401-650 members
<u> X </u> Suburban	<u> X </u> Retirement	<u> X </u> 651-1000 members
		<u> X </u> 1001-1500 members
		<u> X </u> 1501 +

3. RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE (List most recent first)

Church/Agency	City/State	Position	Dates	Part/Full Time
Honduras Outreach John Knox Presbyterian Church	Atlanta, GA	Scholarship Coordinator Supervised Ministry Intern	December 2006 - present	PT
Columbia Theological Seminary	Marietta, GA	Teaching Assistant, Essentials of Greek	Summer 2008	FT
Fort Hill Presbyterian Church	Decatur, GA	University Ministry Intern	Summer 2007	PT
St. Luke's Presbyterian Church	Clemson, SC	Receptionist	August 2004- August 2005	FT
Presbyterian College – Chaplain's Office	Dunwoody, GA	bluefish (Campus Ministry Coordinator)	Summer 2003, 2004; Fall 2005 – Summer 2006	PT
	Clinton, SC		2001-2003	PT

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

<u>Communication (Written/Oral)</u>	<u>Older Adult Ministry</u>
<u>Community Service and Leadership</u>	<u>Pastoral Care</u>
<u>Congregational Fellowship</u>	<u>Preaching</u>
<u>Corporate Worship/Sacraments</u>	<u>Teaching</u>
<u>Leadership of Staff/Volunteers</u>	<u>Young Adult Ministry</u>

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

Institution	City/State	Major	Dates	Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA		June 2006-May 2009	M.Div.
Presbyterian College	Clinton, SC	Religion & Spanish	2000-2004	B.A.

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Recipient, Columbia Merit Scholarship (2006-2009)
Member, Worship and Convocations Committee (2007-2009)
Teaching Assistant, Greek (Summer 2007)

1. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

Greater Atlanta area

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

I grew up almost entirely in the Atlanta area, attending the same church and living in the same house since before I can remember. I am a graduate of Presbyterian College, where I was involved in campus religious life and worked for the chaplain's office. Not sure of what I was going to do, or whether I might be sensing a call to ministry, I was surprised and grateful that God provided a perfect opportunity for discernment and service, a year-long internship in university ministry in Clemson, SC. After that year in Clemson, I was fairly certain of my call to seminary. I moved back to Atlanta, married my high school sweetheart in September 2005, and began my seminary experience at Columbia the following summer. All sorts of people have been instrumental in my discernment and pursuit of God's call – not the least of which are my parents and brother, my home church, my husband Ian, my college friends, the Chaplain's office at PC, the Presbyterian Student Association where I worked in Clemson, and my seminary professors and peers. I am grateful that God has utilized all these people to prod, challenge, pray, and love me into my call to ministry.

I believe that God has called me to ministry – and will call me into a community where I can serve God and the people with intelligence, enthusiasm, and love. My areas of gift and enjoyment are studying scripture, leading worship, and preaching. I have specific experience in the areas of college/young adult ministry and older adult populations, but I am open to God's leading in these or other areas. I do not have particular experience in ministry with children or youth, but it may just be God's sense of humor and irony that I be led in those directions as well. I particularly enjoyed my summer internship in a smaller church, and have been happily surprised to sense that God may be calling me toward this kind of ministry. Just as individuals and communities have helped me develop my own Christian faith and discern where God has been leading me, I look forward to leading and loving a community of people who want to develop their Christian faith, serve God, and discern the Spirit's leading. I want to join a community already engaged with their faith, and participate in what God is already doing with them and in the world! The thing that excites me most about ministry is building relationships with people and walking with a community in faith and doubt, ups and downs, struggles and strengths.

I have limited my call search to the greater Atlanta area, and I feel this begs a word of explanation because it is not a choice made lightly, selfishly, or without careful consideration. About 2 years into our marriage, in the summer of 2007, my husband, Ian, and I moved into his 90 year-old grandmother's house with her. She lives relatively independently in an apartment downstairs, and we live in the main part of the house. In shorthand, I like to say that we watch out for her, and she puts up with us. Intergenerational dialogue may be increasingly rare in families and in the church, but we live it daily with Granny. I never could have predicted this unusual situation, but it has been amazingly formative and enriching for all of us. Ian is in the field of computer programming and security, but we understand this as a co-pastorate of sorts, a mutual call which we intend to fulfill as long as Granny is able to stay in the house. I trust that God is preparing a place for me in or near Atlanta, so that I can begin my professional service to the church even as Ian and continue in this important ministry to our family and to Granny.

I am currently under care of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, enrolled as an Inquirer. I have passed all my ordination exams, and I anticipate enrollment as a Candidate in May 2009. I hope to find a way to serve the church while I continue to discern and grow in preparation for ordination (hopefully!) in May 2010. I am open to non-ordained positions, as well as positions to which I could be ordained in the future.

God has called me. I don't know what this call will look like, or where it will lead me next, but I pray for wisdom to discern, patience to wait with hope, and God's own presence to cheer and to guide.

