

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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Home Congregation Trinity Presbyterian Church

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Designated Pastor	
<input checked="" 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 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 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
<u>Mease Countryside Hospital</u>	<u>Clearwater, FL</u>	<u>Chaplain</u>	<u>June-August 2010</u>	<u>Full Time</u>
<u>Trinity Presbyterian Church</u>	<u>Atlanta, GA</u>	<u>Minister Intern</u>	<u>Sept 2009 – May 2010</u>	<u>Part Time</u>
<u>Crystal Beach Community Church</u>	<u>Crystal Beach, FL</u>	<u>Minister Intern</u>	<u>June-August 2009</u>	<u>Full Time</u>
<u>Cedar Trace Landing Senior Apartment Complex</u>	<u>Laurinburg, NC</u>	<u>Tax Credit Property Manager/Event Coordinator</u>	<u>Jan 2004-June 2008</u>	<u>Full Time</u>
<u>Trinity Presbyterian Church</u>	<u>Laurinburg, NC</u>	<u>Minister/Christian Education/ Youth Leader</u>	<u>Nov 2003-Feb 2007</u>	<u>Part Time</u>
<u>National Security Agency</u>	<u>Ft. Meade, MD</u>	<u>Supervisor Telecommunication</u>	<u>Aug 1980 – Nov 1994</u>	<u>Full Time</u>

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

<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Congregational Communication</u>
<u>Pastoral Care</u>	<u>Adult Ministry</u>
<u>Corporate Worship/Sacraments</u>	<u>Communication (Written/Oral)</u>
<u>Hospital and Emergency Visitation</u>	<u>Cultural Proficiency/Cross Cultural Collaboration</u>
<u>Youth Ministry</u>	<u>Spiritual Development</u>

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

Institution	City/State	Major	Dates	Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA	MDIV	June 2008-present	
St. Andrews Presbyterian College	Laurinburg, NC	Religious Studies	Aug 2001-May 2003	BA
National Cryptological School	Ft. Meade, MD		1980-1994	

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

2010 – Company of New Pastors
2010 – PCUSA Study Grant
2008 – PCUSA Study Grant

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

I am Denise McLeod and I believe God has called me into full time ministry of the Word and Sacraments. I am a senior at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA and I anticipate graduating in May 2011. I am under the care of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. I have been approved by my home church, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and by the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina as a Candidate for ministry.

Columbia Theological Seminary’s Contextual Education department has provided opportunities for me to serve in churches. I participated in summer minister at Crystal Beach Community Church. During this 10 week experience, I was privileged to preach the Word of God while the Pastor was on vacation for 3 weeks, to serve as Liturgist, lead Bible Study classes and established a Youth Group. The Pastor of this church stated in her evaluation that my leadership abilities are well suited to a call as a solo pastor as I showed good leadership skills, interrelation skills, and performed pastoral care duties in a timely manner. Also, I completed a year long internship at Trinity Presbyterian in Georgia. The Pastor listed in her evaluation that I am always prepared and gained knowledge on the Polity of the church.

As I continue my studies at Columbia Theological, I have seen growth as my Professors seek to educate me for leadership in ordained ministry. The courses in Theology were focused on doctrines such as: who is God, who is Jesus, what is the Trinity, and the Christian life. During this time we studied the perspectives of several theologians. I believe the Theology classes have laid a good foundation in deepening my understanding and helping to give me a voice in adequately sharing the doctrines of our Christian faith.

The Preaching and Worship classes offered necessary tools on how to prepare and present a sermon. I was critiqued by fellow classmates, professors, and video taped. I also learned how Biblical exegetical work is essential to help bring light to Scripture interpretation.

Recently I was nominated to join the General Assembly’s Mission Council program Company of New Pastors. Both as a group and individually, we engage in praying and reading Scriptures as listed in the Book of Common Worship. The Company of New Pastors goals are to have the power to shape and sustain faithful and fruitful ministry as we gladly walk the way marked by these practices.

