

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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1. TYPES OF POSITIONS

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

2. TYPES OF COMMUNITIES & CHURCH SIZES

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| <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> x </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 |
|--|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Various Churches | Georgia, Alabama | Pulpit Supply | Fall 05 - present | Part |
| CPE – Villages of East Lake (Drew Charter School) | Atlanta, GA | Chaplain Intern | 9/07-1/08 | Part |
| VA Hospital | Atlanta, GA | Student Chaplain | 9/06-12/06 | Part |
| Columbia Presbyterian Church | Decatur, GA | Pastoral Intern | 6/05-8/05 | Full |
| Stay-at-home mom | Sylacauga, AL | mother | 8/00-5/04 | Full |
| Department of Human Resources, Child Protective Services | Blount Co., AL | Senior Service Social Worker | 6/99-8/00 | Full |

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

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| <u>Corporate Worship/Sacraments</u> | <u>Teaching</u> |
| <u>Preaching</u> | <u>Community Service and Leadership</u> |
| <u>Pastoral Care</u> | <u>Congregational Home Visitation</u> |
| <u>Spiritual Development</u> | <u>Communication (Written/Oral)</u> |
| <u>Congregational Fellowship</u> | <u>Hospital and Emergency Visitation</u> |

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

| Institution | City/State | Major | Dates | Degree |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Columbia Theological Seminary | Decatur, GA | | July 2004-December 2007 | M. Div. |
| University of Alabama | Tuscaloosa, AL | | September 1997-May 1999 | MSW |
| Samford University | Birmingham, AL | Religion | August 1992-May 1996 | B.A. |
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6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Basic Degrees Committee 2006-2007
Merit Scholarship Fall 2007

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF: Search committees need to know something of the aspects of ministry you enjoy, the gifts/skills/experiences that you bring to your ministry, and your hopes for your future ministry. Please use only the space below.

If you took a snap-shot of my life as it is right now, it might look like this: I'm a seminarian, a mother, a (beginning) guitar player, watcher of popular television, reader of books that make me cry, viewer of movies that make me laugh or gasp in awe. I have an unusual and slightly dark sense of humor, enjoy hearing live music, going to museums, hiking in the woods, and playing Scrabble on the internet. I am a community chaplain, write papers for class, sermons for Sundays, and prepare for the joy of teaching confirmation class. With my children, I like to dance, giggle, and discuss their theological questions. In my spare time I like to gather with my friends over good food -- laughing or crying over our lives.

I would like to serve a community of faith that is concerned with how their faith affects the way they interact with the world. This congregation realizes that worship, exploration, and fellowship are central to realigning their vision to see where God is working in their lives, church, community, and world. This group of believers is committed to following God's call to join in that work, following the example of Jesus through acts of justice, mercy, and love.

To this work I bring a passion for God and the way God can use Christ's followers in the world. Specifically, I enjoy worship planning, studying scriptures for preaching and teaching, and then wrestling together over what those things mean for all of us. I also bring an ability to listen – in meetings, classes, homes, over lunch, and at bedsides. I value the relationships that this listening leads to, knowing that our relationships with God and each other can support us in the spiritual growth and work we are called to do.

As a mother of two, I understand what it is like to juggle work, family, study, and time for self and God. I believe that the Body of Christ is an integral part of this journey we find ourselves on and can support us as we seek to live fully into the beings that God intends. As part of that, I believe we experience God's presence as we eat, worship, and play together and on our own. Honoring the myriad of ways which we are created to be – families and single, young and old, introverts and extroverts, artists and mathematicians, serious and joyful – honors the God who created us as we are.

I am excited about the possibilities that the next step in the faith journey holds! I know nothing if not that God leads to unexpected and challenging places. I am looking for a group who is excited about this adventure as well.

