

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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Home Congregation Sardis Presbyterian, Charlotte, NC

1. TYPES OF POSITIONS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor (Christian Education) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Tent Maker/Part-time) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Designated Pastor | |
| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Chaplain | |

2. TYPES OF COMMUNITIES & CHURCH SIZES

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| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 401-650 members |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retirement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 651-1000 members |
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3. RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE (List most recent first)

Church/Agency	City/State	Position	Dates	Part/Full Time
North Atlanta CPE Center/Presbyterian Homes of GA	Atlanta, GA	Chaplain Intern	Feb. 2010-May 2010	PT
Decatur Presbyterian	Decatur, GA	Sunday School Instructor	Aug. 2009-Present	PT
Emory Presbyterian	Atlanta, GA	Pastoral Intern	Jun. 2008-Aug. 2008	FT
Sardis Presbyterian	Charlotte, NC	Deacon & SS Instructor	Member since 2001	PT

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

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| <u>Congregational Fellowship</u> | <u>Older Adult Ministry</u> |
| <u>Communication</u> | <u>Pastoral Care</u> |
| <u>Community Service</u> | <u>Preaching</u> |
| <u>Corporate Worship/Sacraments</u> | <u>Spiritual Development</u> |
| <u>Hospital & Emergency Visitation</u> | <u>Teaching</u> |

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

Institution	City/State	Major	Dates	Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA	Master of Divinity	July 2007-present	pending
Queens University at Charlotte	Charlotte, NC	BA Organization Communication	June 1995-Aug. 1998	yes
Cape Fear Community College	Wilmington, NC	Business Classes	1992-1994	no
Hammel College	Akron, OH	Secretarial Science-Medical Concentration	1985-1986	yes
Akron University	Akron, OH	Business Classes	1983-1985	no

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

CTS Merit Scholarships – 2009/2010; 2010/2011
 Columbia Friendship Circle Scholarship – 2008/2009
 Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation – Apollos Scholarship – 2007-2010
 Company of Pastors – 2009/2010 Organizer and Leader
 Basic Degrees Committee Student Representative – 2008/2009
 Hospitality Committee for incoming students – summer 2009
 Bookstore Work Study – 2007-present
 Preaching trips to St. Andrews Presbytery, Mississippi; Southwest Georgia, and Southwest cluster in Atlanta Presbytery
 Emory Presbyterian Church – Pastoral Intern – summer 2008
 North Atlanta CPE Center/Presbyterian Homes of GA – Chaplain Intern – Feb. 2010-May 2010
 Decatur Presbyterian Church – Adult Sunday School Instructor – Aug. 2009-present

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

Ideally, Charles and I would like to stay on the east coast, specifically North Carolina, South Carolina, or Virginia. Realistically, two issues actually drive our geographic location: 1. the children's education and 2. Charles' employment. I believe that God has prepared the place that will bring harmony to my call and the family's educational and employment needs. I trust the Holy Spirit to guide us in discerning that location—wherever it may be.

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

What I enjoy most about the ministry is the people and leading them in a stronger, deeper relationship with God and each other. During my congregational based internship at Emory Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA, I enjoyed preparing worship and preaching. As a result of this joyful experience, I have volunteered for supply preaching in the Atlanta area and have participated in numerous "preaching trips" to nearby presbyteries. My passion is teaching and I teach adult Sunday school as often as I can at Decatur Presbyterian Church. During my CPE internship, I enjoyed working with Presbyterian Homes of GA at an independent living facility for senior citizens. Ministering to the residents and their families brought me great joy and valuable experience in pastoral care. Using my gifts of creativity, teaching, and humor in both of these experiences kindled a growing excitement to be involved in ministering to God's people.

My hope for future ministry is to serve a church that loves God, loves their neighbors, and has a desire to grow in the Christian faith. In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel, love is Jesus' summation of the law. I believe my ministry as God's servant includes:

- leading people to a deeper relationship with God and with others through worship, Bible study, and service.
- teaching how loving relationships are integrated into the Christian life through recognition of spiritual gifts and their enacted service in missions locally and around the world.
- encouraging and promoting forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation with God, with others, and with creation through the out pouring of Christ's love on the community.

I believe that good communication is the key to success for loving relationships (divine and human) whether it is praying regularly, setting expectations in a classroom, or preaching a moving sermon. Overall, I hope to inspire God's people to productive and positive action using their God given talents and gifts in love.

As a senior at CTS, I plan to complete my final assessment with the Presbytery of Charlotte this fall and begin seeking a loving and nurturing congregation to serve as Minister of the Word and Sacrament. My home church is Sardis Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC which has nurtured and supported me during my seminary preparation for ministry. While in seminary, we have become active in the life and worship at Decatur Presbyterian Church in Decatur, GA.

An alumna of Queens University at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC, I completed my undergraduate studies in August 1998 just days before my son, Sean, was born. Sean is now 12 years old and has a sister, Brianna, who is 9½ years old. After completing my degree in Organizational Communications, I stayed home with the children and became quite active in many of their activities at school and at church. Before coming to Columbia, I served at Sardis on various committees (including Evangelism and Outreach, Community Service, and Preschool Committees), as an adult Sunday school teacher and as an ordained Deacon.

My husband, Charles, is a Business Analyst Consultant and is currently contracted to Southern Company in Atlanta, GA and has a Bachelor's Degree in Business IT. He volunteers for the Boy Scouts with Troop 175 as a committee member and troop safety/first aid advisor and teaches Brianna basic tennis skills. Sean and Brianna are both excellent students and stay active in scouting, youth, band, fencing, tennis, as well as maintain numerous friendships both in Decatur and Charlotte. We are all excited about the next step on this journey of faith and are blessed to know that our place is already prepared for us.

