

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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 Presbytery Greater Atlanta Candidacy Date September 09
 Home Congregation St Luke's Presbyterian

1. TYPES OF POSITIONS

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Head of Staff) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mission Pastor | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (New Church Development) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campus Minister | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Redevelopment) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaplain | |

2. TYPES OF COMMUNITIES & CHURCH SIZES

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| <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 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 |
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3. RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE (List most recent first)

| Church/Agency | City/State | Position | Dates | Part/Full Time |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| First African Presbyterian | Lithonia GA | Chair of Young Adult Initiative | Sept. 09 - Present | Part time |
| New Life Presbyterian | College Park GA | Young Adult Facilitator | Sept. 08 - Present | Part time |
| Shalom International Ministries | Decatur GA | Worship Leader | Nov. 09 – Present | Part time |
| St. Lukes' Presbyterian | Dunwoody GA | Youth Leader | Aug. 07 – May 08 | Part time |
| St. James Presbyterian | Charleston SC | Summer Intern | May 08 – Aug 08 | Summer |

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

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

| Institution | City/State | Major | Dates | Degree |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Columbia Theological Seminary | Decatur GA | Modern Standard Arabic | Jul 07 – May 10 | M. Div. |
| Defense Language Institute | Presidio of Monterey CA | Religion/ Philosophy and Music | Mar. 02 – Feb. 03 | A.A. |
| Clark Atlanta University | Atlanta GA | Performing Arts/ College Prep | Aug. 95 – Jun. 01 | B.A. |
| North Atlanta High School | Atlanta GA | | Aug. 91 – Jun. 95 | Diploma |

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

President of African Heritage Seminarian Association, Fall 08 – Spring 09 - Columbia Theological Seminary

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

NONE

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

I was raised by my mother in Hiram Georgia, just west of Atlanta, and later in the city of Atlanta when the two of us relocated for her job. While attending elementary school I developed a love for classical music and learned to play the cello. Music became my focus for the duration of my elementary and middle school years. In high school I developed an ear for languages. I entered the International Studies program at North Atlanta High where I studied Arabic. Speaking a foreign language gave me the opportunity to travel extensively and it enhanced my perspective on my own life in America. I witnessed children my own age having the same interests and activities as I had in the States, and it made the world seem smaller and more interconnected.

Through the combination of my musical and language skills I earned a scholarship to Clark Atlanta University where I completed a Dual Degree program in Religion/Philosophy and Music Performance. While at CAU, I became aware of God's call on my life and began seeking opportunities through which I could respond to that call. My spiritual journey was nurtured and cultivated by Rob, who happened to be a student minister and became a spiritual mentor. With his guidance, I developed a deeper relationship with God through bible study and learning and experiencing the love of Jesus Christ. Being a Baptist at the time, I was convinced in my heart that I wanted to be a baptized believer, and just like the Ethiopian eunuch in the New Testament, I was baptized in the nearest body of water –the bathtub of my dorm room!

I was not able to afford seminary immediately upon graduation so I joined the U.S. Marine Corps as an Arabic Linguist. Soon after, I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. When the war in Iraq began I found myself utilizing my language skills on the front lines of "Operation: Iraqi Freedom." In war I witnessed the presence of God first hand when a roadside bomb exploded under my Humvee while on patrol. I was flung from the vehicle while everyone else was either killed or injured severely. This "Damascus Road" experience caused me to give my attention again to pursuing God's call on my life. I realized God had spared me for a reason, so I began ministering to combat veterans in my unit, who were having difficulty coping with the horrors of war on and off the battlefield.

One Marine informed me that he thought I was doing a better job at counseling combat veterans than the current Chaplain; soon afterwards I began inquiring about the process of becoming a chaplain myself. This led me to Columbia Theological Seminary, where I am currently in my third year of coursework while discerning God's call following graduation; my preference is for a military chaplaincy, however, I am open to whatever and wherever God leads me. During the past three years while at CTS I have been extremely active in various parish ministries throughout the Metro Atlanta area, and have grown into a well-rounded minister with a capacity to inspire, empower and invigorate God's people to a deeper understanding of God and a more profound love of Jesus Christ through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit.

