

# CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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Home Congregation Community Presbyterian Church in Celebration Florida

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor (Youth)               | <input checked="" 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 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 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  |
|  |  | <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
<u>Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta</u>	<u>Atlanta/ Georgia</u>	<u>Chaplain (CPE)</u>	<u>Summer 2009</u>	<u>Full</u>
<u>Decatur Presbyterian Church</u>	<u>Decatur/ Georgia</u>	<u>Summer Intern</u>	<u>Summer 2008</u>	<u>Full</u>
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**4. LIST THE 10 PRIMARY SKILL CHOICES FROM THE PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM:**

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| <u>Congregational Fellowship</u>            | <u>Pastoral Care</u>         |
| <u>Corporate Worship/Sacraments</u>         | <u>Preaching</u>             |
| <u>Ecumenical and Interfaith Activities</u> | <u>Problem Solving</u>       |
| <u>Evangelism</u>                           | <u>Spiritual Development</u> |
| <u>Hospital and Emergency Visitation</u>    | <u>Teaching</u>              |

**5. FORMAL EDUCATION** (List most recent first)

<b>Institution</b>	<b>City/State</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur/ Georgia	N/A	July 2007-May 2010	Mdiv.
Presbyterian College	Clinton/ South Carolina	Religion	August 2002-July 2005	B.A.

**6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

I have received the Columbia Merit Scholarship every eligible semester.  
I have also received the Fred J. and Mildred Hay Scholarship for leadership in the Presbyterian Church.  
I am the Student Coordinating Council Treasurer  
I am a co-leader for the Fellowship of Theological Discussion.  
I am an active member in the Company of New Pastors.

**7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:**

I am open to wherever God may call me. My wife and I hope that the Lord would keep us in the Southeast, as our families live in South Carolina and Florida. We are open to any location knowing that God will provide a loving community wherever God calls us.

**8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:**

I was born in 1983 in Akron Ohio, and I lived in that area for fourteen years. During that time our family grew as I was blessed to receive three younger sisters. My parents raised us in the Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), and we attended private schooling in that denomination. After my confirmation, my family moved to Celebration, Florida. We attended and joined the local Presbyterian Church. I became deeply involved in their youth program, and did my high school senior project under the guidance of the senior pastor. Following high school, I attended Presbyterian College. It is at PC that I met my future wife, Elizabeth. We were both leading worship for the evangelism team, and our relationship grew from there. We were married on August 20, 2005. We spent two years between college and seminary building our marriage and finding our own in the "real world." Liz worked for the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind. I worked at a bank for a few months in order to learn about finance and business. Following this, I took a few odd jobs to support my new family until I found a niche in the trade of church furnishings. For over one year I built, delivered, and installed church pews. It is following this that I entered seminary. Seminary was a goal from before I entered college. I felt God's call on my life in high school, and I have moved forward in ministry as I listen to where God is calling me to go next. It has been a privilege to study at Columbia Theological Seminary where my pastors and mentors studied.

My faith is shaped by a vast array of traditions. I was confirmed Lutheran, married an Episcopalian, worked with a Methodist Church in College, and my best friends are Baptist and Jewish. This has given me an appreciation for the work of the Lord in the lives of all people. My work at the children's hospital gave me tools to see how the scriptural narrative shapes my life, and it taught me to appreciate the love of God and the work of God in all people. I believe that it is in worship that people are able to take their gratitude for God's gifts back to the Lord in prayer and praise. Worship is also a time to bring our deepest and darkest pains to the Lord and to the community for healing and comfort. It is in the church that I experienced comfort during the darker parts of life and companionship in joy, and it is my hope to lead a congregation as they return thanks to God and as they search for meaning in the craziness that can come in life.

I am deeply tied to family, and I am very proud of my wife. Liz is a teacher, and she focuses on children with special needs. I have been blessed to work part time at her school. I patch walls, substitute teach, and help in the computer lab as she shows a gentle firmness that guides these children in their lives. She has a special place in her heart for all of her students, and I am blessed to have such a companion in ministry. It is our hope that we can find a church that will welcome and embrace us as we seek to settle down and explore what God is doing in the life of a new community.