

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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 Home Congregation Norcross Presbyterian Church

1. TYPES OF POSITIONS

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

2. TYPES OF COMMUNITIES & CHURCH SIZES

<u> </u> Rural	<u>X</u> Urban	<u>X</u> Under 100 members
<u> </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> </u> Recreation	<u>X</u> 401-650 members
<u>X</u> Suburban	<u>X</u> Retirement	<u> </u> 651-1000 members
		<u> </u> 1001-1500 members
		<u> </u> 1501 +

3. RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE (List most recent first)

Church/Agency	City/State	Position	Dates	Part/Full Time
<u>Church of the New Covenant</u>	<u>Doraville, GA</u>	<u>Outreach Coordinator</u>	<u>August 2008 – Present</u>	<u>PT</u>
<u>Church of the New Covenant</u>	<u>Doraville, GA</u>	<u>Pastoral Care Intern</u>	<u>August 2007 – 2008</u>	<u>PT</u>
<u>Norcross Presbyterian Church</u>	<u>Norcross, GA</u>	<u>Intern-Youth</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>PT</u>
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4. LIST THE 10 PRIMARY SKILL CHOICES FROM THE PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM:

<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Community Ministries</u>
<u>Pastoral Care</u>	<u>Ecumenical and Interfaith Activities</u>
<u>Congregational Redevelopment/Transformation</u>	<u>Evangelism</u>
<u>Congregational Fellowship</u>	<u>Community Service and Leadership</u>
<u>Cross Cultural Collaboration</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	Divinity	2004-2009	MDiv
Florida State University	Tallahassee, FL	Social Work	1988-1992	B.S.W.

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Selected for the Summer Hispanic Program held at Duke University – Ecumenical Studies

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

I am a second-career Candidate pursuing my primary passion. Carrie, my wife of 10 years, has been supportive as we have journeyed together through seminary and beyond. We currently live near Emory University in Atlanta with our three dogs and a cat.

I am an entrepreneur with great vision for possibility and determination to see visions become reality. For the past 19 years I have been working in the International Village of Chamblee, Georgia as an Apartment Manager and owner. I was a member of Chamblee's Citizen Review Board for the International Village from 2000 to 2005. While these experiences have been valuable, my calling is to serve as a pastor of a congregation. I am seeking a call with the understanding that I will fully commit myself to serving the church.

For the past two years I have been working with the Church of the New Covenant in Doraville, Georgia as the Mission and Outreach Coordinator. Drawing on my years of experience and community involvement I have been able to form partnerships between the church and area civic organizations. This work has been both cross cultural and ecumenical. The church has grown both numerically and spiritually as we reach out into the community sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ; witnessing through the giving of our time and talent. Throughout my time with the Church of the New Covenant I have been involved in all aspects of church life: pastoral care, worship leadership, preaching, adult education, session meetings and retreats, outreach, and inward care. During my time at Church of the New Covenant, I have completed one unit of CPE as a chaplain at Northside Hospital. I also completed the first session of Interim Pastor Training held at Camp Calvin.

I am seeking to serve a church that desires to be an integral part of the community in which it is located. I believe that we are called together in church to be strengthened and rejuvenated through God's love. I believe that we are sent out from church to be witness to the transformative and life giving power of God's love in our lives.

Additional information of interest:

I have a black belt in judo.

I am a facilitator and trainer for the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials' community leadership training.

I am fluent in the English and Spanish languages.

I played rugby for Florida State University.

I am a member of Kiwanis.

I taught cotillion and I voluntarily teach ballroom dancing to the local middle school.

I love Turner classic movies and collect first edition books on which movies are based.

I met my wife in a book store while I was looking for a first edition of Gone to Texas.

Sometimes my sermon titles are anagrams.

My mother was Baptist, my father was Catholic; and my sisters and I were raised in the Presbyterian Church.

Link to video of my sermon given at Norcross Presbyterian Church: <http://www.norcrosspresbyterian.org/George/>

Completed Level I Interim Pastor training at Calvin Center

Prepare and Enrich certification

