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Presbytery Membership:	PRESBYTERY OF MID-KENTUCKY
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Formal Education:	<p>PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Princeton, NJ, Doctor of Ministry, 1991 – Thesis title: Helping Pulpit Nominating Committees Find Compatible Pastors</p> <p>VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL, Nashville, TN, Master of Divinity, 1975 – major in New Testament and Pastoral Care</p> <p>COLLEGE OF WOOSTER, Wooster, OH, Bachelor of Arts – major in Indian Studies and Political Science</p> <p>WOODSTOCK SCHOOL, Mussoorie, UP, India</p> <p>high school diploma</p>
Continuing Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 2011 – Major Gifts Fund Raising, School of Philanthropy, Indiana University <input type="checkbox"/> 2008 – Leadership of Non-Profit Organizations, School of Philanthropy, Indiana University <input type="checkbox"/> 2007 – Basic Techniques & Principles of Fund Raising. School of Philanthropy, Indiana University <input type="checkbox"/> 2005–2006 – series on Management principles and techniques <input type="checkbox"/> 2004 – reading in Missiology at San Francisco Theological Seminary with Dr. Philip Wickeri <input type="checkbox"/> 2003 – project management training <input type="checkbox"/> 2003 – reading in Free Church Ecclesiology <input type="checkbox"/> 1998 to present – required training at the GAC on multicultural proficiency, anti-sexual misconduct, and anti-racism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alban Institute – all three levels of conflict management training

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Positions applied for, with experience:

- Pastor (Solo)
- Pastor (Head of Staff)
- Journal Clerk

Positions applied for, without experience:

- College/Seminary Faculty

Employment type: Full-time

Community types considered:

- Rural
- Village
- Town
- Small City
- Suburban
- Urban
- Inner City
- College
- Recreation
- Retirement

Church sizes preferred:

- 401 - 650 members
- 651 - 1000 members
- 1001 - 1500 members
- More than 1500 members

Geographic choices:

- Unlimited

Primary skill choices:

- Communication (Written / Oral)
- Corporate Worship / Sacraments
- Involvement in Mission Beyond the Local Church
- Leadership of Staff / Volunteers
- Pastoral Care
- Preaching
- Problem Solving / Decision Making
- Spiritual Development
- Strategic Planning
- Teaching

Training / Certification: Interim Ministry Training ,

- Week 1 by Interim Ministry Network at Laurelville, PA in 1989
- Week 2 by Interim Ministry Network at Laurelville, PA in 1990

Work experience level:8 years or more**Languages fluent:**

- English

Filing as clergy couples? No**Minimum effective salary:**\$ / Year**Willing to serve church of other race?** Yes

Sexual Misconduct Self-Certification Statement:

I certify below that no civil, criminal, ecclesiastical complaint has ever been sustained* or is pending* against me for sexual misconduct; and I have never resigned or been terminated from a position for reasons related to sexual misconduct.

I have read this certification and release form and fully understand that the information obtained may be used to deny my employment or any other type of position from the employing entity. I also agree that I will hold harmless the employing or judicial authority or any other entity from any and all claims, liabilities, and causes of action for the legitimate release of any information related to sexual misconduct.

Tell us more about you

Work experience:

- 2011 to present - Interim Pastor, South Frankfort Presbyterian Church, Frankfort, KY 40601
- 2008 to 2011 Executive Director, Medical Benevolence Foundation – a PCUSA Validated Mission Support Group supporting international church partners' medical ministries
- 2006 to 2007 Co-leader, Director's Office, World Mission Program Unit, General Assembly Council, PC(USA), Louisville, KY
- 1998 to 2006 Associate Director, Ecumenical Partnership, Worldwide Ministries Division, GAC, PC(USA), Louisville, KY
- 1992 to 1998 Associate Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Scioto Valley, Columbus, OH
- 1989 to 1992 Interim Pastor, Belle Valley Presbyterian Church, Erie, PA, small church, suburban
- 1982 to 1989 Pastor, Providence United Presbyterian Church, Scranton, PA, medium church, suburban
- 1975 to 1982 Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, East Brady, PA, small church, small town,
- June 1975 to Sept 1975 Chaplain, Pennsylvania State Parks, PA, rural
- 1971 to 1972 counter clerk, parts department, Labbee Chevrolet, Northampton, MA

Other services to church or denomination for the past 10 years:

LOCAL CONGREGATION: I have enjoyed being a preacher, Adult Sunday School teacher, Bible in Depth teacher, and mission speaker in the last two churches in which my wife, Rev. Dr. Lal Hmingliani Browne, has served as an Associate Pastor: Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY and Clear Lake Presbyterian Church in Houston, TX. As a pastor's spouse, I also bake cookies, visit parishioners, provide worship leadership, substitute preach, and attend church events. I was on the board of National Church Residences, and volunteered as a hospice chaplain for 13 years.

PRESBYTERY & SYNOD: I have been a preacher, key-note speaker, and workshop leader for Presbytery and Synod events. The extensive nature and irregular schedule of my travel for work has prevented me from regular service on presbytery committees during my time in Kentucky and Texas. However I enjoy working with presbytery colleagues and believe that strengthens our connectional church. I supported colleagues in ministry and preached as requested and available in various pulpits.

NATIONAL CHURCH: I served for several years on the design committees of the National Presbytery Leadership Training Event and of the PCUSA Church-wide Staff Leadership Meeting. I took turns leading worship at the Presbyterian Center.

GLOBAL CHURCH: I was a delegate from the PCUSA to the World Alliance of Reformed Churches that met in Ghana. I was an "official observer" to the 1998 and 2005 meetings of the World Council of Churches.

Please describe the characteristics of the church or organization you would like to serve, and the unique gifts, skills and experiences you would like to bring to the position:

I would like to serve a congregation that:

- confesses its need for grace and transformation;
- is a community of people called together joyfully responding to God’s grace, discerning God’s call through the leading of the Holy Spirit, and sharing God’s love in Jesus Christ through word and deed;
- guards the church as a safe place to work out our faith and relationships;
- understands God’s concern for the whole person;
- celebrates the diversity and gifts of members and those we serve; and
- is not afraid of the complexity and contradictions of the world context in which we serve.

I bring skills and gifts as:

- a compelling preacher able to help people hear the scripture in its original context and to find its guidance and relevance for today;
- a creative worship leader who values both tradition and new forms that honor peoples’ preferences;
- a sought-after teacher of Bible, theology, ethics, , mission, church history and Presbyterian polity;
- an experienced administrator in stewardship, budget, finance, and personnel;
- a leader of congregational discernment, planning and implementation of God’s call for the church;
- a skilled, disciplined and caring giver of pastoral care; and
- a trained and experienced manager of conflict.

Please describe your present call and accomplishments:

In my work as Executive Director of the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) I:

- provided overall leadership in direction setting and mission implementation and lead MBF’s Fund Raising efforts;
- invited Churches, groups and individuals to become engaged in medical mission through the gifts, service, advocacy and prayer;
- preached, spoke, taught and led workshops;
- worked with sessions and mission committees;
- talked with people about God’s call in their lives and listened as stories of crisis become stories of God’s grace revealed and healing given;
- wrote and thought about the place of medical mission within our Reformed theological understanding of life and faith;
- learned from our international partners about hope, endurance, joy and living life as a thanksgiving for God’s goodness given;
- accompanied members and congregations of the PCUSA as they discerned and grew and celebrated the deep gladness of joining in God’s work of mission on behalf of others;
- connected people who are the church ‘here’ with people who are the church ‘there’
- find their commonality in Jesus despite their cultural difference; and I
- was proud of and grateful to be a part of our PC(USA) mission heritage.

Please describe your leadership style:

My leadership style honors that I am a minister and teaching role and that the elders are the ‘ruling elders’ and decision makers in most matters. I work collaboratively and transparently in finding common vision and agreed decisions. I provide clarity and vision in areas for which I am set aside to have leadership as:

- interpreter and teacher of God’s Word and our Christian and Presbyterian tradition;
- observer of the world and time in which God has placed us;
- moderator in areas of decision-making;
- ‘shepherd’ making sure the church is a safe, caring and nurturing place; and as
- mentor and coach and supervisor for other staff in my role as head of staff.

I seek for and believe that the identity, vision, values and mission of the congregation must be chosen and owned by the people God has called to be that congregation. They are not for me to set or control. Once set by the congregation it is my role to track and facilitate the work of the congregation in being true in our fulfillment of the path of congregation life and service to which we believe God calls us.

I have an open door approach that encourages members and staff to come to me at the timing of their need and initiative. I believe in naming risks, seeking counsel, finding allies, celebrating accomplishments, and am conservative in management of financial resources.

Finally I strive to be aware of our human limits and to seek those balances and protections of our Presbyterian system that keep any of us from confusing our voice or will with that of God.

What are the key theological issues currently facing the church and society, and how do they shape your ministry?

I think about theology out of the context of my need for God’s grace. The forgiveness and reconciliation I receive leads me to thank Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I live that thanks following God’s call through the leading of the Spirit in my life. The need for grace belongs to all of us as we struggle with the ‘depravity’ or ‘fragility’ of our human condition. The good news is that God’s grace is with us, healing, forgiving, redeeming, restoring and gifting us with hope. It is our call and joy as Christians who have received grace to share the good news that grace is available to all who confess and trust in God’s redemption in Christ.

I believe the church makes a profound difference in our lives and in human history. I celebrate God’s call for us to be the community of faith – the Body of Christ in the world – a living witness to God’s love and grace in Jesus. I believe in the transformative power of life in Christian community. When undervalue the church, we weaken our witness, confuse our purpose and fail our mission.

The Biblical Book of Revelation tells us that, in the final analysis, God’s love in Jesus Christ will be triumphant. This changes our perceptions of how we live toward Christ’s ultimate victory. We are as ‘Saints’ to see beyond the crises of today to the end time of God’s love triumphant over evil, despair and pain. It enables us to live with confidence and hope knowing tomorrow belongs to God.

STATEMENT OF FAITH Will Browne

I believe in my need for grace and in God's gift of that grace in Jesus Christ. I believe in my need for the Holy Spirit to guide and empower my faithful response to God. I believe my need is the need of all people and that individually and corporately we need and live on God's mercy, love, presence and call. I believe in my need for sisters and brothers in the faith who join with me under Christ's Lordship as a community of believers that is the Church.

I hold to the essential tenets of the Reformed Faith which I outline as the Sovereignty of God, the Lordship of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit, the authority of Scripture and the fragility of humanity. God is the prime actor and the creator of everything that is. God who created the universe, created us people for personal relationship marked by understanding, loyalty, mercy and love. As we failed our relationship with God, God still permitted our freedom and intervened with prophets and righteous people to call us back. Still we persisted and God came incarnate as Jesus the Christ - fully human and fully divine. In him we finally received the fullness of God's love and grace and the way for us to return to obedient and joyful relationship with our maker. Accepting this call and love we became Christ's servants - accepting his Lordship in every part of our lives. In grace God has given us the Holy Spirit as the presence of God in our lives, strengthening and leading us in our living of the faith. In grace God inspired the writings of the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to tell the story of God's gracious interaction with humankind and his chosen people of Israel in particular. The scriptures are the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus who is the Word of God. The scriptures are our guide and authority in discerning God's truth and call in life. In creating us God gave us human limits and the freedom of love or not love God. It is in those limits and that freedom that our choice to love and serve God has real meaning as something chosen not imposed. Each of us faces temptation and in various ways fail. In grace God lifts us and calls us again - yet always in our freedom.

God has given us the sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, through which we mark our belonging in God's heart and draw close and commune with our risen Lord. They teach us and remind us but also permit us to experience a power and presence that is beyond the words human leaders say or human emotions evoke.

I believe that evil exists and stalks our lives and that we are far too often complicit in evil. When we hurt others and diminish our connection with God ripple effects create patterns and currents in history itself. But there is one God alone and that God has already defeated the powers of evil from beyond and within us. We can with confidence "give that which we've committed unto him against that day." (hymn "I know not why God's wondrous grace").

References:

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