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Formal Education:	1983-1986 University of Dubuque Theological Seminary/ Dubuque, IA/ Master of Divinity 1979-1983 University of Tulsa/ Tulsa, OK/ Bachelor of Science in Religion
Continuing Education:	1997-2012 Naval Chaplain Annual Professional Development Training/ Topics vary from counseling to leadership in diverse settings/ Various locations 2011 Alban Institute/ Seminar on "The Open Source Church" by Landon Whitsitt/ Lake Junaluska, NC 2010 Wee Kirk Conference/ Topics varying from Biblical interpretation to church growth and management/ Boise, ID 2009 Inside/Out Conference- Presbyterian Global Fellowship/ Seminars on the transformational model of the missional movement/ Long Beach, CA 2008 Dan Weeden's "Taking It to the Next Level" Communications Workshop/ Improving brief and attention provoking oral presentations/ Seattle, WA
Experience Level:	8 years or more
Employment Type:	Open to both
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$60,000 / Year
Position Types (with experience)	Pastor (Solo) Pastor (Head of Staff) Pastor (Yoked/Multiple)
Position Types (w/o experience)	Associate Pastor (Other) Pastor (Redevelopment/Transformation) Designated Pastor Interim Pastor Mission Pastor

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	<p>Campus Minister Chaplain Interim Associate Pastor Pastor (Parish) Pastor (Shared Ministry) Pastoral Counselor Mission Co-Worker (International) Pastor (Supply)</p>
Community Types:	<p>Rural Village Town Small City Suburban Urban Inner City College Recreation Retirement</p>
Church Sizes:	<p>Under 100 members 101 - 250 members 251 - 400 members 401 - 650 members 651 - 1000 members 1001 - 1500 members More than 1500 members</p>
Geographic Choices:	<p>Arizona California Florida Georgia Hawaii Maryland North Carolina Nevada Puerto Rico South Carolina</p>

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	Tennessee Texas Washington West Virginia X-International Geographically Limited to miles of
Languages:	English
Primary Skills:	Conflict Management/Mediation Skills Congregational Home Visitation Corporate Worship / Sacraments Counseling Cross Cultural Collaboration/Cultural Proficiency Defining Program Needs Hospital and Emergency Visitation Pastoral Care Preaching Spiritual Development
Training / Certification:	(Not Specified)
Clergy Couple?	False
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.
Past Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005-Present Summit Avenue/ Pastor, Church with One Pastor with staff/ Bremerton, WA/ 163/ Suburban • 2002-2005 US Navy, Military Sealift Command, Far East/ Command Chaplain/ Yokohama, Japan/ 2,125/ Urban, International • 2000-2002 US Navy, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG-57)/ Ship Chaplain/ San Diego, California/ 367/ Urban, US and International • 1997-2000 US Navy, 1st Marine Division/ Marine Corps Battalion Chaplain/ Oceanside, CA/ 1,357/ Rural to urban, US and International • 1991-1997 Community/ Pastor Church with One Pastor/ Coolidge, AZ/ 113/ Town • 1987-1990 First/ Pastor, Church with One Pastor/ Union Star, MO/ 59/ Rural • 1986-1987 Carthage & Tulip/ Intern Pastor/ Carthage, AZ/ 31/ Rural
Other Services:	

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- 2005-2012 US Naval Reserve/ Chaplain
- 2006-2012 Harrison Medical Center/ Volunteer Chaplain
- 2005-2012 Kitsap Interfaith Network/ Member
- 2006-2010 Seattle Presbytery Christian Education Committee/ Coordinated logistical planning for the presbytery's participants to the Youth Triennium 2010

Church Characteristics Desired:

Foremost, I seek a church that strives for dynamic spiritual development of all its members, eager to reach out to others "where they are". This goes beyond merely being evangelistic; approaching the core of what it means to be Christ-centered. I envision teams of lay people that are willing to strive toward a common vision and share contagious grace. This includes a worship and outreach that would extend not only to those attending but the surrounding community as well; reformed, vibrant and relevant outside the sanctuary. In any setting I am looking forward to combining my gifts as a counselor, mission focused leader, and inspiring relational teacher and friend, with the talents of a congregation willing to engage and not merely be an audience in worship. Specifically, I bring a fresh perspective with my years both as a pastor and as a chaplain. I have led churches spiritually growing in their ability to give themselves over to Christ's call to serve in their communities. I have also given sailors, marines, soldiers and air force personnel, along with their families a spiritual foundation in harrowing times and circumstances. The combination of my exposure to great leaders and servants, and training in aspects of spiritual growth and pastoral care will provide an abundant resource wherever Christ leads me.

Accomplishments in present call:

Serving Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church has been a wonderful blessing. In that time the church has grown in its diversity and its outreach to the community that surrounds it. We have come to enjoy a monthly missional focus that challenges us to support and be a part of mission local and worldwide. This has helped initiate a continued focus on the theme of offering Christ's presence to all. Many visitors have inquired, "What happened to this church, it was always friendly but never this intentional in its outreach". While this has been the heart of what this church is continuing to become, another exciting element of my work here has been the growth of the work of the deacons. Their development as servant leaders has provided those who are members and those who visit outstanding spiritual care. Over the past seven years it has been wonderful to see the transition from being a pastor who is the provider of most of the pastoral care to a pastor that can be more specialized and targeted in my outreach because of the cohesive collaboration between the deacons and I. I see Summit Avenue as a church truly coming closer to living out the early church model in a way that is relevant to their current environment. While we do our best to insure that we care for one another, God is equipping us to care for the world around us.

Leadership Style:

I view myself as a leader who is most effective when transparently communicating the joys and challenges of submitting myself to Christ. You cannot reach a world struggling for holiness unless you yourself are openly engaged in the ongoing struggle. Here is not a call to be "holier than thou", rather a call to be wholly honest, gracious, humble, and therefore fully comfortable with yourself as a "work in progress". I believe that the world is longing for leaders who are fearlessly open in authentically communicating who they are in relationship to God and their fellow humans. I strive to create "synergy", referring to a group dynamic whereby the whole is larger than the individual contribution of each participant. This is why for all its technical parallels the open source model of churching is fascinating to me. Being an effective leader today means listening, being accessible, maintaining flexibility, and having a willingness to expose yourself to the conventional wisdom that is filling your pews today and by encouraging participation through immediate contribution, expanding that wisdom in directions that accommodate rather than discourage transformation based on your most recent visitors.

Key Theological Issues:

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In an age of cultural relativity I think that it is vital for the Church to communicate what it means by the “authority of scriptures”. In my ministry I have been careful not to overstate this truth by diminishing the validity of what are often fruitful beliefs and experiences outside Christianity. What we must be clear on is that the authority of God’s Word is completely reliable in conveying the message of Divine salvation in the work and person of Jesus Christ. The Bible is written so that we may apply grace, mercy, and faith in the world we find ourselves in today, as it has for the faithful of all generations. The wonder of God’s Word is that this truth can be found in a canon of God inspired poetry, parable, and historical recollections. Another fundamental in reformed teaching that needs more emphasis today is the indwelling nature of Christ. Fear of mysticism and a reaction against the Holiness Movement have caused many Presbyterians to apply this solely to the Church as a whole. I have always emphasized both thoughts coexisting which can be supported by the understanding of a priesthood of all believers. The sacraments also rightly viewed testify to this truth, reminding us of the fact that this presence is within each believer and shared corporately at the same time. It is of immense importance for reformed believers today to realize that grace and mercy are not merely desirable outcomes of faith, but essential qualities that dwell in otherwise corrupt souls. .

Statement of Faith:

I believe in God, maker of all things, ever-reaching communicator of grace and love, indwelling sustainer that empowers those who receive to become spiritually alive givers of holy compassion.

I believe that our clearest understanding of the nature of God is to be found in Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testament. They provide the rich history of God interacting with humanity; the inspiring words of poet, prophet, and evangelist; and the moral and spiritual guidelines for the covenant community. Yet the essence of Scripture is the self-revelation of God and this is its unifying purpose and theme.

I believe we are given the terms Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to express the fact that this Triune nature is ever-relational, as is the reason for all of the feminine references to God as being a nurturing Mother as well. While God is omnipotent and omniscient, God is richly personal, never detached, distant, nor indifferent. God has a plan for all humanity and creation, for you and for me.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the pre-existent Word of God, within Scripture and undoubtedly beyond it. In Jesus all things were created. He became incarnate through the loving power of God, and by the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of Mary his mother. He was truly fully human and fully divine. In his interactions with disciples and outcasts, the self-righteous and sinners, Jesus loved, healed, forgave multitudes of needy people. In the end he offered up a sinless life to a sin filled world. For this he was crucified and suffered a death like ours. God’s grace was most powerfully proclaimed though, because on the third day after loosening the chains of those condemned in hell, he rose again and made his presence known to the faithful before his entrance into heaven.

I believe that through the Holy Spirit’s ever-engaging presence the disciples began to faithfully live out the commission proclaimed by Jesus. They witnessed to the grace of Jesus Christ by living authentically and serving effectively. They baptized those who received that grace. They taught, healed, and led the church to live as the visible Body of Christ. In breaking and sharing bread and pouring out and serving to one another the cup, they remembered not only their Savior but celebrated his actual presence, which they all shared within. We continue to this day and into the future, living out the reality of Christ’s constant return in the hope of his final return.

I believe we are called to understand others as we have been understood, welcoming all who desire it the rich infilling of the Spirit and the loving presence of Christ our Lord. We are called to love others, because according to Scripture, confessions, and the One who lives within each of us there is no other way for us to know God. Thus, there is always something new to learn about God and everyday is an adventure in rediscovering the depths of our creation.

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