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The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Ecclesiastical Status:	Teaching Elder
Membership Presbytery:	NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERY
Ordination Date:	7/17/2011
Formal Education:	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (M. Div. – May, 2010) Texas Tech University (Fall 1972 – Spring 1974) Texas State University (Spring 1974 – Spring 1975)
Continuing Education:	Interim Ministry Training – August 2010 4 units of CPE – 1997-1998
Experience Level:	4 to 6 years
Employment Type:	Full-time
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$50,000 / Year
Position Types (with experience)	Associate Pastor (Other)
Position Types (w/o experience)	Pastor (Solo) Pastor (Head of Staff)
Community Types:	Rural Village Town Small City Suburban Urban Inner City Recreation Retirement

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Church Sizes:	101 - 250 members 251 - 400 members 401 - 650 members
Geographic Choices:	Texas Geographically Limited to 50 miles of Houston
Languages:	English
Primary Skills:	Communication (Written / Oral) Congregational Home Visitation Corporate Worship / Sacraments Hospital and Emergency Visitation Leadership Development Leadership of Staff / Volunteers Pastoral Care Preaching Problem Solving / Decision Making Spiritual Development
Training / Certification:	Interim Ministry Training Week 1 by PC(U.S.A.) at Montreat, NC in 2010
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:	Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX: Associate Pastor, Congregational Life from July 17, 2011 ;Pastoral Associate from April 17, 2006 until July 17, 2011 until present. Grace is a 3000 member church. September 1998 – November 1999: Staff Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator for Horizon Hospice (Hospice of IHS)
Other Services:	

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Presently serve on Nominating Committee CPM for New Covenant Presbytery.
CPM for a short time in 2012
Pulpit Supply for New Covenant Presbytery: 2007 – 2011
Ongoing Pulpit Supply for Heritage Presbyterian Church during 2009

Church Characteristics Desired:

I get excited about serving a church that is focused on the good news of Jesus Christ, and one that testifies to its truth through all aspects of the faith community. I would like to serve a church that measures success by stories of changed lives and deeper relationships. I am encouraged by a church that is intentional about studying and wrestling with God's Word together in order to learn ways to love God more faithfully and to learn to love neighbors more selflessly. In a culture that is full of hatred, strife, and division, the Church has a great opportunity and responsibility, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to live in unity at the foot of the cross, to be gathered and to gather others into the grace of Christ, and to be a community of empowerment as we live the life of faith together. The central heart of my calling has been pastoral care and preaching, and my willingness to be authentic and vulnerable in both have proved to be strength for ministry growth. I understand and celebrate that an essential aspect of pastoring a community is to help facilitate and encourage others in identifying their gifts and passions, and to equip and empower them to use those for the building up of the Body. This ability to equip and empower others encourages collaborative leadership and accountability.

Accomplishments in present call:

Presently I am serving as Pastor for Congregational Life. Within this umbrella ministry is the Deacon ministry, older adult ministry, prayer ministry, and all church events ministry. The Deacon ministry is in its fifth year at Grace and I have had the opportunity to provide leadership to it for the past four years, during which time it has become recognized as an established ordained body in partnership with the elders, and known as the connectional and lay pastoral care ministry for the church community. I have had leadership over the older adult ministry for the last year and within that ministry there is both fellowship and care ministry areas. Providing prayer ministry leadership involves providing ongoing opportunities for times of corporate prayer and also for seeing that individual prayer requests are prayed for and handled with care and follow up when necessary. I'm also involved in hospital visitation and all aspects of pastoral care, such as personal counseling and bereavement care, including memorial services when requested. During the absence of a Senior Pastor in the Fall and Spring of 2012, I provided leadership for the worship ministry of the church, working with the worship teams to provide leadership, and presided and preached in a large number of the services, including Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday. As part of the pastoral staff at Grace, I serve on the leadership staff of the church.

Leadership Style:

A leadership of empowerment would most likely be the best phrase to describe my style of leadership. I have a fairly keen sense of my strengths and weaknesses, and I am perceptive to the strengths of others. I believe in the model of the church being the body, with different gifts being given for different purposes but for the same goal, the life and growth of the body as a whole. I believe in encouraging others in discovering their gifts and empowering them to fully develop and use those gifts. I think it's important to have open and authentic conversation and accountability, and the opportunity for team building experiences in order for the vision of ministry to be clear and effective and the purpose of the ministry to be fulfilled. I believe in providing a leadership that promotes unity not uniformity.

Key Theological Issues:

Overall I think the issues that face the church and society today are the basic issues that we have always faced. How do we be in relationship with God and with one another? How do we understand Scripture and apply it to our living out this relationship with God and with one another? How do we understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the gift of Grace, in a culture that is based on power, accomplishment, and division? How do we lay down our lives in order to receive life while living in a world of fear, selfishness, and pride? As I am aware of my own sinful nature and unworthiness, I am made even more aware of the abundance of the love of Christ active in my life through the power of the Holy Spirit. I am called to bear that love and to be a partner to others as they discover the ways in which the love of Christ is active in and through their own lives. In being called to proclaim the Word of God, I am always aware of the truth that God speaks through earthen vessels and it is the power of the Holy Spirit that communicates the truth that is heard.

Statement of Faith:

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I believe in the Trinity. Out of love God created everything. Out of love God became incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ in order to redeem us and gather us unto God's self. Jesus Christ was at once fully human and fully divine in a way that holds mystery, but is truth nonetheless. Christ died for our sins and through Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension we receive forgiveness and grace, as we are given the eternal and abundant life of being in relationship with God now and forever. The Holy Spirit is the living presence of Christ within us. I live out my life, every detail, within the context of God's Sovereignty and in the embrace of God's grace. Faith is a gift from God and my purpose in life is to respond in thankfulness to God's love. In order to live out my purpose I must submit both my gifts and strengths, and my weaknesses and flaws to the power and grace of the Holy Spirit

I believe...Christ calls the Church into being and to the purpose of witnessing the truth of God's love in Jesus Christ, living in unity while seeking peace and justice for all. As Jesus used ordinary and common things to teach, cleanse, and heal, even giving his very ordinary body in loving sacrifice we are called to do the same with every aspect of our ordinary lives. The Sacraments of Baptism and The Lord's Supper have been instituted by God and commended by Christ as outward signs of the grace that dwells within. In Baptism we are washed in the newness of life in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and initiated in to the family of faith. As we share The Lord's Supper we experience, again with a sense of mystery, the very real presence of Christ. It is a time of sharing in remembrance and participation with thanksgiving in all that Christ has done through his death and resurrection, and anticipation of Christ's return. God's revelation is the Word, which is Christ, who was and is and always will be, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, the Word. The truth of the Scriptures is infallible and is to be trusted as our source of authority through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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