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Ecclesiastical Status:	Teaching Elder
Membership Presbytery:	EASTERN OKLAHOMA PRESBYTERY
Ordination Date:	10/16/2006
Formal Education:	Master of Divinity Bachelor of Arts McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL Thomas Edison College, Trenton, NJ
Continuing Education:	Certified Interim Ministry Chaplaincy Reclaiming the Text Mission Analysis Program Transformation) Pastoral Care Specialist Grant and Proposal Writing Specialized studies Spirituality in Death & Dying Business management training Interim Ministry Network, Herndon, VA (60 hrs) Aurora Healthcare, Milwaukee, WI (1600 hrs) Preaching Conference-Montreat, NC Blackhawk Presbytery, Oregon, IL (Church Stephen Ministry, Inc., Houston, TX University of Delaware, Wilmington, DE Family Systems, Psychology, Counseling Spirituality in Death & Dying, Inc. Varied Locations throughout the world (first career)
Experience Level:	6 to 8 years
Employment Type:	Open to both
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$50,000 / Year
Position Types (with experience)	Designated Pastor Interim Pastor Pastor (Supply)
Position Types (w/o experience)	Interim Associate Pastor
Community Types:	Rural Village

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	Town Small City Suburban Urban
Church Sizes:	Under 100 members 101 - 250 members 251 - 400 members 401 - 650 members 651 - 1000 members 1001 - 1500 members
Geographic Choices:	Arkansas Arizona California Colorado Florida Georgia Kansas New Mexico Nevada Oklahoma Tennessee Texas Geographically Limited to miles of
Languages:	English
Primary Skills:	Administrative Leadership Communication (Written / Oral) Conflict Management/Mediation Skills Congregational Redevelopment / Transformation Counseling Financial Management Pastoral Care Preaching Spiritual Development Transitional / Interim Ministry

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Training / Certification:	<p>Interim Ministry Training</p> <p>Week 1 by Interim Ministry Network at Techny, IL in 2004</p> <p>Week 2 by Interim Ministry Network at Techny, IL in 2005</p>																												
Clergy Couple?	False																												
Sexual Misconduct Self-Certification Statement:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>																												
Past Experience:	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Interim Pastor, Head of Staff, Baltimore, MD</td> <td style="width: 15%;">100 Mbrs</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Urban</td> <td style="width: 30%;">2011-2012</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Designated Pastor, Head of Staff, White Hall, MD</td> <td>101-250</td> <td>Rural</td> <td>2009-2011</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pastor, Head of Staff, Carneys Pt., NJ</td> <td>101-250</td> <td>Town</td> <td>2006-2008</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pastor-Intern/Supply, Romeoville, IL</td> <td>101-250</td> <td>Subn</td> <td>2003-2006</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pulpit Supply, IL, WI Presbyteries</td> <td>100-1500</td> <td></td> <td>2000- 2003</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chaplain, Milwaukee and Green Bay, WI</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Regional Manager, SF, CA</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1985-1993</td> </tr> </table>	Interim Pastor, Head of Staff, Baltimore, MD	100 Mbrs	Urban	2011-2012	Designated Pastor, Head of Staff, White Hall, MD	101-250	Rural	2009-2011	Pastor, Head of Staff, Carneys Pt., NJ	101-250	Town	2006-2008	Pastor-Intern/Supply, Romeoville, IL	101-250	Subn	2003-2006	Pulpit Supply, IL, WI Presbyteries	100-1500		2000- 2003	Chaplain, Milwaukee and Green Bay, WI				Regional Manager, SF, CA			1985-1993
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Other Services:	<p>Sexual Misconduct Response/Prevention Team, the Presbytery of Baltimore</p> <p>Mission Committee, the Presbytery of Baltimore</p> <p>Executive Council, the Twin Cities Presbytery</p> <p>New Church Development/Church Transformation Team, Presbytery of Twin Cities</p> <p>Finance Committee, West Jersey Presbytery</p>																												
Church Characteristics Desired:	<p>The church I hope to serve is Christ centered and faithful in the transition process. This church treasures our Reformed tradition, as well as seeks openness to new experiences of God in worship, ministry, life, and outreach. This church's love through Jesus Christ is faithful and her gratitude to God is abundant. She prays deeply and widely, and cares with energy. She is striving to do the will of the Lord, growing and learning along the way of Christ.</p> <p>I have a deep and abiding love for Jesus Christ and his church. God has blessed me with many gifts and skills for this calling to serve God and the church with energy, dedication, and love; namely, a compassionate heart, a keen intellect, authenticity, and a faithful life. I have been described as a wise and gifted pastor/minister who inspires others to serve God through the church, which humble me. I strive to live them out in prayer and thanksgiving. I love to lead worship and preach. Pastoral ministry is a special calling of servanthood in Christ that calls for love beyond measure. I seek to turn churches forward in that love.</p> <p>I have an extensive education and ongoing study in family systems, psychology, human development, and pastoral care which enable me well. I am a certified interim/transitional minister and a clinically certified chaplain. From my first career in business and marketing, I also provide to the church an excellent skill set and experience in administration, finance, leadership, organization, and people-ness.</p>																												
Accomplishments in present call:																													

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Most recently, I helped a church process through a mission study to a new vision and mission on a fast-track interim program for small churches. Prior to this, most significantly, I helped a congregation build a new future for vitality in Christ. Through me, the congregation experienced needed healing, integration, and new/ revised programming after a level five conflict and split. With God's help, we revitalized worship, organized structure and order, found new administrative tools, and developed capacity for conflict negotiation. The worship attendance flourished, communication improved, membership grew, and program offerings increased under my care.

Specifically, we added a contemporary worship service and provided creative and blended worship services which engaged A/V equipment and stirred new energy in both worship services. We began a Parish Nurse Program for congregational care and community outreach. We hired staff for youth and children's programs, and I designed a new modern Confirmation program that included and excited the entire congregation. I began a first ever regular Sunday coffee fellowship time, which opened communication and care. Faithfully, we baptized children and adults, and wed couples--the "first in years." And, the church sent two young adults on mission to Cuba. In Christ, Ministry turned around to the positive for the church's future.

Leadership Style:

Leadership is a spiritual and a practical calling which requires healthy discipleship and love. It requires trust and goodwill by and with all and pastors must lead in this regard. The orientation of leadership is to truth and goodness with lots of mercy and forgiveness freely given along the way. Healthy decision making and negotiation are handled with respectful regard for one another IN love and IN Christ. My specific leadership is thoughtful, empowering, collaborative, and trustworthy. I naturally empower others, as I love to bless others in their callings. I offer oversight and counsel where needed. I have been described as "an inspiring leader," which humbles me. I give lots of thank yous and recognition, as well as encouragement, to those who volunteer so much in the church. And, while imperfect, I strive to meet the leadership standards that Jesus gave us, that is, merciful listener, grace-full care giver, accessible friend, and loving shepherd.

To ensure I am good for others, I remain healthy for my family and for those in my care. So, I take good self-care of my spiritual, emotional, physical, and educational needs, as well as good care of my family. For accountability, I seek counsel and insight from a friend/minister colleague, a spiritual director, and my presbytery--all have the invitation to speak the truth in love to me as needed.

Key Theological Issues:

Jesus commands us to love, worship, and serve God in totality, and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. This is a mighty command and a sacred calling to faithfulness to God and to one another in real and committed relationship for Christ's sake. It is beyond what we can fully imagine. It means that within our families, our communities, and our world, we are to go beyond what we have lived, known, or imagined in the past in order to walk together in love into the present and the future. This is not easy. In our deepest struggles, grief, and joys, with all our hearts, we are to walk in faithfulness and loyalty with one another in full and honest communion, in love, in Christ. And so letting love govern all that we do, think, and assume about another, we must go Christ's way of peace. We must live and proclaim the gospel of Christ in worship, discipleship, and mission with great dedication beyond stresses and disagreements, beyond discomfort, and beyond our fears—just as the cross of Jesus Christ shows us.

Thus, our calling is to an over the top ministry and mission of prayer, share, care, and dare to missional outreach.

Statement of Faith:

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I believe in God, the creator and maker of the world, in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten son, and in the Holy Spirit. I believe that God is triune-- God the Father and Creator, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. All three persons are equal in status and substance working as one to redeem, renew, and restore the world to God.

I believe that as a result of sin we are born without hope in ourselves but are always called to hope in God. Out of love for us, God came to humanity in the person of Jesus Christ to reconcile us into relationship with God. And it is through the salvation of Jesus Christ on the cross that we are made one with God and know the true healing love of God. I believe in the crucifixion death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as an act of pure and true love to save humankind and the world by taking away the sin of the world. And that in total fulfillment of God's plan for the world, Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe we share a heritage with Christians throughout time and space and are a part of God's universal Church. And, we are called to proclaim God's message of hope, love, and reconciliation to peoples of every land and place. Thus, we are to be in a mission of redemption, renewal, and reconciliation making disciples, baptizing and teaching.

I believe that the Bible is God's holy inspired word, a word without parallel, the word of God. With the Holy Spirit, it is our guiding light to truth and goodness and all sufficient for matters of life and faith. We are to study, read, pray and experience the Bible in fullness throughout our lives.

I believe that the Holy Spirit lives and acts within us, the community, and the whole Church to lead us and inspire us in the ministry of the gospel, as well as in the leadership of the Church. With all expectation of God's presence, we pray and listen well for the Spirit's guidance, as well as rest in the assurance of the Spirit praying in and through us.

God has given the Church two holy Sacraments that are the Lord's gifts for those who believe and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. They are Baptism, wherein we die and rise with Christ to new life and are adopted into the Body of Christ. And the Lord's Supper-- also called the Eucharist and Holy Communion--wherein we remember God's saving grace through Jesus Christ, renew our strength as one body of Christ, and resolve again to follow Christ.

My faith, made known as I live and move and have being in God, is lovingly graced through Jesus Christ, my Redeemer and Savior, who reconciles me to God in the deepest of joy. My faith is built on and nurtured in prayer, and it sends me out to serve in a vowed life in and to the Church of Jesus Christ. It is solidly formed in the Reformed tradition, embodied in the PCUSA, and missionally oriented.

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