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Membership Presbytery:	GREATER ATLANTA PRESBYTERY
Ordination Date:	12/16/2001
Formal Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1995 – 99 Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary; Atlanta, Georgia; Master of Divinity- Highest honor • 1981 – 93 Emory University Candler School of Theology/ Atlanta, Georgia; Master of Theological Studies. – Cum Laude 74-78University of Georgia/ Athens, Georgia; Bachelor of Arts/ Religion
Continuing Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2010 GA: Leadership Training • May 2008 GA: Leadership Training • October 2006 Meditation and Conflict Resolution Training – JCA • October 2005 Pastor Nominating Committee Liaison Training • September 2005 Georgia Cluster: Basic Interim Pastor Training • March 2005 Presbyterian Women: Anti Racism Facilitator Training • November 2004 OGA: Diversity in Leadership • October 2004 Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Anti-Racism • August 2003 Management Certificate, Georgia Institute of Technology
Experience Level:	8 years or more
Employment Type:	Open to both
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$55,000 / Year
Position Types (with experience)	Pastor (Solo) Interim Pastor

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	Pastor (Supply)
Position Types (w/o experience)	Co-Pastor Designated Pastor Chaplain
Community Types:	Small City Suburban Urban
Church Sizes:	Under 100 members 101 - 250 members 251 - 400 members 401 - 650 members
Geographic Choices:	Unlimited Geographically Limited to miles of
Languages:	English
Primary Skills:	Communication (Written / Oral) Conflict Management/Mediation Skills Counseling Involvement in Mission Beyond the Local Church Pastoral Care Preaching Spiritual Development Teaching Transitional / Interim Ministry Urban Ministry
Training / Certification:	Interim Ministry Training Week 1 by PC(U.S.A.) at Atlanta in 2005
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.

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	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.
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Past Experience:

- November 2006 – Present Trinity Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Decatur, Ga
Part – time Contract Pastor
Solo/ Urban Inner City/ 150

- January 2006- September 2006 Church of St. Andrew Sandy Springs, Ga
Pastor Nominating Committee Liaison Moderator of Session Pulpit Supply
Solo/ Suburban /60

- September 2003 to January 2005 Emory PCUSA, Atlanta, Georgia
Moderator of Session
Solo/ Urban/ 100

- October 2002 to July 2003 Southwest Atlanta PCUSA, Atlanta, Georgia
Moderator of Session
Solo/ Urban/ 50

- August 1979- August 2004 State of Georgia/ Board of Regents (Retired)
- University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia – August 1979- January 1982
- Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia – January 1982 – February 2004
- Georgia Perimeter College, Atlanta, Georgia – February 2004 – August 2004
Public Safety Manager

- December 2001 to November 2006 Radcliffe Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia
Teacher/ Evangelist / Special Program Coordinator
Solo/ Urban 300

- June 1993 – September 1998 Radcliffe Presbyterian Church/ Atlanta, Georgia
Student Assistant/ Teacher/ Liturgist/

- December 1989-January 1991 Olivet Baptist Church/ Atlanta, Georgia/
Assistant Pastor/ Counselor/ Teacher
Multistaff/ Urban Inner City/ 100

- May 1988 – December 1989 Liberty Baptist Church/ Atlanta, Georgia
Associate Pastor/ Children's and Youth Ministry/Teacher
Multistaff/ Urban Inner City/ 600

- January 1983 – June 1983 Crawford W. Long Hospital/ Atlanta, Georgia
Chaplain

Other Services:

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- July 1 – 10, 2010 – General Assembly, Minneapolis_ GA Committee Assistant
- January 2010 – Anti-Racism Facilitator Class _ Teacher, Charlotte Presbytery
- May 30 –June 7, 2009- Mission Trip to Guatemala
- June 19-28, 2008- General Assembly, San Jose_ Vice-Moderator Theological Education and Institutions Committee
- Jan 2007 – May 2010 – Bible Study Class at Radcliffe Church_ Teacher
- Jan 2007 – Jan 2010- PW Coordinating Council, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
- May 17-19, 2006 – Mission trip to New Orleans
- June 8-17, 2006- Mission Trip to Guatemala
- November 2006- Israel/Palestine Mission Trip
- June 2006 – General Assembly Birmingham Alabama_ GA Consultant
- Nov 2005 –Dec 2008 – Black Congregational Enhancement Office_ Advisory Board Membership
- October 2005 – Presbytery Resource Partners Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
- October 2005 – Pastor Nominating Committee Liaison Training
- September 2005 – PW Bible Study Workshop, PW Gathering Savannah, Ga
- July 23- 31 2005- Mission Trip to Guatemala
- October 12, 2005- Stewardship Training Workshop, Radcliffe Church_ Teacher
- June 2005 – 2010 – Vacation Bible School, Radcliffe PCUSA_ Teacher
- Jan 2005- Jan 2010- Committee on Ministry Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
- Jan 2005- Nov 2006- Pulpit Supply, Church of St. Andrew, Church of The Master, Emory, Norris Lake, Ormewood Park, Radcliffe, Rice Memorial, Riverdale
- December 2004 – Elder Class and New Member Class, Emory Church_ Teacher
- November 2004 – Diversity in Leadership, Office of General Assembly
- October 2004 – Anti-Racism Facilitator Training, Presbyterian Women
- August 2004 – Administrative Review Team, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Ormewood
- January 2004- 2006- Committee for Celebration of Ordination of Women, Greater Atlanta Presbytery, Co- Convener
- October 2003-2004- Administrative Commission, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Clifton
- July 2003-Peacemaking Conference, Peace Camp Teaching Staff
- September 2002- 2006- Committee on Representation, Synod of South Atlantic
- March 2002 – Jan 2005- Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
- August 2000-Nominating Committee Workshop, Church of the Master_ Coordinator and Leader
- August 2000- 2004-Pulpit Supply, East Point PCUSA
- July- August 2000 -Bible Study, Family and Friends Night Radcliffe Church_ Coordinator and Teacher
- July 2000 – Pulpit Supply, Washington Avenue PCUSA, Macon, Georgia
- June 2000-Vacation Bible School, Church of the Master, Teacher
- June 2000 – 2005-Vacation Bible School, Radcliffe PCUSA, Teacher

Church Characteristics Desired:

I envision a position where the focus is double edge: personal-spiritual growth and empowerment, intentional fellowship, and community empowerment. I bring to the position: The ability to initiate, plan, and organize programs and events; interpersonal and communicate skills; a commitment to confront the social ills of this society; a commitment to reformed worship; and the nurturing of the spiritual development of individuals and/or the community of faith.

I believe we are called to serve not only God, but also God's people. In a pluralistic society, we encounter people from different cultures and different races. We are called to recognize and affirm the uniqueness of each individual then interact with them in love. The faith community is also obligated to be involved in the community by confronting issues that deny people their basic rights. In fulfilling this obligation, we do as God has commanded.

The worship experience is an important and necessary element for the spiritual development of a congregation. God is ever present in life but the worship experience is a time of intentional praise and proclamation of our triune God. Regarding spiritual growth, there is a need to connect with the inner self and with the faith community as a whole. As we grow spiritually we recognize and affirm that our union with Christ is a reforming one that redefines our role in our homes and in our community.

Accomplishments in present call:

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I am currently serving a small urban church with approximately 150 members. The position is part-time temporary supply pastor. The work has been that of an interim pastor. This church is in transition having dissolved a pastoral relationship of 37 years by retirement. In my time in this position I have worked with the church as they grieved their loss and worked toward healing. This church had lost its connection with the denomination and its understanding of the reformed tradition. Both have been restored. The Session properly functions and oversees the work of the Board of Deacons and the Board of Trustees. (Both established during tenure).

Currently, this church is discerning its vision while readdressing its mission statement. It maintains an outreach program and works with the presbytery and neighboring churches to accomplish immediate goals.

Leadership Style:

I believe that a leader should have a strong spiritual foundation plus a good evolving relationship with God. I believe that our call to be disciples of Christ calls us to work together as a faith community, to grow together as spiritual beings, and to serve others inside and outside of the physical church.

As a leader, I seek to work with others in a spirit of trust to establish good work environments. I have found my leadership style to be dependent on the situation. I am most comfortable as a democratic leader for this fits my basic personality type. However, I can be autocratic if the need arises and I can be laizze-faire especially when the talents and the spirit of the people indicate that this is would be best.

Key Theological Issues:

One major issue in the world is the inability to trust. We are so fearful of one another that most of our actions are done out of a need to survive rather than a commitment to love. The church is uniquely in the position to lead people to an awareness of kinship and community. Through its commitment to the teachings of Christ and God's call for humankind to live in community, the church can effectively raise the awareness of the people by serving as a prophetic and loving voice.

Another issue is that of injustice. The church needs to find a way not only to bring about dialogue on the topic, but develop intentional methods of confronting the issue and the systemic way it has been integrated into the life of the country. The consequences of injustice affect every person in every walk of life.

Statement of Faith:

I believe that God is the Creator of all that is and will be. I believe that God is active in the world and calls us to also be active. I believe that as Christians, we all have a faith journey that encompasses all that a person does, including the places and situations that a person encounters. This journey includes establishing and affirming one's identity as a Christian through the studying of biblical, traditional, doctrinal, heritage and cultural elements. It embodies the empowering of the person and drives the members to be engaged in the church's life and in community activities.

This journey is also a testimony to our faith in God as we seek to serve and empower others in hope that they will come to acknowledge God and be brought into Christ and to wholeness by God. Christ is the Son of the Living God and He came to grant salvation to us. It is my hope in Christ that leads me to participate in church activities and to try a make a positive difference in the lives of the people with whom I come in contact.

This journey is sustained by the working of God's Holy Spirit, which enables us to carry out our work in the Kingdom. I believe that in our relationships with God and others, we are used to bring about the Kingdom in God in our present reality knowing that God will bring about the ultimate fulfillment of God's Kingdom.

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