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Membership Presbytery:	NEW HOPE PRESBYTERY
Ordination Date:	11/27/1983
Formal Education:	Ph.D., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 1985-1988; Th.M., Harvard University, 1983-1985; M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1980-1983; B.MuTh-MuEd., University of Kansas, 1975-1978
Continuing Education:	Please inquire as to resume of speaking engagements.
Experience Level:	8 years or more
Employment Type:	Open to both
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$45,000 / Year
Position Types (with experience)	Interim Pastor
Position Types (w/o experience)	
Community Types:	Small City Suburban Urban Inner City College
Church Sizes:	Under 100 members 101 - 250 members 251 - 400 members 401 - 650 members

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	651 - 1000 members 1001 - 1500 members More than 1500 members
Geographic Choices:	Unlimited Geographically Limited to miles of
Languages:	English
Primary Skills:	Administrative Leadership Community Service and Leadership Conflict Management/Mediation Skills Corporate Worship / Sacraments Development of New Educational Experiences Hospital and Emergency Visitation Pastoral Care Preaching Spiritual Development Transitional / Interim Ministry
Training / Certification:	Interim Ministry Training Week 1 by PC(U.S.A.) at Atlanta, Georgia in 2004
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:	

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- Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, NC, 251 members, City, Aug. 2008 to present;
- Interim Pastor, Ernest Myatt Presby. Church, Raleigh, NC, 208 members, City/Suburb, Jan. 2005 to Nov. 2007;
- Director, School of the Pilgrim, Carrboro, NC, began religious non-profit/501©3; Aug., 2007 to present;
- Asst. Professor, Duke Div. School, Duke University, Durham, NC, 1993-2003;
- Stated Supply, St. John`s Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC 35 members, Suburban, August 2002 to Jan. 2005;
- Pulpit Supply, Ernest Myatt Presby. Church, Raleigh, NC City, 250 members, March 1999-Oct. 1999;
- Pulpit Supply/New Church Development, Davis Dr. (now Cornerstone) Presby. Church, Cary, NC, Suburban, 100 members, 1996-1998;
- Interim Pastor, Oakland Presby. Church, Clayton, NC, 340 members, Rural, 1993-1995;
- Asst. Pastor, First Presby. Church, E. Boston, MA; 30 members, Urban, 1983-1985.

Other Services:

- Consultant and writer: Advisory Comm. on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP) Task Force on people with disabilities in the Church, PCUSA;
- National Leadership Team, Presby. for Disabilities Concerns, Presbyterian Health, Education, and Welfare Assoc. (PHEWA);
- PCUSA Representative to WCC Consultation on Theological Education and People with Disabilities, Limuru, Kenya, Summer, 2004;
- Preacher, 214th General Assembly, Columbus, OH, Presbyterian Church (USA) in June 2002;
- Consultant to NCC Committee on Disabilities, 2004-present

Church Characteristics Desired:

I like working with congregations that are in an interim period of their life. An interim period is an "in between time," in which a congregation may do important reflective work on its collective past as a part of the body of Christ, which will enable it to discover what needs to be addressed in searching for and calling the next pastor in the future.

As an interim pastor I find that I am both teacher and counselor in helping a congregation name its needs, while also strategizing ways of best addressing those areas that are prime for personal nurture and congregational growth. Personally, I am able to bring to churches that I've worked with in the past a loving, steadfast presence, as church members and staff spend time in either healing after the departure of a pastor, feeling somewhat anxious over the future; or spending time focusing on what new areas of ministry may need to be nurtured in the process of calling a new pastor to a church.

Accomplishments in present call:

Currently, my call is to be a teacher in the body of Christ, whether it is in a church or a seminary setting. As a teacher in Christ's body, I understand that the entire life of a church is a "classroom" for teaching us what it means to be one of Christ's disciples in Christian community. We are shaped and experience growth as Christ's disciples in the context of worship; during intentional educational activities; relaxing in the informal moments of fellowship as we meet one another in daily life; in times of pastoral care and hospital visitation; and in the administrative aspects of church life.

My calling as a teacher in the body has led me to serve the Church not only in seminary and church settings, but I have preached in many pulpits, presented papers, led weekend workshops and keynoted conferences, taught a wide variety of audiences and congregations nationally and internationally on a host of subjects, most currently on reclaiming the practice of pilgrimage as a way of approaching growth in congregational life.

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Leadership Style:

My leadership style is collaborative in nature, focused on gathering many voices as we discover or find a consensus of opinions before making decisions. And if or when the need arises, and someone must take the lead, I will call and guide a congregation in remembering that we are all on a pilgrimage, on a process of growth and changes as members of Christ's body, formed by the polity, practices, rituals and traditions of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Through the sacraments of worship, sermons, educational activities, fellowship opportunities, Bible studies, and pastoral visits, I find it most helpful to be involved in creating and taking time to talk about life in a church, especially when it comes to making hard decisions as a congregation discerns God's will.

Since much work in interim positions involves constant change, I find it helpful to lead by listening, hearing, and speaking to the hopes, dreams, and deep concerns of the people of a church, while also enabling a congregation to re-discover or learn for the first time whose we are, and what it means to be a Christian community: the body of Christ.

Key Theological Issues:

The key theological issue is re-discovering what it means for the Church to be the body of Christ—in all its beauty and intricacy—on pilgrimage in this world. We are God's pilgrim people. In the face of the busy lives we live in today's society, the Church as the body of Christ is a sanctuary of relief, as well as a place of re-direction as we focus on what matters most in our lives: worshipping God and enjoying God thoroughly with one another. This is attained through daily devotions, weekly worship, by caring for the mind, body, and spirit of one another, living lives of service unto others in need, and constantly being surprised by the presence of the Holy in unexpected places and strangers around us.

Furthermore, the Church as the body of Christ provides Christians an alternative way of living together through the grace-tinged practices of hospitality. By living as the body of Christ, we demonstrate for all the world to see and hear, as well as understand and appreciate anew, the incredible diversity of God's good creation. Finally, empowered by the Holy Spirit, relying on the stories found in the Scriptures and the historic traditions of the Church, we embody and are witnesses to the peace and love of God for ourselves, one another, and creation. Truly, Christ's body on the pilgrims' pathway of life is God's radical gesture of love for this world.

Statement of Faith:

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