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Membership Presbytery:	NEVADA PRESBYTERY
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Formal Education:	McCormick Theological Seminary Chicago, IL Doctor of Ministry Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Austin, TX Master of Divinity University of New Mexico Albuquerque, NM Graduate courses in counseling and psychology Trinity University San Antonio, TX BA in Christian Education
Continuing Education:	Moderator's Conference Louisville, KY Nov. 2008 Ninth National Multicultural Conference San Antonio, TX April 2008 Association of Presbyterian Church Educators Conference Philadelphia, PA February 2007 Board of Pension Pre-retirement Seminar Zephyr Point, NV August 2006 Association of Presbyterian Church Educators Conference St. Louis, MO February 2006 National Pastors' Retreat Snow Bird, UT May 2005 Healthy Congregations Facilitator Training Montreat, NC September 2002 Interim Ministry Training – Phase II- MALT St. Louis, MO November 2002 Managing the Medium Size Church Alban Institute West Cornwall, CT March 2000 Logos Training for Ministry with Children and Youth Dumas, TX June 1999 Ministry with Young Adults Seminar Austin Seminary, TX April 1998 Transforming Church Boards Seminary Kansas West Annual Conference November 1996 Interim Ministry Training-Phase I Zephyr Point, NV August 1996
Experience Level:	8 years or more
Employment Type:	Open to both

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Minimum Effective Salary:	\$20,000 / Year
Position Types (with experience)	Associate Pastor (Other) Pastor (Solo) Pastor (Yoked/Multiple) Designated Pastor Interim Pastor Presbytery Program Staff Associate Pastor (Christian Education) Interim Associate Pastor
Position Types (w/o experience)	Pastor (Redevelopment/Transformation) Pastor (Tent Maker/Part-time)
Community Types:	Village Town Small City Suburban Urban
Church Sizes:	Under 100 members 101 - 250 members 251 - 400 members 401 - 650 members
Geographic Choices:	New Mexico Nevada Texas Geographically Limited to miles of
Languages:	English
Primary Skills:	Administrative Leadership Corporate Worship / Sacraments Involvement in Mission Beyond the Local Church Leadership Development

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	Organizational Leadership and Development Pastoral Care Preaching Spiritual Development Teaching Transitional / Interim Ministry
Training / Certification:	Interim Ministry Training Week 1 by PC(U.S.A.) at Zephyr Point, NV in 1996 Week 2 by PC(U.S.A.) at St. Louis, MO in 2002
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:	<p>2003-2009 Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Las Vegas, NV 75 Members – Urban</p> <p>2001-2003 Interim Special Presbyter for Quadrant One, Presbytery of West Virginia (part-time)</p> <p>Interim Pastor, Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Point Pleasant, WV (part-time) 134 Members – Small Town</p> <p>Interim Pastor, Eleanor Presbyterian Church, Eleanor, WV (part-time) 59 Members – Small Town</p> <p>1998-2000 Interim Pastor, The Presbyterian Church of Washington, MO 247 Members – Small Town</p> <p>1997-1998 Interim Associate Pastor, Bedford Presbyterian Church, Bedford, NH 582 Members – Suburb</p> <p>1995-1997 Designated Pastor, Solomon Yoked Parish, Solomon, KS 150 Members – Rural</p> <p>1994-1995 Interim Pastor – Littlefield Presbyterian Church, Dearborn, MI 230 Members – Suburb</p> <p>1991-1994 Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Wyandotte, MI 363 Members – Small Town/Suburb</p> <p>1982-1991 Education Consultant, Palo Duro Presbytery, Lubbock, TX 65 Churches – Small Towns to Mid-Size Cities</p>
Other Services:	

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2009-2010 Moderator, Presbytery of Nevada Council
2008-2009 Moderator, Presbytery of Nevada
2007-2008 Vice-Moderator, Presbytery of Nevada
2007 and 2008 Writer, Presbytery of Nevada Page, Mission Yearbook
2006 Moderator, Investigating Committee, Presbytery of Nevada
2004-Present Mission Outreach Committee, Presbytery of Nevada
2001-2003 Staff Resource to Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of West Virginia
1999-2000 Vacancy Consultant, Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
1995-1997 Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of Northern Kansas
1993-1995 Church Strategy Committee, Presbytery of Detroit

Church Characteristics Desired:

My journey in ministry has been an adventure. Now, as a retired minister, I have the flexibility to consider part-time, interim or temporary ministry, including churches that are unable to support a full-time position. I bring experience in a wide variety of congregations from small to large in many different settings.

The church I would like to serve would have members who want to grow in discipleship as followers of Jesus Christ and desire to share the Good News of Jesus with others. Worship would be the center of the church's life. Mission in the community would be important to this congregation. The members would want to be partners in our ministry together.

I would bring skills as a pastor, teacher, and administrator to a congregation. I enjoy helping church members develop and use their gifts for ministry. I want to bring the gospel to life through developing spirited worship services, preaching and teaching. I am skilled at helping a congregation in strategic planning, in developing new programs, and in managing the programs over time. I enjoy working with people of different ethnic backgrounds and life situations. I am excited about multicultural ministry.

My experience in interim ministry and transitional situations is helpful in many settings of ministry. I can bring a non-anxious presence to a difficult congregational situation.

Accomplishments in present call:

Westminster Church in Las Vegas, the church I served before retirement, is a small mission-oriented multicultural congregation with a gift for hospitality. Each Sunday there is worship in four different languages with English and Spanish services, a Taiwanese Fellowship and a Thai-Laotian Fellowship. As the host pastor I encouraged all the congregations to relate to each other as partners in ministry. We had an annual World Communion service when we worshiped together in four languages. We shared in each other's special occasions.

Worship at Westminster is blended in style, with a traditional liturgical order and a variety of music. As worship leader I used short informal dramatic presentations, visuals, video projection and other creative means to enhance the service.

One of our goals was spiritual growth through small groups. Our commitment to small group ministry has grown and new leaders emerged. Our outreach took on new life through a study of evangelism (see below).

The congregation's mission involvement includes hosting homeless families for Family Promise, writing letters for Bread for the World, and an Angel Tree for children of incarcerated parents. Our ministry to the homeless, the unemployed, and the hungry through our Food Pantry and Wednesday night suppers grew significantly through my encouragement.

Through a Capital Fund Drive we have made many improvements to the appearance of the building, added projection equipment and a new sound system.

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Leadership Style:

I have a collaborative leadership style. Some of my most exciting experiences have been working as a team with church members, each of us using our best spiritual gifts and abilities. At Westminster, this style resulted in a strong Session that works well together. The goal of my leadership is to equip church members for discipleship both inside and outside the church.

At Westminster I shifted the emphasis from membership to discipleship. I led Westminster to adopt a Mission Statement, "God calls us to discipleship through transforming worship, loving fellowship, spiritual growth, inviting outreach, and utilizing our spiritual gifts in ministry and mission." Our goals and planning were then based on this Mission Statement.

I am experienced in leading Mission Studies and in helping a congregation plan. I have led six congregations through the interim journey. I have experience in assessing a congregation's strengths and needs and training in the Healthy Congregations program. Administration is another strength of my leadership.

I approach leadership as a pastor with care for the spiritual needs and development of the flock. I pray with and for the congregation. Teaching is an important parts of my leadership style. I love to teach adult studies and lead small groups. As a pastor, I teach through the sermons I preach.

Key Theological Issues:

In an increasingly secular society, I want to help people know God as revealed in Jesus Christ. I want people to know that God can transform their lives, standing with them when they hurt and challenging them to live meaningful lives of discipleship.

I am concerned about evangelism. By evangelism I mean anything we do to help another person move closer to a relationship with God or into Christian community. For me evangelism begins with two questions: "What difference does it make in your own life that you are a Christian?" "How could being a Christian make a difference in someone else's life?" Many of us Presbyterians have never given much thought to these questions.

Westminster went through an exciting process of learning to articulate and share our faith with each other and with people outside the congregation. The Session spent nine weeks studying "Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism" by Martha Grace Reese. They actually became committed to faith sharing and evangelism! The Session members then led a six-weeks study of "Unbinding Your Heart: 40 Days of Prayer and Faith Sharing" during Lent. Most of the congregation joined a small group for study and prayer. Worship followed the same weekly themes. The whole "Unbinding" process brought lasting spiritual renewal to the congregation. Through growing the members, we began growing the church. As a result the congregation has attracted more newcomers.

Statement of Faith:

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