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Ecclesiastical Status:	Teaching Elder
Membership Presbytery:	GRACE PRESBYTERY
Ordination Date:	9/15/2002
Formal Education:	*M.Div., Union Presbyterian Seminary (formerly Union-PSCE) (May 2002) *J.D., University of Texas, School of Law (May 1979) *BA, Southern Methodist University (December 1970) *MSW (1 1/2 years of program), Virginia Commonwealth University (1990-1991)
Continuing Education:	Post-ordination: *Generations Theory lecture (2012) *Festival of Homiletics (2012) *Webinars on preaching, stewardship (2010, 2011) *Grace Presbytery, Church Transformation Conference(2010) *Grace Presbytery, ACTS (2009) *Synod of the Sun, Interim Training, Part 1 (March 2009) *Lexington Theological Seminary, "The Re(New)ed Homiletic" (2007) *In-church training (consultant, Frank Beatty), Meyers Briggs for church staff and team building (2004–2005) *Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Prepare and Enrich (pre-marital counseling)(2004) *Alban Institute, Lay ministry seminar (2004) *Stephen Ministry, Stephen Leader training (2003) Pre-ordination: Many legal, business and leadership continuing education courses including the University of Michigan Public Utility Executive training program
Experience Level:	8 years or more
Employment Type:	Open to both
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$40,000 / Year
Position Types (with experience)	
Position Types (w/o experience)	Pastor (Tent Maker/Part-time) Interim Pastor Interim Associate Pastor Pastor (Supply)

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Community Types:	Rural Village Town Small City Suburban Urban Inner City College Recreation Retirement
Church Sizes:	Under 100 members 101 - 250 members 251 - 400 members 401 - 650 members 651 - 1000 members 1001 - 1500 members More than 1500 members
Geographic Choices:	Unlimited Geographically Limited to 100 miles of Grapevine
Languages:	English
Primary Skills:	Communication (Written / Oral) Leadership of Staff / Volunteers Organizational Leadership and Development Pastoral Care Preaching Spiritual Development Strategic Planning Teaching Transitional / Interim Ministry
Training / Certification:	Interim Ministry Training Week 1 by PC(U.S.A.) at Austin, TX in 2009
Clergy Couple?	False

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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>
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Past Experience:

Church work experience:

- *May 2009-present; Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church (120 members) (town)
- *August 2002-May 2009; Associate pastor; Second Presbyterian Church (1100 members); Lexington, KY (urban)
- *2001, June-August; Seminary intern; Beulah Presbyterian Church (under 100 members); Mechanicsville, VA (rural)
- *2000, June-July; Summer chaplain intern (1 unit CPE); Medical College of VA Hospital; Richmond, VA (urban)

Other work experience:

- *1991–1999; Attorney (family law); individual practice; Richmond, VA
- *1985–1990; Manager-Insurance & Loss Prevention; Virginia Power; Richmond, VA
- *1979–1985; Attorney (public utility law); Hunton & Williams; Richmond, VA
- *1971–1973; Caseworker; Texas Dept. of Public Welfare; Ft. Worth, TX
- *1973–1976; Program advisor; Radford College; Radford, VA

Other Services:

Grace Presbytery (TX):

- *Committee on Ministry (2009-2012)–Clearance Subcommittee, Administrative Commission

Presbytery of Transylvania (KY):

- *Task force to investigate mission partnership in Eastern Kentucky (2008)
- *Search committee for General Presbyter (2007–2008)
- *Trustee (2005–2007)
- *Transition committee for Interim Executive Presbytery (2005)
- *Kentucky College Ministry Board (2005)

Synod of Living Waters:

- *Permanent Judicial Commission (2007-2009)

Church Characteristics Desired:

Church characteristics:

- *Dedicated to seeking God’s will in all it does and looking to Christ as its ultimate head
- *Willing to look at its God-given gifts and its human frailties
- *Guided by our reformed watchwords “reformed and willing always to be reforming”
- *Committed to Christ’s church as a priesthood of believers
- *Desiring a vital ministry for the church
- *Desiring a time of preparation not just waiting (If searching for an interim)

y gifts:

- *A love of God and awe at the revelation of his love in Jesus Christ
- *A joy in proclaiming, in word and deed, the good news of God’s love revealed in Christ
- *A caring heart and strong, “less-anxious” presence
- *Strong communication, leadership, administration and organization skills
- *10 years of experience in preaching, teaching, missions, congregational life, spiritual development, pastoral care (having developed many new programs in these areas)

Accomplishments in present call:

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Description of present call (pastor and head of staff):

- *Spiritual leadership and direction
- *Preaching and worship leadership
- *Pastoral care
- *Ministry leadership(including Christian education, congregational life, outreach and worship)
- *Staff and volunteer leadership (14 member session, 6 session teams, 4 person church staff (music director, director of Christian education, secretary, 6 person childcare staff)
- *Administrative leadership (budget and office administration)

Accomplishments in present call:

- *Designed and lead 4 session retreats on vision and transformation as well as lead annual officer training
- *Offered varied worship opportunities (regular Sunday service; an informal Sunday night service; Advent services- weekly prayer, Longest Night, Christmas Eve; Christmas Day (regular service plus special dramatic reading); Lent services-weekly prayer, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (Tenbrae), Easter Saturday prayer vigil; weekly prayer circle, regular healing and wholeness services)
- *Taught Christian education programs (weekly lectionary discussion group, special adult Sunday school classes during Lent and August term)
- *Made administrative improvements (new web site design, personnel evaluations, absence accountability, electronic filing and backup, more transparent financial reporting)

Leadership Style:

- *Relying on God's power, presence and guidance
- *Listening
- *Emphasizing process as much as task
- *Helping individuals/groups discern God's direction
- *Providing enough structure to avoid unproductive frustration and conflict
- *Appreciating the difference between leadership support and micro-managing
- *Keeping a sense of humor ("Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly!")

Key Theological Issues:

Church issues:

- *Being clear about what Jesus Christ has called the "church" to be
- *Claiming the power of Jesus Christ to proclaim the good news of God's love in all it says and does
- *Understanding how to engage the world without becoming "of the world"

Society issues: The issues are legion. The solution is singular. In Jesus Christ, the kingdom of God came near. He is the way, the truth and the life. And, this is the blueprint for beginning to address society's issues.

How these issues shape my ministry: I deeply love Christ's church and feel it is critical that every congregation periodically re-examine what it means to be his church. As a church prepares for a new chapter in its life, be it interim ministry or stated supply, it is an ideal opportunity to examine and celebrate who and whose it is. I see interim ministry as a special call – a call to be pastor in all respects yet also a facilitator of a congregation's building on its strengths and addressing its weaknesses in preparation for a new phase in its ministry. I see stated supply also as a special call - a call to teach and preach and lead the priesthood of believers to be a vital church.

Statement of Faith:

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GOD – I believe in the God who, in divine mystery, is one in three, three in one – God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – the ultimate representation of holy community and relationship. I believe that God is sole creator of all that is known and unknown and that all God creates is good.

SIN – I also believe that the created nature of human beings was distorted by a fundamental or original sin, which wants to us to think we are god, wants us to love and trust ourselves more than God.

REVELATION OF GOD – I believe that God has always been active in his creation. Yet, it was through the chosen nation of Israel that God began to record his action in history. I believe that God’s action in our human history came to a climax in the person of Jesus Christ – the Word become flesh, the revelation of God incarnate, a revelation of God unlike any other revelation to which all other revelations point. Jesus embodies God’s eternal plan for creation by way of the kingdom that came near in him and is yet to come fully with his return.

SALVATION – I believe that God sent Jesus into the world knowing of the inevitability of the crucifixion at the hands of the world’s evil. Jesus suffered the pain of that evil and was raised as the eternal declaration by God that our original sin had been forgiven, that Christ had born the wage of that sin – death and been victorious over it. In the cross and empty tomb, God has given us the gift of forgiveness and reconciliation, not because of anything we did or do, but as a gift of love. Until Christ comes again, however, we are still living with the fruits of sin that keep us daily from fully living into our salvation, into the full and whole relationship with God we’ve been given in Christ.

SCRIPTURE – I believe that scripture is the unique and authoritative witness to God’s revelation in history and that it needs to be read often both in private and in community. We need to read scripture as God’s inspired word written in a particular literary and historical context yet as the timeless truth of the living Word to us today.

CHURCH – We need always to be wrestling with scripture to know what Jesus is calling us, is expecting us to be as the church. And, we need to remember that the church is called the “body of Christ” not because it’s a building or a location, but because it is the force of the living Word in the world today.

SACRAMENTS – We do two things that Christ did – be baptized and celebrate the last supper – to remember him and as a sign and seal of God’s love. We remember, not in the passive sense of memory, but in the sense of our response to God’s love. We remember as an active way of being called to go forth and tell the world of that love. Nothing magic happens in our sacraments. Yet, through the power of Christ’s Spirit, everything sacred does.

References:

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