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Membership Presbytery:	BLACKHAWK PRESBYTERY
Ordination Date:	9/30/1973
Formal Education:	<p>'80 – '85: The Iliff School of Theology; Denver CO Doctor of Ministry <i>Project: Church Growth In Transitional Communities</i></p> <p>'70 – '73: San Francisco Theological Seminary; San Anselmo CA Master of Divinity</p> <p>'70 – '72: San Francisco Theological Seminary; San Anselmo CA Master of Arts; Christian Education/Church History <i>Thesis: An Adult Christian Education Series on John Calvin</i></p> <p>'62 – '66; University of California; Berkeley CA Bachelor of Arts Senior Thesis: John Wycliffe</p>
Continuing Education:	<p>Every year I include a mixture of conferences, meetings and self-study as a part of my continuing education plan. I have completed both parts of the Interim Ministry Education by the Presbyterian Interim Ministry Consortium. Also, I have completed the Stephen Ministry Leadership Training and have taught Stephen Ministry classes. I have attended ALPHA conferences and have provided leadership for ALPHA programs. I regularly go to the Church Prayer Leaders Network conferences and have attended several other prayer conferences both for personal growth and to enhance the prayer ministries of the church. I have attended several of George Barna's one-day seminars on trends in the church, which have given me insight into our changing culture and how churches need to change in response.</p>
Experience Level:	8 years or more
Employment Type:	Full-time
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$55,000 / Year
Position Types (with experience)	<p>Pastor (Solo)</p> <p>Pastor (Head of Staff)</p> <p>Pastor (Yoked/Multiple)</p> <p>Co-Pastor</p> <p>Interim Pastor</p>

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	Pastor (Parish)
Position Types (w/o experience)	Designated Pastor Chaplain Interim Ministry (Governing Body) Interim Associate Pastor
Community Types:	Rural Village Town Small City Suburban Urban Inner City College Recreation Retirement
Church Sizes:	251 - 400 members 401 - 650 members 651 - 1000 members 1001 - 1500 members More than 1500 members
Geographic Choices:	Unlimited Geographically Limited to miles of
Languages:	English
Primary Skills:	Administrative Leadership Conflict Management/Mediation Skills Corporate Worship / Sacraments Evangelism Pastoral Care Preaching Spiritual Development Strategic Planning

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	Teaching Transitional / Interim Ministry
Training / Certification:	(Not Specified)
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:	'10 – present: <i>First PCUSA</i> , Rochelle IL; Interim Pastor/Head of Staff ; 800 members in a small city '08 – '10: <i>First PCUSA</i> , Branson MO; Interim Pastor/Head of Staff ; 300 members in an entertainment/recreational community '05 – '08: <i>Woodland PCUSA</i> , New Orleans LA; Co-pastor ; 300+ members in an Urban Residential community '90 – '05: <i>Woodland PCUSA</i> , New Orleans LA; Pastor/Head of Staff ; 450 members in an Urban Residential community '73 – '90: <i>St. Mark PCUSA</i> , Elizabeth CO; Pastor/Head of Staff ; 380 members in a three point parish in transition from a rural community to a bedroom community of Denver '70 – '73: <i>San Mateo PCUSA</i> , San Mateo CA; Youth/Christian Education ; 1500 member church in a Suburban community near San Francisco '66 – '70: <i>United States Marine Corps</i> ; Officer
Other Services:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '12 - present Member of Committee on Ministry Blackhawk Presbytery • '09 – '10: Member of Committee on Ministry: Mediation/Reconciliation Sub-committee John Calvin Presbytery • '06 – '08: Member of the Nominating committee South Louisiana Presbytery • '01 – '05: Member of Developing Congregations committee South Louisiana Presbytery • '00 – '08: Member of the sexual misconduct response coordinating team South Louisiana Presbytery • '94 – '00: Member of Committee on Ministry South Louisiana Presbytery
Church Characteristics Desired:	I have been effective as an Interim Pastor and would like to continue serving the church in that area of ministry. I enjoy being a part of a Christ centered congregation that is excited about sharing its faith, worshiping God and serving the community. I have completed the Interim Ministry Training and have had several continuing education classes on conflict management. As an Interim Minister I bring a wealth of experience, having served a variety of churches from a multi-church parish to a church of over 1500 members. Also, as a Marine Corps officer, I learned a lot about leadership and administration that has been useful in the church. I have experience in crisis management and recovery particularly in the time following Hurricane Katrina. I have served churches following long-term pastors and where the previous pastor has been forced to resign. I helped the churches go through the healing and transition process that has allowed them to move forward as healthy churches. Worship is central to all we do and I enjoy preaching Biblically based sermons that inspire people to thoughtful action and provide practical application for living out our Christian faith. I have found worship and service are enhanced by intercessory prayer and spiritual disciplines. In the churches I have served I have developed strong stewardship, evangelism, C.E. and small group programs, but I especially enjoy spending time with people listening and praying with them.

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Accomplishments in present call:

I have been serving as the Interim Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church, Rochelle IL. This has been a challenging but exciting ministry. I came to this church following the resignation of a much beloved long-term previous pastor who moved on to another ministry. I have helped the church deal with the grieving process and to look forward to the coming of a new pastor. In this transition we have cleansed the rolls to have a more realistic view of the actual membership. We have been making some needed changes in the CE program which has also involved replacing the DCE. With other staff adjustments we now have a strong, unified staff that I greatly enjoy working with. I am in the process of helping this church develop a more effective stewardship program and budgeting process and have led them in a campaign to completing the final phase of their building indebtedness. I have done Elder/Deacon training so that they have a better understanding of Presbyterian polity and I am helping the church put together updated policies and procedures for each of the committees. I have also helped the church leaders to become more comfortable in making decision and providing leadership as the previous pastor was very hands on. I have done several new member classes and we have added members, including adult baptisms. In other calls I have dealt with the removal of the previous pastor and the resulting problems and I have served on a presbytery's Mediation and Reconciliation team.

Leadership Style:

Over the years I have enjoyed the challenges of new opportunities. I have a flexible leadership style that has changed as we have faced changing circumstances. A few years ago, in New Orleans, we made the decision to move from a committee style form of government to team ministries. As a part of that decision we also went to Co-pastors. I greatly enjoyed working with our Co-pastor and working in the team ministry model. Prior to that and in this call I have been Pastor/Head of Staff. In these calls I see myself as a servant/leader and like a player/coach responsible for keeping a sense of the vision and goals, but also being part of a team of people with many different talents and abilities working together to reach those goals and fulfill the vision. In working with our staff, my responsibility is to encourage them to use their own unique gifts, talents and abilities in ministry, while making sure they have the resources necessary to achieve their goals as a part of the overall vision of the church. One of the things I learned about leadership in the Marine Corps was the importance of community and caring for one another while still keeping a focus on purpose and accomplishing the mission. Therefore the session meetings include times for training and business, but also praying for one another and building relationships. I think that it is important that we do not get so involved with the business of the church that we forget to care for one another.

Key Theological Issues:

The key theological issues facing the church and society today begin with how to be the church in a changing society that seems increasingly to find the church an irrelevant institution. Faith is frequently seen as a private issue that is often unrelated to peoples' daily lives. In a world of turmoil, the church must be a community of faith that meets people at their points of need, showing them God's love and giving them God's hope. There are many needs in our society: relational commitment issues, family issues, drugs, hunger, violence and the need for inner peace, just to name a few. I have a pastoral concern to minister to the very real needs of people in these areas, or wherever they may be hurting. Realistically we will never solve all the problems confronting our society or our church, but we can be a loving, caring and reconciling community of faith as we are involved in the lives of people who are facing these issues. Together as the church we need to effectively model what Jesus says in John 15:12 "Love each other as I have loved you", living out what it means to be loved by Christ and what it means to love others in Christ. We can neither hide in our sanctuaries as if these desperate needs of people did not exist, nor can we try to work for solutions to these problems without the power of our Christian faith. As a church we must provide compassionate, visionary leadership in responding to these needs in our society and world.

Statement of Faith:

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I believe in one God who is revealed to us as Father – Son – Holy Spirit.

I believe in God, whom Jesus called “Abba, Father” who is creator of the heavens, the world, the universe, and everything in them including all things seen and unseen. In love we were created in the image of God, male and female, to love, serve and glorify God. Because of sin we are separated from God and cannot experience all that we were created to be or to do.

I believe that God’s love for us, even though we are sinners, is revealed through Jesus Christ, who is both fully human and fully God. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, not only are our sins forgiven, but we are also shown how God would have us live. Jesus sums up the Christian life very simply when he says: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:30-31). We are called to enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. Jesus Christ as Savior forgives and cleanses us from our sin so that we are made righteous or justified. Jesus Christ as Lord calls us to follow him in obedience to his will and purposes for our life that we might become more and more like him in our attitudes and actions through the process of sanctification.

I believe that, because we cannot live the Christian life by our own efforts, God gives us the Holy Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that we receive God’s grace that empowers us to be who we were created to be and to do what we were created to do. The Holy Spirit, in scripture, is called “Counselor” to guide us; and “Comforter” to show God’s love for us.

I believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. The Bible can inspire us by showing that God has been at work throughout the history of the world. Also, it is through the Bible that we are given guidance on what it is we are to do and how we are to live life in relationship with God and others.

I believe in the church that, even with its imperfections, is called the communion of saints. It is in the church that we make our public confession of faith and are baptized, becoming a part of the “Body of Christ”. It is as the church that we participate in the Lord’s Supper celebrating all that Jesus Christ has done for us.

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