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Continuing Education:	<p>Clinical Pastoral Education, 4 Units, University of Louisville Hospital, Level 1 Trauma Center, Louisville, KY; Chaplain Intern, Aug-Dec 2010; Chaplain Resident, Jan-Dec 2011.</p> <p>Interim Ministry Training: Week One – Montreat, NC (2000); Week Two – St. Louis, MO (2008)</p> <p>Annual one-week gatherings (lectionary study and preaching preparation, and discussion of current readings and significant learning) with three (or more) seminary colleagues, usually in Montreat, NC, since 1996.</p> <p>Study and praxis of classical spiritual disciplines throughout season of Lent 2009.</p> <p>Summit 09 – Spiritual Care Collaborative Conference: Life-cycle of a Disaster: Pastoral Care and Pastoral Counseling after a Disaster; The Role of Religion and Spirituality in Crisis and Disaster: Appropriate Interventions; and, Reflections on Spiritual Distress. February 1-4, 2009.</p> <p>“Do Not Forsake Us in Our Time of Conflict,” an interfaith and ecumenical seminar facilitated by Church of Scotland minister J. Philip Newell, Jewish Rabbi Nahum Ward-Lev, and Islamic Imam Rahmah Lutz at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, New Mexico, July-Aug. 2008.</p> <p>Participation in Columbia Theological Seminary’s S3 Project, a Lilly Endowment-funded program of self-directed group work that focused on aspects of Sabbath, study, and service, 2006-2009.</p> <p>Management Development Program (2004-2005), PC(USA), A Corporation-sponsored series of 11 seminars given by Louisville-area business management consultants. Topics included project management, conflict resolution, performance appraisals, team-building, and coaching staff.</p> <p>Project Management Training (2002), a three-day project management seminar sponsored by PC(USA), A Corporation.</p> <p>Oberammergau Passion Play, August 2000.</p>
Experience Level:	8 years or more
Employment Type:	Full-time
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$52,000 / Year
Position Types (with experience)	Interim Pastor
Position Types (w/o experience)	Interim Ministry (Governing Body) Interim Associate Pastor
Community Types:	Rural Village Town Small City Suburban Urban Inner City

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	College Recreation Retirement
Church Sizes:	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 miles of
Languages:	English
Primary Skills:	Administrative Leadership Communication (Written / Oral) Evaluation of Program and Staff Hospital and Emergency Visitation Leadership of Staff / Volunteers Pastoral Care Preaching Spiritual Development Teaching Transitional / Interim Ministry
Training / Certification:	Interim Ministry Training Week 1 by PC(U.S.A.) at Montreat, NC in 2000 Week 2 by PC(U.S.A.) at St. Louis, MO in 2008
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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Chaplain, Hosparus Southern Indiana, New Albany, IN, May 2012-Present.

Chaplain Resident, University Hospital, Level One Trauma Center, Louisville, KY, January-December 2011.

Interim Pastor, Richwood Presbyterian Church, Richwood, KY, 71 Members, Rural, January 2008-December 2009.

Interim Parish Associate, Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY, 900+ members, Suburban, October 2008-August 2009.

Interim Program Director (Company of New Pastors), Office of Theology Worship and Education, General Assembly Council, PC(USA), Louisville, KY, Jan 2007-April 2007.

Interim Managing Editor/Administrator (HungryHearts, Order of Elders and Order of Pastors), Offices of Theology Worship and Education, and Spiritual Formation, General Assembly Council, PC(USA), Louisville, KY, Nov 2006-Jan 2007.

Coordinator for Curriculum Development & Christian Education, Congregational Ministries Publishing, Congregational Ministries Division, General Assembly Council, PC(USA), Louisville, KY, 2001–2006.

Administrative Assistant, Committee on Local Arrangements, Office of the General Assembly, PC(USA), Louisville, KY, 2001.

Interim Pastor, Okolona Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY, 74 members, Suburban, 2000–2001.

Pastor/Co-Pastor, South Edgecombe Presbyterian Parish (Grace Chapel, Macclesfield, and Pinetops), Pinetops, NC, 20, 30, and 60 members, respectively, Small Town/Rural, 1994–2000.

Associate Pastor, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roswell, GA, 574 members, Suburban, 1992–1994.

Other Services:

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, minister member (voice & vote); member of Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Class of 2014); Finance Committee (Class of '10).

Presbytery of Cincinnati, corresponding member (voice; no vote); member of Interim Ministers' Network, 2008–1010.

Serve on the PC(USA) Crisis Management Team (Team 2 Manager) in preparation for Pandemic Flu. Called into action in April 2009 when the World Health Organization moved the H1N1 (swine flu) influenza to Level 4, and since to Level 6.

Church Characteristics Desired:

Vocation, says Frederick Buechner, is the place where the world's greatest need and a person's greatest joy meet. What brings me joy? In a word: caring for those who are in transition, for those who desire expression of their feelings, needs, hopes and dreams; especially within ministry for people who need God in their life circumstance.

I would be most effective as a minister in an institution symbolized by equal parts rock and wind. The symbol of the rock has to do with the church's willingness to embrace its tradition, its struggles, and its commitment to ministry in a particular place. It is deeply rooted in Scripture, secure in its Reformed heritage, and grateful for men, women, and children who, though imperfect, have dedicated themselves to the particular congregation's life and ministry.

The symbol of the wind has to do with the church's willingness to embrace change as God calls it ever forward into the unknown. This is reflected in its openness to hearing a new word from the Lord in the ancient Biblical texts, a zeal for listening for God as God is revealed in culture and in other faith traditions, and a deep desire to find more effective ways to express God's love to our neighbor, especially our neighbor in need.

With friendly and caring demeanor, I bring to bear: a strong faith and deep spirituality; a sense of humor; the ability to build relationships; administrative gifts and organizational skills; and, the ability to preach and provide pastoral care.

Accomplishments in present call:

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Over the past year, I have been engaged in four units of clinical pastoral education in a Level 1 Trauma Center. It's been a place of bitter ends, where language breaks down and relationships shatter, yet offering new beginnings. It has served to remind me: to find oneself expended – lost at the end of the trail, without hope of return – and to be met there unexpectedly by grace is the soul's deepest longing.

Also, I have acquired interim ministry training and experience. A skilled interim pastor not only serves in all pastoral capacities during the transition time, but also helps the congregation deal with their feelings, such as grief, relief, confusion, and anxiety. An interim pastor helps the congregation think carefully about its ministry in the past, present, and future.

It has been my experience that during the interim period, congregations are more open to change than at any other time. It is exciting to journey in faith with a congregation whose circumstances have provided it the opportunity to come to terms with its history, rediscover its identity, enable needed leadership changes, and rethink its vital connection to the larger church. I have discovered that in congregations facing change there is vitality, hopefulness, a readiness, and an expectant gratitude in recognition of God's intervention and grace. Congregations in transition are emergent with new leaders, new directions, new vision, and a renewed commitment to God's future with them.

Leadership Style:

I am a "task-oriented people-person" with demonstrated interpersonal skills in planning, organizing, delegating, listening and communicating. I seek ways to equip others for ministry and service, and likewise I am open to receive support and encouragement. My working assumption is that we are the Body of Christ, and each of us is a part of it; we are fellow workers in the ministry of God's grace. All the members are ministers.

We lead best when serving in a circle of harmony, honoring one another's diversity of gifts and talents, according one another mutual respect and encouragement, and working toward a common vision of Christ's will for us. In that spirit, I endeavor to foster an interpersonal, relational ministry that is warm and collaborative, caring and supportive. My leadership style varies depending on the ministry situation. With flexibility, I am willing and able to "role shift" as the congregational tasks ebb and flow.

Focusing energy on the inner-world of ideas and concepts and relying on my five senses, I appreciate a logical, rational, objective approach, and I have a preference for order, predictability, and decision-making. Usually, then, I like a well-organized, stable, and secure environment and clear job descriptions. I function equally well in an environment where chaos seemingly prevails. I am the one who tries to bring meaning and order to the fore. Challenges are welcomed.

Key Theological Issues:

Presbyterians affirm that God comes to us with grace and love in the person of Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose for us. Following Jesus, we are engaged in the world and in seeking thoughtful solutions to the challenges of our time. Called to ministry in his name, we seek to continue his mission of teaching the truth, feeding the hungry, healing the broken and welcoming strangers. God sends the Holy Spirit to dwell within us, giving us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be Christ's faithful disciples in the world.

Discipleship includes evangelistic efforts to make new disciples thus taking seriously Jesus' Great Commission. Our unique calling and responsibility "to witness" is both a gift and a task. Unless we proclaim Jesus Christ both in word and in action, no one else will. When we stand together on this common ground, we will understand that unanimity of purpose can undergird diversity in mission.

Standing together, we can bring the gospel to bear on such issues as disintegration of the family, violence and terrorism in the world, domestic violence, drug abuse and addiction, AIDS, hunger, and the exploitation of the world's resources for economic gain. No matter the issue, it is clear, or it ought to be, that God desires that we hate evil and love good, that we work against injustice and oppression, and that we make known to all people a new way of speaking, caring and living for others in the world created by God.

Statement of Faith:

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