

Church Leadership Connection
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Actively Seeking?:	Not Actively Seeking, but open to a call										
Ecclesiastical Status:	Teaching Elder										
Membership Presbytery:	NEVADA PRESBYTERY										
Ordination Date:	6/12/1983										
Formal Education:	9/89 - 12/91 McCormick Seminary D.Min. / Withdrew (A Average) 9/80 - 5/83 Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary / Master of Divinity 9/76 - 5/80 Grove City College / Business Ad. & Religion / Bachelor of Arts										
Continuing Education:	4/8-12/02 Interim Training Week 2 – Pittsburgh Seminary 10/15-19/01 Interim Training Week 1 – Pittsburgh Seminary 10/8-10/98 Seminar 21st Century Worship, Findlay, Ohio 11/10,11/98 Spiritual Formation, Presbytery of Cincinnati 11/20,21/98 Spiritual Retreat - Lament, Presbytery of Detroit 11/96 - 5/98 Family Systems / Canton, Ohio / Work quoted in Seminar Journal										
Employment Type:	Open to both										
Minimum Effective Salary:	[REDACTED]										
Position Types and Experience Level	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Solo Pastor</td> <td>10 Years or more</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Head of Staff (who supervised one teaching elder and other staff)</td> <td>0 to 2 Years</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pastor Interim</td> <td>2 to 5 Years</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pastor (Other Temporary i.e. Supply, Student)</td> <td>0 to 2 Years</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chaplain</td> <td>0 to 2 Years</td> </tr> </table>	Solo Pastor	10 Years or more	Head of Staff (who supervised one teaching elder and other staff)	0 to 2 Years	Pastor Interim	2 to 5 Years	Pastor (Other Temporary i.e. Supply, Student)	0 to 2 Years	Chaplain	0 to 2 Years
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Geographic Choices:	California Nevada Geographically Limited to miles of										

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06/13 - Present Best Buy Geek Squad / Advance Repair Agent / Carson City, NV

09/05 - 04/13 Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church / Akron, OH / Pastor / Membership: 200

09/01 - 09/02 Derry Presbyterian Church / Derry, PA / Interim Pastor Part Time Solo Pastor / Membership: 150

06/04 - 08/05 Computer Connections / Greensburg, PA / Corporate Sales

02/03-05/04 Latrobe Presbyterian Church / Latrobe, PA / Interim Pastor
Head of Staff / Small Town / Membership 483

9/01-10/02 Delmont Presbyterian Church / Delmont, PA / Interim Pastor
Church with One Pastor / Small Town / Membership: 350

8/99 -8/01 SSI Consulting Group / Greensburg, PA / Senior Systems Consultant
Computer programmer and System Consultant / medium city

5/01- 8/01 Westminster Presbyterian Church / Greensburg, PA / Parish Associate
Preaching / teaching / Worship committee / Membership: 300

11/93- 8/99 Ottawa Presbyterian Church / Ottawa, OH / Pastor
Church with One Pastor / Small Town / Membership 116

07/83-11/93 First Presbyterian Church / Rochester, IN / Pastor
Church with One Pastor / Small Town / Membership 150

10/82-5/83 Buechel Presbyterian Church / Louisville, KY / Student Assistant
Church with One Pastor / Suburban Church / Membership 200

10/80-5/83 PragmaTech Computers / Louisville, KY / Systems Consultant

6/82-8/82 Lockett Correctional Complex / LaGrange, KY / Chaplain, CPE

9/81-5/82 Iroquois Presbyterian Church / Louisville, KY / Student Assistant
Church with One Pastor / Suburban Church / Membership 200

6/81-8/81 University Hospital / Louisville, KY / Chaplain, CPE

1/81-12/81 Watterson College / Elizabethtown, KY / Computer Instructor

5/80-8/80 Data Management Systems / Akron, OH / Programmer
Designed and implemented Insurance policy tracking program

Other Services:

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Languages:	English
Leadership Competencies:	Compassionate Preaching and Worship Leadership Communicator Media Communicator Technologically Savvy Contextualization Willingness to Engage Conflict Personal Resilience Flexibility Self Differentiation
Training / Certification:	Clinical Pastoral Education Training Interim Ministry Training Week 1 by PC(U.S.A.) at Pittsburgh, PA in 2001 Week 2 by PC(U.S.A.) at Pittsburgh, PA in 2001
Other Training:	Ohio Firefighter Level 1A&B
Clergy Couple?	False
Past Experience:	

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03/15 - Present Nevada Presbytery Personnel Committee
04/14 - Present Webmaster for Nevada Presbytery
1/00 - Present Leadership Team Presbyterian Media Mission
09/06 - 12/10 Member and Moderator Presbytery's Communication and Nurture committee
06/04 Minister Commissioner to General Assembly
01/04-05/04 Synod Communication Task Force - Convenor
1999-2003 Volunteer Office of Communication at General Assembly
01/03-08/05 Presbytery Council ex-officio member
11/02-08/05 Communications Enabler, Redstone Presbytery, newsletter editor
11/01-02/03 Member, elected (and co-opted) of Presbytery Youth Council
11/97-08/99 Committee on Congregations / Presbytery / Moderator (less one year)
01/96-08/99 Electronic Communication Task Force / Web and email development
01/91-11/83 Geneva Center Camp and Conference Center / Presbytery / Moderator
01/87-11/83 Presbytery of Wabash Valley / Recording Clerk
01/92-11/83 Synod School Committee, Synod of Lincoln Trails / Moderator

Describe a moment in your recent ministry that you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

I remember feeling connected to God, church, and stranger at the first baptism at one of our first contemporary worship services in my previous pastorate. We gathered in the fellowship hall, where community has been nurtured for generations, to welcome folks into the body of Christ and the community of the church during worship. The baptism bowl was filled by individuals mixing their unique contribution into one common vessel and rested on a quilt of fabric made by church members. Friends and now brothers and sisters surrounded those joining on all sides as we shared the ancient words that hold our hearts today and forever in God's gracious love. Togetherness and unity with each other, our community, tradition, and God was spoken, acted, and lived that day.

Describe the ministry setting to which you believe God is calling you.

I believe God is calling me to service. Sometimes that is in a church, sometimes behind a retail service counter, sometimes as a volunteer at non-profit. Rather than follow my passion, I seek to bring Christ's passion wherever I can be of service, "taking, as he did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it". My time away from church leadership has been used by God to develop my qualities as a trusted servant. As a Geek Squad agent I guide folks through living in our technology labyrinth. As a volunteer staff member at a non-profit, ComputerCorps, I help recycle struggling spirits of those performing community service, teens, the unemployed, the retired, mentally and emotionally challenged as we recycle computers.

What areas of growth have you identified in yourself?

Working in retail service and as a volunteer instead of a director in a non-profit, I have learned how to say "Yes" and what I can do for folks instead of focusing on the needs of the institution or my own preferences. My team leader emphasizes that our job is to make sure every customer has a good experience at the store and to see ourselves as a trusted friend, not a salesperson. At the non-profit, ComputerCorps, I am learning how to work with others when I am not one with authority. My service there is giving me a new perspective on church life and work and a model of how to work with volunteers when not supported by church tradition and common beliefs.

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Describe a time when you have led change.

My previous pastorate rented space to an active, for profit day care. When I arrived relations were strained. I worked on joint community programs like an Easter Bunny Breakfast, a Nativity learning activity in our Christmas decorated sanctuary, weekly book reading by church members, and coffee and rolls during winter for parents dropping off children (that the staff enjoyed as well!). Throughout my time we increased cooperation, communication, the sharing of equipment and expanded building use benefiting both the congregation and the day care along with the community. The partnership has continued in the time since I left and expanded.

Optional Links:

<http://www.christyramsey.com>

Statement of Faith:

I believe in God, Creator of the Universe, called Father. I affirm that God is sovereign over our lives, our church, our world; all of creation and eternity. We break God's covenant expressed most clearly in the Ten Commandments, we are selfish and wasteful instead of stewards of God's gifts. Yet, the power of God's grace and love is limitless. Christ came not to condemn the world but to save the world. I choose to look for the salvation of God's good creation.

I believe that God's people are called to be a community called the church chosen by God in love for salvation and service. Part of the holy and universal church is the Presbyterian Church (USA). I affirm the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a place for all who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. I welcome as brothers and sisters all who promise to be Christ's faithful disciples, participate in the worship and mission of the Church, while obeying Christ's Word and showing Christ's love to their lives end. I believe in the great ends of the church.

I believe in God, Redeemer of the World, God's Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Everything that humanity is; Christ is. Everything God is; Christ is. Jesus lived among us sharing our needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows, healing the sick, forgiving the sinful, seeking the lost, and teaching the unlearned. Though without sin, Jesus was rejected by humanity and killed. In dying Jesus willingly took the penalty of sinful humanity. Jesus Christ rose from the dead; winning victory over both sin and death for all humanity, reconciling us with God. Christ lives today and is still the friend of sinners.

I believe in God, Sustainer of the faithful, called Holy Spirit. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. The Spirit is my Advocate and Comforter, convincing me of my sin, enlightening my mind in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing my will, the Spirit enables me to embrace Jesus Christ. I affirm the witness of Christians in general and Presbyterians in particular who have confessed their faith in their own time and place. I stand with them. In the breadth and depth of our Confessions, I find my faithful voice fully. I believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God's self-revelation through which the Holy Spirit speaks to bear witness to Jesus Christ and to give authoritative direction for the life of faith.

I believe that two sacraments are given to the church, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism welcomes us into the community of saints, the church visible and invisible, past, present and future. The Lord's Supper allows us to remember Christ's death for humanity in the past, be spiritually nourished to live our lives in Christ's presence today, and look forward to Christ fully establishing the kingdom of God in the future.

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.

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