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**Personal Information Form
(Part I) General Information**

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Ecclesiastical Status:

- PC(USA) Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament
- PC(USA) Honorably Retired
- Minister of Other Denomination
- PC(USA) Candidate
- Church Educator
- Elder
- Deacon
- Other Lay Professional

Presbytery Membership: (For ministers and candidates)

Presbytery membership or Presbytery of care: Redstone Presbytery
(e.g. 150-004 ABINGDON PRESBYTERY)

Ordination Date: 6 / 12 / 83 / (Month/Day/Year)

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

**Personal Information Form
Part 2 – Detail Information**

Positions you would consider

(Check only those positions with which you want this PIF matched. If you already have some experience for the position(s), check the “Y” column; if you do not have experience in that position(s), check the “N” column.)

Experience		Position Type	Experience		Position Type
Y	N		Y	N	
—	—	Associate Pastor (Christian Education)	✓	—	Interim Pastor
—	—	Associate Pastor (Youth)	—	—	Mission Pastor
—	—	Associate Pastor (Other)	—	—	Church Educator
✓	—	Pastor (Solo)	—	✓	Campus Minister
✓	—	Pastor (Head of Staff)	—	✓	Chaplain
—	—	Pastor (New Church Development)	—	—	Administrator
—	✓	Pastor (Redevelopment)	—	✓	Church Administrator
—	✓	Pastor (TentMaker/Part-time)	—	—	Executive
—	—	Pastor (Yoked/Multiple)	—	✓	General Assembly Staff
—	✓	Co-Pastor	—	✓	Presbytery Staff
—	✓	Designated Pastor	✓	—	Synod Staff
—	✓	Interim Ministry (Governing Body)	—	—	Youth Director
			✓	—	Other

Employment type:

- Full Time
- Part Time
- Open to Either

Community types you would consider:

- Rural
- Urban
- N/A
- Village
- Inner City
- Town
- College
- Small City
- Recreation
- Suburban
- Retirement

Church sizes you prefer:

- Under 100 members
- 401-650 members
- More than 1500 members
- 101-250 members
- 651-1000 members
- N / A
- 251-400 members
- 1001-1500 members

Geographic Choices:

✓ Only suggest my name in the specified areas **checked** below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama | <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska | <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas | <input type="checkbox"/> California | <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut | <input type="checkbox"/> Delaware | <input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida | <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia | <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idaho | <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indiana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa | <input type="checkbox"/> Kansas | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kentucky |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana | <input type="checkbox"/> Maine | <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan | <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi | <input type="checkbox"/> Missouri | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey | <input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico | <input type="checkbox"/> New York |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina | <input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ohio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma | <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island | <input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utah | <input type="checkbox"/> Vermont | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washington | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West Virginia | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming | | |

Primary Skill Choices:

(Select up to ten skills in which you have experience or training that you would like to use in your next position.) (A list of skill definitions is included for your information.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration of Programs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Renovation/Property Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication (Written/Oral) | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service and Leadership | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conflict Management |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congregational Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Congregational Fellowship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregational Home Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment/Revitalization |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporate Worship/Sacraments | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Cultural Collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defining Program Needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Development Educational Experiences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecumenical and Interfaith Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation of Program and Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Governing Body Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group Facilitation/Dynamics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital and Emergency Visitation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Beyond Local Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership of Staff/Volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Management of Building Usage | <input type="checkbox"/> Management of Equipment Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> New Church Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Older Adult Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Leadership / Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational System Development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Solving/Decision Making |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Membership Church Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Staffing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stewardship and Commitment Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Training Volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional/Interim Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry | |

Training/Certification:

- ✓ Interim Ministry Training:
Week 1 (Introductory) by (select one) ✓ PC (USA) ___ Interim Ministry Network
at Pittsburgh (City/State) in 2001 (year)
- Week 2 (Advanced) by (select one) ✓ PC (USA) ___ Interim Ministry Network
at Pittsburgh (City/State) in 2002 (year)

Work experience you have: (Please select only one)

- First Ordained Call 0 to 2 years 2 to 4 years
 4 to 6 years 6 to 8 years 8 years or more

Languages in which you are fluent:

- English Spanish Korean
 Mandarin Chinese Japanese Cantonese
 Taiwanese Other

Please list your work experience: *(Please include position title, city, state, church size, community type, and dates from/to or number of years.)*

- 09/01 - Present Derry Presbyterian Church / Derry, PA / Interim Pastor
Part Time Solo Pastor / Membership: 150
- 06/04 - Present 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

Please list your other services to the Church or denomination:

Community Service

1/00 - 1/03 Boy Scout Troop 224 Troop Committee (Secretary)
9/01-10/02 Delmont Lions Club Member and Chaplain
1/96- 8/99 Federal Emergency Management Local Board / chairperson
9/96 - 8/99 Assistant Cub Scout Den leader / 5 boys and 1 son
1/95 - 8/99 Putnam County Council of Community Service / Past Secretary
12/93 - 8/99 Salvation Army, Ottawa Unit / Local Welfare Secretary
1/95 - 12/98 Ottawa Fire Department / Chaplain and Firefighter
9/96 - 5/98 Weekly tutoring with first graders in school
11/93 - 8/99 Ottawa Church Council
9/90 - 11/93 Fulton County Jail / Jail Conduct Review Board
10/87 - 11/93 Kiwanis / Service Club / Past President
11/86 - 10/88 Foster Parent
9/83 - 12/88 Big Brothers / Big Sisters / Past President; Charter member

Church Service

6/04 Minister Commissioner to General Assembly
1/04-5/04 Synod Communication Task Force - Convenor
1999-2003 Volunteer Office of Communication at General Assembly
1/03-Present Presbytery Council ex-officio member
11/02-Present Communications Enabler, Redstone Presbytery, newsletter editor
11/01-2/03 Member, elected (and co-opted) of Presbytery Youth Council
11/97-8/99 Committee on Congregations / Presbytery / Moderator (less one year)
1/96-8/99 Electronic Communication Task Force / Web and email development
1/91-11/83 Geneva Center Camp and Conference Center / Presbytery / Moderator
1/87-11/83 Presbytery of Wabash Valley / Recording Clerk
1/92-11/83 Synod School Committee, Synod of Lincoln Trails / Moderator

Please describe the characteristics of the church or organization you would like to serve, and the unique gifts, skills and experiences you would bring to the position:

I would like to serve a church that enjoys God's gift of life, love and community. I look for a church that is a covenant community, where people "seek to glorify God and enjoy God forever". I have the gift of humor. Humor connects me with others and helps me keep others, the situation, and myself in perspective.

I would like to serve a church that welcomes all people. I look for a church that will welcome all those who want to come closer to God and what Gods wants them to become. I seek a church that looks at future direction rather than past sins. I have the gift of intuition. This helps me in counseling, praying, teaching and crisis visitation.

I would like to serve a church that is active in the community and involved in the reality of people's lives. I look for a church that would reach out to the people around them in ministry and mission. I have the gift of preaching. I can find new light in the old stories relating them to the challenges of today.

I would like to serve a church that challenges its members. I have the gift of courage and openness. I speak the truth. I seek to be direct, clear, honest, open, and reliable in my relationships. I have the gift of teaching. I can explain things creatively, interestingly weaving responses of the participants into the lesson's content.

Please describe your present call and accomplishments:

Seeking to keep my family together in one place during our children's high school years, I accepted a job at a local computer store and a part-time interim at Derry Presbyterian Church in Derry, PA. A small church that sees about 50 at worship on Sunday, they could not afford a full-time interim and I am pleased to have a place and people for ministry. They have a part time staff of a custodian/Christian Education director, webmaster, secretary, treasurer, and Organist/Choir Director

My ministry has been limited by my 25% time with them. In addition to leading weekly worship, weddings and funerals, visiting in the hospital, and moderating session, I have brought the first stewardship program in over 20 years to the congregation, proposed a settlement in a lawsuit that was accepted and brought peace to two churches and the community, brought church records up to date after years of neglect, arranged for legal non-profit licensing of the church's software, led Sunday School that resulted in new members, redesigned the newsletter that one member said "You tell us what is going on...we never had that before", helped the PNC and the congregation wrestle with the issues of an old manse, begin a lay visitation and nursery attendant program, and helped bring back the choir for Easter Sunday. Current projects include a community youth program and a sign for the church.

Please describe your leadership style:

I listen to and for others' hopes and goals. I look for wounds that need attention, people with a desire to serve but no way to express it, and gaps of time, talent, or treasure in the community and the congregation's ministry. I look for opportunities and resources that will advance us towards our goals for ministry, open ways for people to serve or promote healing. I talk with other individuals and groups to get their contributions and opinions. I look for people that want this ministry or that project to happen, encourage them, offer them the resources I've found, throw in my willingness to work on the ministry in appropriate ways and pray. Always being open, direct, transparent and accountable.

Sometimes everything falls into place, and sometimes it doesn't. When this approach works, some people react with great joy that they did something worthwhile. Some act like nothing special happened; it was just a natural outcome of who we are and what we do as a congregation. Some mistake directness for anger and are suspicious of my honesty. I strive to remain in relationship and communion to and with them and all people. The effect on most folks has been to grow them into ministry.

What are the key theological issues currently facing the church and society, and how do they shape your ministry?

Identity/Image of God – We must claim who we are as God's people and proclaim what we believe. The world needs a witness to God's grace, love, power and will. My perspective is to look to God and the witness of God's people for meaning, importance, and direction. I find the footprints and calling voice of God in the scriptures, the historical and current witness of the church, and our daily lives together.

Leadership/Servanthood – Tearing down the folks who are trying to improve the lot and life of our country and church has become our favorite blood sport. This shapes my ministry by making me strive to be collegial, transparent and accountable. It also prompts me to encourage and shield leaders; seeking to catch people doing something right while disarming professional complainers and chronic critics.

Community/The Body of Christ – I seek to promote the life and health of worthwhile groups. Keeping our communities and churches alive and well takes effort. Both church and society needs to nurture and encourage people to work together for the common good.