

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

Mif #: 04923.ADO

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	04923
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Ministry Size	401 - 650 members

Ethnic Composition	
	White 99%
	Other 1%

Average Worship Attendance	160
Church School Attendance	30
Curriculum	Spark House curriculum
Certified as eligible for participation in the Seminary Debt Assistance Program	False
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Presbytery	NEW BRUNSWICK PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST
Community Type	Suburban

Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization [Show Statistics](#)

Information about the position

Position:	Pastor Interim
Experience Required:	5 to 10 Years
Specific Title:	
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

Other Language:	
Statement of Faith Required:	True
Clergy Couples:	True

Training/Certificate Requirements:	
	Interim Ministry Training

Other Training:	
Brief Church Mission Statement:	

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The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Hamilton Square seeks to glorify and enjoy God. We pray, worship, we give, we study and we fellowship together. We are a caring family called to be instruments of Christ's love and to make disciples by welcoming all, nurturing faith and serving others.

What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry:

1. To celebrate our place in God's Family.

- Strengthen our 'habits of faith' such as worship, study, and prayer among all ages.
- Provide traditional and contemporary services of worship, plus explore alternative worship.

1. To strengthen our church family.

- Nurture faith through an array of Christian Education programs.
- Build upon the youth ministry to keep it strong.
- Provide occasional family-oriented programs for those with young children.
- Improve communication within the church via social media
- Build on our young adult ministry that invites and involves this age group in our 'family life'.
- Maintain communication with/pastoral support of college students.
- Identify, develop, equip and support church leaders.

1. To help others experience our sense of family

- Reach out to young families.
- Introduce the community to our church family.
- Provide classes / groups on issues facing the public such as grief, divorce ect.

4. To share God's blessings beyond our church family.

- Educate the congregation on mission needs and opportunities.
- Continue mission activities locally, nationally, and globally.
- Conduct annual mission trips for youth and adults.
- Support local agencies through financial gifts and volunteer support—e.g. Home Front, Woman Space, Urban Promise-Trenton, Crisis Ministries

How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency:

We strive to be a missional church and serve our local community and larger community in a number of ways.

- Several rooms in our church building are used by the Princeton/Trenton YWCA for pre-school programs during week days. Additionally our rooms are used in the evenings by several groups which include but are not limited to Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous.
- Our Sunday Worship Services seek to reach the community by being offered at multiple times on Sunday with different styles at each service.
- We have entered a lease agreement with Home Front whereby our Manse is rented to a family who is transitioning from homelessness and getting back to a more stable, healthy living situation.
- Church members manage and work at a local food pantry.
- Adults and youth participate in mission trips throughout the country generally once a year for each of the age groups.
- Our Deacons and several other members including youth provide birthday parties to underprivileged children at Homefront four times a year.
- Several church members serve at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen once a month.
- In FY 2017 over \$33,000 in Benevolence funds were distributed to non-profit organizations throughout the community.

How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals:

The position we are seeking to fill is that of Interim Pastor. This position is critical in providing leadership and stability to our congregation at a time of transition. As such they would play a vital role in assisting us in accomplishing our goals and meeting our vision.

Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization:

The Interim Pastor is to be a spiritual director; leading people to a relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, nurturing their attentiveness to God in their lives, and helping them to discover and use their spiritual gifts in service to Christ. This individual will use their gifts, talents and sense of humor; to provide pastoral ministry, organizational oversight and administrative leadership to a congregation of approximately 500 members during a period of transition.

What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

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Accountability:

The Interim Pastor is accountable to the Session through its Personnel Committee; and accountable to the Presbytery of New Brunswick through the Committee on Ministry.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Provide active leadership to the Session, the congregation and its organizations that will enable the church to move forward in its mission as outlined in the church's Purpose and Vision statements. In addition, lead the Session in long-term strategies and annual action plans.

**** Request position description for complete information.**

Relationships:

Relates to the Session as Moderator, to Session Committees as ex-officio member, to the Staff as colleague and head of staff, to the congregation as pastor, and to the Presbytery as a member.

Evaluation:

An annual performance review will be conducted by the Session Personnel Committee.

Optional Links:

Leadership Competencies:

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Communicator

Public Communicator

Advisor

Change Agent

Task Manager

Decision Making

Interpersonal Engagement

Bridge Builder

Compensation and Housing: [Cost of Living Calculator](#)

Minimum Effective Salary: \$74,825

Housing Type: Housing Allowance

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References:				
Name	Address	Phone Numbers	Relation	Email
Megan Cullip	165 Judd St Fairfield CT 06824	210-867-0934	Previous Pastoral intern and Church Member	megancullip@gmail.com
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Pastor Susan Reisinger	213 Lippincott Ave in Riverton NJ. 08077	856-261-5436	Previous Interim Pastor	susandeereisinger@msn.com

Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?

Yes

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