

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

Mif #: 79072.AA0

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	79072
Ministry Name	Daughter Church of Lake Murray Presbyterian Church
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Ministry Size	N/A
Ethnic Composition	
	Other 100%

Average Worship Attendance	0
Church School Attendance	0
Curriculum	TBD
Certified as eligible for participation in the Seminary Debt Assistance Program	False
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Presbytery	TRINITY PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
Community Type	Suburban
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization Show Statistics	

Information about the position

Position:	Pastor (church planter, new church development, new worshipping community)
Experience Required:	No Experience
Specific Title:	
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

Other Language:	
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Statement of Faith Required:	True
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Clergy Couples:	
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Training/Certificate Requirements:	
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Other Training:	
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Brief Church Mission Statement:	
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Lake Murray Presbyterian Church (LMPC) has contemplated the idea of planting a new congregation as part of its calling for over a decade. The idea was postponed early on, but later resurrected as a component of the capital campaign for the LMPC children's ministry building, built in 2015. The daughter church committee was organized in 2016. The mission of Lake Murray Presbyterian Church (LMPC) is "To Call the Wandering Heart Home to Christ," and this new congregation is part of that work. The new worshipping community will seek to reach Christians that currently do not have a church home as well as sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with non-Christians. In part, the mission of the new worshipping community will be to show the relevance of scripture and the life of faith to the problems and issues of today. The committee discerned the focus area should be centered around Dutch Fork High School. The area is rich with seasoned, established churches but was chosen because of the void in worshipping opportunities for newcomers to the area. This area is bounded by I-26 to the west and the Broad River to the east. For more than a year, the daughter church committee has prayed, studied and recently communicated to the congregation the vision of starting a new worshipping community.

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

We hope the new church will share the Gospel with people in the focus area, call them to a life of faith, and lead them into Christian fellowship, mission, and ministry. The new worshipping community will be distinct from LMPC in its focus, emphasis, and style. The ministry of the new church will emerge from the gifts of the congregation and serve to address the needs of the community through service and leadership. Because it is the social norm for most people in the target area to identify themselves as Christian, the challenge of forming disciples will be to encourage people to hear the call of Christ in his word and to begin making decisions in life to follow him.

Although there are long-established churches in the area that are deeply rooted, the ministry will largely be to families new to the community who do not have a church home and may not have heard or believe the gospel. The center of the worship experience will be the congregation's gathering on Sundays to celebrate the resurrection of Christ through prayer, song, and the preaching of the word and sacraments. The new worship community will be a hug for the people of the focus area, a place to develop and sustain valuable relationships. The rapidly growing nature of the area elevates the need to create meaningful Christian friendships. These relationships will also serve as a source of strength for the new church to bless and serve the surrounding community. The new church will grow to sustain and lead itself.

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

Many Christians in the focus area need a Christian community; even more people simply need to hear the Gospel. Ministry to youth and service opportunities for adults are two key ways we aim to reach out to address these needs. An important part of the mission of the new worshipping community will be addressing the relevance of scripture and relating it to the problems of today. A pragmatic, adventurous spirit will be needed to reach new members. The lore of LMPC's founding in 1974 is the use of a blinking highway sign to invite people to an organization meeting in a local restaurant. Members proceeded to call people together in the name of Jesus Christ. We will draw upon the wisdom of our charter members and the experiences of our newer members to encourage innovation in the new church. The structure and location for the worship service, while keeping within Presbyterian tradition, will be tailored to the people of the area. In the beginning stages of the new worshipping community, people who want to lead the fellowship will do so by contributing to the ministry through gifts of God as given upon us. LMPC is asking church members and households to participate in starting the new church. While LMPC will provide initial funding and solicit grants, the fellowship itself will determine its funding structure, revenue, and needs from an early stage, and be called to contribute.

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

Starting a new worshipping community will enable you to reach the goals of the church universal by being Christ's witness to "the ends of the earth." The position will challenge you to complete God's calling by proclaiming the Gospel for the salvation of humankind, reaching people who may not have previously been involved in a church home and sharing the gospel with them. Additionally, you will provide shelter and fellowship for the children of God through the establishment of a new church home, giving members a place to feel comfortable and safe in the community in which they are involved. Meanwhile, you will nurture their relationship with the Lord and with one another while making sure that the growth will be healthy for the new church development and for the parent church (Lake Murray Presbyterian Church). Your position will enable to build your own session apart from the parent church and have autonomy, distinct from the parent church. While you maintain divine worship inside the church, you will preserve and fight for the truth and promote social righteousness. You will exhibit the Kingdom of Heaven for the world by targeting the growing community and establishing the original pattern in which other new church developments may follow.

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

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The successful candidate possesses a sense of urgency for God's work, and has a sense of call to the vocation of new church development. He or she demonstrates both experience and wisdom in interacting with the church family and community. Candidate should be 'discerning of' and 'sensitive to' the targeted area's unique needs and must be open and inviting to churched and unchurched people/families. Candidate gives special emphasis to evangelism and to the recruitment of new members. The evangelist will make clear invitations to people to take the step of faith of trusting in Jesus Christ. The evangelist will also help Christians recognize and take their next step of faith. Other characteristics include sincerity, compassion, and genuine respect for others. Also, this person possesses organizational skills and should highly value accountability. Resilience and an entrepreneurial spirit are essential in any new church. They must have deep faith in God the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

The evangelist organizes all the activity of the new worshipping community, with the support of the members and staff of LMPC. While formally called to LMPC, they do not have the responsibilities of a typical associate (pastoral care, Sunday School teaching, preaching rotation etc.). Major areas of responsibility are:

- Repeatedly cast the vision of the new church within LMPC and in the community
- Formulate the plan to start the congregation and report regularly on progress and challenges.
- Organize the entirety of worship
- Build systems of evangelism, administration and discipleship
- Invite people to the events of the NWC, and lead others to invite
- Study the target area for the new community to have a deep understanding of it
- Lead LMPC in dedicated efforts of prayer for the vitality of the new congregation
- Go out and engage the community as a missionary
- Build an identity for the NWC
- Engage in the fundraising, budgeting and financial oversight process
- Fully participate in the training and support offered to church planters by the PCUSA
- Co-lead the lead the Daughter Church committee in oversight of the project
- Gather a community of faith in the power of the Holy Spirit
- Arrange for facilities needed for the mission of the NWC
- Identify and develop leadership, leading to the formation of session
- Build relationship within the presbytery and with other churches
- Lead the new church to petition Trinity Presbytery to charter at the appropriate time
- Hire and oversee staff

Optional Links:

Leadership Competencies:

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Communicator

Entrepreneurial

Organizational Agility

Strategy and Vision

Collaboration

Personal Resilience

Initiative

Flexibility

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$50,000

Housing Type: Housing Allowance

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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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