

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

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Ecclesiastical Status:	Teaching Elder	
Presbytery Membership:	GRACE PRESBYTERY	
Ordination Date:	3/9/2014	
Formal Education:	Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Divinity, 2011 • Master of Arts in Practical Theology, emphasis in Christian Education, 2012 Newberry College, Newberry, South Carolina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Arts - Communication, 2005 	
Continuing Education:	2015-17, 2019, Mo Ranch, Hunt, Texas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples in Ministry Conference 2019, April - Richmond, Virginia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Pensions, CREDO 2018, April - Little Rock, Arkansas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Pensions, CREDO 2016, Atlanta, Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festival of Homiletics 2013-15, Montreat, North Carolina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Recreation Workshop 2013, Dallas, TX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEXT Church Conference 	
Employment Type:	Full-time	
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$65,000 / Year	
Position Types and Experience Level	Youth Director (Non-ordained) Associate Pastor (Youth)	5 to 10 Years 0 to 2 Years

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	Co- Pastor	2 to 5 Years
Geographic Choices:	Georgia North Carolina South Carolina Tennessee Utah	

Languages:	English
Other Languages:	

Leadership Competencies:	Compassionate Preaching and Worship Leadership Teacher Communicator Technologically Savvy Strategy and Vision Collaboration Bridge Builder Flexibility Self Differentiation
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Training / Certification:	Clinical Pastoral Education Training
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Other Training:	
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Clergy Couple?	No
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Housing Type:	Open to Manse/Housing Allowance
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Work Experience:	
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Co-Pastor,

August 2015 - November 2019

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, (180 Members Small City) Longview, Texas

- Plan Worship Services (Blended and Traditional)
- Preaching - rotational basis with Co-Pastor.
- Teaching - youth and adult bible studies. Curriculum selecting/writing/editing.
- Pastoral Care - Visiting homebound, offering home communion, sharing meals, pastoral counsel, and sharing life experiences.
- Community Outreach/Mission - Board member/president of local non-profit, cooking/serving meals, planned/led annual youth mission trip, energized church community to be more present in our community.
- Ecumenical Leadership - Meet regularly with local clergy, organized community prayer vigils, crafted open table conversations about secular and religious topics

Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults,

2014-2015

Youth Director

2008-2014

Northminster Presbyterian Church, (600 members, suburban,) Roswell, Georgia,

- Managed Youth and Young Adult Programs
- Coordinated Sunday night programming and Sunday School classes
- Construct curriculum using published curriculum and original material
- Led/Planned worship
- Preaching - once a quarter

Clinical Pastoral Education Intern

August 2011-December 2011

St. Joseph's Hospital

Atlanta, Georgia

- Participated in Association of Clinical Pastoral Education program by leading and learning in education, submitting verbatims, and contributing in group time
- Supported patients by helping them compose Advance Directives
- Offered prayer and pastoral counsel
- Served in the dialysis unit and oncology floor

Photojournalist

2006-2008

WLTX News 19

Columbia, South Carolina

- Captured live news through lens of camera
- Interviewed local, state, and national politicians during election year
- Followed University of South Carolina sports
- Edited video and created graphics for newscast

Other Services:

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Chair of Youth Ministry Committee - Grace Presbytery

2018-2019

- Moderated the Youth Ministry Committee meetings
- Planned youth events and conferences for Grace Presbytery

Co-Director of East Texas Youth Conference,

2019

- Planned and executed a theme for the conference
- Recruited Youth and Adults to be on the planning team
- Encouraged youth groups from East Texas churches to attend the event
- Lead workshops during the conference on spiritual practices

Keynote Speaker, St. Andrew Presbytery Youth Conference, Mississippi,

2019

- Prepared 4 Keynote talks using the Theme grid and Scriptures provided by the Planning team
- Work alongside Planning team to bring the theme to fruition
- Represent the congregation and Presbytery

President of the Board, Family Promise of Longview

2018-2019

- Represented St. Andrew on the board
- Planned and implemented fundraisers
- Led training for St. Andrew members to be host
- Recruited volunteers and churches to be part of the program

Small Group Leader, Synod Youth Workshop,

2018 & 2019

- Led group of 15 youth and adults during the conference
- Cared for youth by listening and affirmation

Recreation Leader, Montreat High School Youth Conference

2015

- Constructed and completed recreational events throughout week
- Led energizers and the art of play as stage leadership
- Strategize with planning team and other leadership to frame theme

Recreation Leader, Montreat Middle School Youth Conference 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017

- Constructed and completed recreational events throughout week
- Led energizers and the art of play as stage leadership
- Strategize with planning team and other leadership to frame theme

Keynote Speaker, Mo Ranch Junior High Jubilee

2016

- Prepared 4 Keynote talks using the Theme grid and Scriptures provided by the Planning team
- Work alongside Planning team to bring the theme to fruition
- Represent the congregation and Presbytery

Workshop leader, Peacemaking Partnership of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

2015

- Facilitated workshop on how to use social media in the church effectively
- Taught social media jargon to aid clergy and lay people in church settings
- Constructed and maintained registration for the event

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

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When I started ministry at St. Andrew, there was a real concern that a split in the church could happen over certain theological issues because another PC(USA) congregation in town had suffered from a split. St. Andrew wanted to make sure their pastor was fully involved in the life of the community and the Presbytery. In collaboration with the other PC (USA) pastors in town, we covenanted to truly be the connectional church. From this collaboration we endeavored to do more joint worship and communal events. Many of these joint offerings evolved from local PC(USA) gatherings to an ecumenical gathering. One such event started an open theological conversation on various religious and secular topics. The clergy from this ecumenical gathering approached the owners of a local brewery and asked about hosting our theological discussions at the brewery. The owners were thrilled with the idea and joined the clergy group to form "Theology on Tap (TOT)." The purpose of TOT was to demonstrate how to have difficult conversations in a civil, gracious, and loving way. We tackled divisive topics such as immigration, racism, mental health, and gun control. The response from the community was tremendous! Many Tuesday nights have been standing room with some people from inside the church, but mostly from previously or unchurched people. The refrain has been, "I didn't think the church would ever talk about this in this way. Especially not in East Texas."

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

The ministry setting that I believe God is calling me is one that seeks justice, loves kindness, and humbly walks with God. God calls us to be a light to our community that proclaims the Gospel at all times using words if necessary. The ministry setting God is calling me to is one that is active in the local and foreign community, provides for the poor and needy, uplifts the brokenhearted, and makes room at the table for all of God's children. I believe God is calling me to a place that practices true hospitality and values every generation as one that has a voice, a role, and a talent to share. This is done through an understanding of grace, love, and respect for one another. I believe God is calling me to a ministry that is joyful in worship and allows for creativity from all people in that worship to shine through our praises to God. Because I believe that God delights when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace.

What areas of growth have you identified in yourself?

Learning to listen. I have always fancied myself as a good communicator and as someone who can communicate in multiple ways in order to get a message across or to get people on the same page. However, as I have matured emotionally and spiritually, I have come to realize that healthy communication heavily involves being an active listener. Hearing and listening are very different. Where I see growth in myself is in being an active listener. You cannot communicate if you are not willing to listen. If I am going to be able to communicate with someone or a group of people, I must first learn to listen before I can fully understand the best way to communicate. What I have found when it comes to listening is that it is not unlike many acquired skills. To be a good listener, it takes a willingness to learn, time, and a lot of practice. I believe to be the best possible disciple of Christ and pastor; I need to practice and grow in how I listen.

Describe a time when you have led change.

The church I serve was once thriving with young families and the youth program reflected a younger church. Now, the church is older, and the youth are few and far between. After a year of ministry at the church, trial and error, and communication with many people on what the issues were, I was able to get a feel for what kind of youth ministry options were possible. The three small PC(USA) congregations in town were in a similar situation when it came to the youth ministry programs. I, following many conversations with church leaders, engaged the leaders at the other congregations about the possibility of combining our youth to create a program. Through prayer and discernment, we decided to give this idea a chance. Like with any change, there was confusion, reluctance, and questions. One of the congregations had a large building with great youth hall, but not as many youths. They opened their space to the group. This church also had leaders that wanted to begin a youth handbell choir. What started small has now begun to blossom. From this combination, the churches have forged a new relationship together while still maintaining their own unique qualities. Over the three years of building this program, we have seen growth in many tangible ways. We do mission work together, go to conferences together, and have genuinely learned to love each other. That is the connectional church and it was overflowed to all of the congregations.

Optional Links:

Audio sermons

<https://www.standrewpres.org/sermons>

Ministers at immigration talk: Christians must weigh obedience, laws. August 6, 2019.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/county/gregg/ministers-at-immigration-talk-christians-must-weigh-obedience-laws/article_029454ba-b893-11e9-babd-cf0dc43e10db.html

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Longview church blesses pets and their owners. April 27, 2019.

<https://www.kltv.com/2019/04/27/longview-church-blesses-pets-their-owners/>

The power of conversation: Theology on Tap pastors lead hard discussions, build relationships. April 24, 2019.

https://www.news-journal.com/charm-view/voices/the-power-of-conversation-theology-on-tap-pastors-lead-hard/article_096778de-3f81-11e9-8638-a30a24d84246.html

Ashes to Go: Pastors hit the streets for Ash Wednesday. March 2, 2019.

https://www.news-journal.com/features/religion/ashes-to-go-pastors-hit-the-streets-for-ash-wednesday/article_220c4d24-3b0d-11e9-9840-47c233c88f0f.html?fbclid=IwAR2QEN2JCTWfBt1qmNok3EXDXTPbPIFpX85eE7Fhojx3kl0e9ZC_dT_fF-o

Clergy brave rain to offer drive-thru service to community on Ash Wednesday. February 15, 2018.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/clergy-brave-rain-to-offer-drive-thru-service-to-community/article_cfd0e388-ad69-5e06-9d31-9582caf15e95.html

Raif: Lessons from Temple Emanu-El. November 10, 2018.

https://www.news-journal.com/online_features/raif-lessons-from-temple-emanu-el/article_420d7464-e477-11e8-a30d-2bbf1f6d050b.html

'Time for this to stop': Longview prayer rally responds to synagogue massacre. November 4, 2018.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/time-for-this-to-stop-longview-prayer-rally-responds-to/article_03bb928e-deac-11e8-b5da-cb42522e9e48.html

Longview Presbyterian churches plan 300 Hours of Service. September 16, 2018.

https://www.news-journal.com/features/religion/longview-presbyterian-churches-plan-hours-of-service/article_d05d3696-b641-11e8-a7f9-0bc5e9c5a84b.html

Seminar focuses on practicing faith in the details of death. September 1, 2018.

https://www.news-journal.com/features/religion/seminar-focuses-on-practicing-faith-in-the-details-of-death/article_502f39f6-abba-11e8-be36-4f505eec01a6.html

Anderson: On a special day, considering the arc of our nation's history. May 19, 2018.

https://www.news-journal.com/opinion/anderson-on-a-special-day-considering-the-arc-of-our/article_402a35ca-5ace-11e8-92ab-17ff7f3d08a2.html

Ashes to Go expands in second year. February 9, 2018.

https://www.news-journal.com/features/religion/ashes-to-go-expands-in-second-year/article_08111258-52b4-5df1-b7ac-70a27f99321f.html

Pasotors Mia Levetan and Nick Setzer, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, join Ryan Mails, St. M. February 3, 2018

https://www.news-journal.com/features/religion/pasotors-mia-levithan-and-nick-setzer-st-andrew-presbyterian-church/article_a7e5222f-fe8f-5a32-ad49-af38284a651c.html

Pastors: Candlelight services serve as reminder of Christ's light. December 22, 2017.

https://www.news-journal.com/features/religion/pastors-candlelight-services-serve-as-reminder-of-christ-s-light/article_574f96f3-9850-5af4-b0f7-f11807df2fb3.html

Longview meets deadly hate with prayer, songs. August 16, 2017.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/longview-meets-deadly-hate-with-prayer-songs/article_5dc48f29-f4d9-55cd-8cc4-c90cc02ea1e5.html#comments

East Texas pastors calling for peace since Charlottesville tragedy. August 16, 2017.

<https://www.cbs19.tv/article/news/local/east-texas-pastors-calling-for-peace-since-charlottesville-tragedy/464737223>

Longview church receives Earth Care designation. July 29, 2017

https://www.news-journal.com/features/religion/longview-church-receives-earth-care-designation/article_a4ac55c2-d5f6-5fc2-8eb5-b9f91ed9a88f.html

Longview ministers offer mobile Ash Wednesday services. March 1, 2017.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/longview-ministers-offer-mobile-ash-wednesday-services/article_cca84964-5f21-56b1-b7af-f583baa6d3e3.html

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Ashes on the go: Local ministers take to streets for Ash Wednesday. February 28, 2017.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/ashes-on-the-go-local-ministers-take-to-streets-for/article_17116729-5a82-5e00-9720-1182dac0db49.html

East Texas officials have vote security in mind. November 8, 2016.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/east-texas-officials-have-vote-security-in-mind/article_0d2ba0f3-da12-59a0-8608-95341765d126.html

Election eve prayer service set today. November 7, 2016.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/election-eve-prayer-service-set-today/article_07ebecf4-01a9-54c2-a686-22bbab31fe8c.html

Longview pastors pray for unity in election. November 7, 2016.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/longview-pastors-pray-for-unity-in-election/article_a9fcd63e-8735-550c-9d0e-89bec97cda46.html

Longview councilman asks city to amend map for church property. August 3, 2016.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/longview-councilman-asks-city-to-amend-map-for-church-property/article_682deb5d-bb4c-5f9a-8bfd-5aae54020e5d.html

Longview vigil backs LGBT community. June 14, 2016.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/longview-vigil-backs-lgbt-community/article_b168b979-868c-5a0c-b199-0dc395a9d24f.html

KLTV team spells its way to first place at Bee for Literacy. June 8, 2016.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/kltv-team-spells-its-way-to-first-place-at-bee/article_f6008e81-750c-5f5e-bfa1-ccadac38d66c.html

Longview vigil tonight to support LGBT community. June 4, 2016.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/longview-vigil-tonight-to-support-lgbt-community/article_55d5b296-7116-5eb8-b37f-89d450ade13e.html

Longview Presbyterian churches celebrate Earth Day. April 26, 2016.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/longview-presbyterian-churches-celebrate-earth-day/article_a373d328-ba12-54b9-b834-bbf4428d6b1e.html

Longview church offers city's first chartered Little Free Library. March 5, 2016.

https://www.news-journal.com/features/religion/longview-church-offers-city-s-first-chartered-little-free-library/article_d3556f15-7c40-5816-8c1b-b15e6320b10b.html

Petition aims to head off retailers in Longview. December 8, 2015.

https://www.news-journal.com/news/local/petition-aims-to-head-off-retailers-in-longview/article_bdd6dd58-c5ad-5e40-b216-eeeeec009ee87.html

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church recalls history, social justice pursuits at 50th anniversary. September 19, 2015

https://www.news-journal.com/features/religion/st-andrew-presbyterian-church-recalls-history-social-justice-pursuits-at/article_1051e26a-7bf4-5916-a04b-8fa8b8524d4e.html

Husband, wife duo co-pastor Longview church. September 19, 2015.

https://www.news-journal.com/features/religion/husband-wife-duo-co-pastor-longview-church/article_f13168d7-05db-5a10-9023-91059656e44b.html

Care Packages for College Age/Post High School Young People

<https://www.pcusa.org/resource/quicksheet-35-care-packages-for-college-agep-79741/>

Digital, Mobile, and Social": Dealing with, managing and incorporating technology into youth ministry.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/quicksheet-33-digital-mobile-social-youth/>

Statement of Faith:

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I believe in the Triune God, to whom we must serve, worship, and put our trust in. I believe in God as the Creator and giver of life, who works through all things, seen and unseen. God created the earth and everything it encompassed and proclaims it good. I believe in God who refused to forsake human kind even though human beings turned from God and fell into the depths of sin. God's grace abounds.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and savior of humankind, whose life, death, and resurrection is the redemption of the world. Through Christ, God came into the world, fully human, fully divine, and, through his sacrificial love, died on the cross extending grace to the world. Through Christ's crucifixion, death, and glorious resurrection, we as Christians are given new life. Hallelujah!

I believe in the Holy Spirit, sustainer of life. The Holy Spirit lives in and among us, gives new and abundant life, and leads us to paths of righteousness. It is the Holy Spirit, not ourselves, that our faith and its assurance proceeds from. The Spirit, personally at work in all creation, is the breath of life and source of all wisdom and creativity.

I believe in the authority of Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh, as witnessed in the Holy Scriptures. The Scriptures are the foremost testimony for the witness of God's purpose for humankind that is made known to us in the life of Christ. The Scriptures are written by humans and should be interpreted in the light of human fallibility and

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Sexual Misconduct Self-Certification Statement:		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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