

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

**Mif #: 50098.AA0**

**Ministry General Information**

<b>Ministry Number</b>	50098
<b>Ministry Name</b>	South Walton NWC
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<b>Ministry Size</b>	N/A
<b>Ethnic Composition</b>	
	Asian 1%
	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 1%
	Hispanic Latino/Latina, Spanish 6%
	White 90%
	Other 2%

<b>Average Worship Attendance</b>	0
<b>Church School Attendance</b>	0
<b>Curriculum</b>	None
<b>Yoked</b>	False
<b>Presbytery</b>	FLORIDA PRESBYTERY
<b>Synod</b>	SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
<b>Community Type</b>	N/A

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

**Information about the position**

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

<b>Language Requirements:</b>	
	English

<b>Other Language:</b>	
<b>Statement of Faith Required:</b>	True
<b>Clergy Couples:</b>	

<b>Training/Certificate Requirements:</b>	
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<b>Other Training:</b>	Certificate in Adaptive and Innovative Ministry; Discerning Missional Leadership
<b>Brief Church Mission Statement:</b>	
<p>“To build a vibrant, engaged, and spiritually growing faith community.”</p>	
<b>What is the congregation’s or organization’s vision for ministry:</b>	
<p>The Vision Statement of the Presbytery of Florida is to “Serve Christ, Love the World.” While this vision is broad and undefined, it gives us the opportunity to define it for each specific location and ministry endeavor. Our specific vision for this worshiping community is to build a vibrant, engaged, and spiritually growing faith community in the emerging beach communities of south Walton County between Miramar Beach and Rosemary Beach in the panhandle of Florida. The Presbytery of Florida is prepared to commit the time and resources to launch this new worshiping community, and we seek a candidate who has the faith and courage to work with us.</p>	
<b>How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency:</b>	
<p>Walton County is the 6th fastest growing county in the U. S. with the strongest economic growth in the state of Florida. 2.6 million visitors enjoyed the warm weather and sandy beaches in 2021. The beach communities provide a unique environment in which to give birth to a new faith community. As a tourist/resort area, the population fluctuates throughout the year. Summer months see the population swell along the main roads (30A and Hwy 98) and through the beach communities with weekly condo rentals. After the summer season is over, the year-round residents enjoy the beaches and shops in relative peace. Then come the winter residents, and the communities enjoy a happy median population.</p> <p>A few miles inland, the communities are more stable year-round residents. But undeveloped land is giving way to increased residential and retail growth. Schools are growing, outdoor activities abound, and a new “55-and-better active living” community has opened recently. Our initial approach will be to understand and address the needs of year-round residents while balancing the challenges of living among a fluctuating recreational/resort seasonal population.</p>	
<b>How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals:</b>	
<p>Our presbytery does not have any recent experience in starting a new worshiping community. Like many presbyteries, we are facing dwindling congregations in both membership and financial support. Most of the presbytery’s energies are focused on revitalization of existing congregations. If there is to be new growth, it will most likely be found in reaching new people in new communities with new leadership. In order to accomplish this, we hope to call someone who will devote their full attention, time and energy to walk with us and be an integral part of a leadership team to build a vibrant, engaged, and spiritually growing faith community. In turn, the Presbytery of Florida will guarantee the effective salary of this position for five years so long as the called pastor is meeting the goals outlined in our “Launching New Worshiping Communities” handbook.</p>	
<b>Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization:</b>	
<p>The candidate for this position must be grounded in faith with a Reformed/Presbyterian understanding of call, community, servanthood, and leadership. A passion to reach new people with the love of God is vital. The candidate should be a person with a strong sense of calling, and able to build a core group of people interested in forming a new community of faith. The candidate should naturally connect with people outside the church context, the kind of person to whom others feel drawn, and able to build strong relationships. The candidate should have entrepreneurial skills, and a willingness to try new things and learn from both successes and failures. The candidate must also have a commitment to our connectional system, and will be accountable to the Committee New Congregational Development and Committee on Ministry.</p>	
<b>What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?</b>	
<p>The Presbytery of Florida has developed a strategy and process for launching new worshiping communities. This process relies heavily on the work of the PCUSA’s 1001 New Worshiping Communities Initiative and their work, <i>Starting New Worshiping Communities</i>. The candidate will drive the process of discerning a vision for this new worshiping community. Initially, the candidate will meet and build relationships with people in the community, learning about the needs of the people, and discovering what opportunities a new worshiping community might pursue. The candidate will work with the Committee New Congregational Development (CNCD) to help us identify the particular people/community God is calling us to reach. A Task Force made up of members of the local community and the CNCD will then work with the candidate to develop a strategy for carrying out the vision by developing a budget and a plan for financial sustainability, determining when and how worship will be introduced, and developing a strategy for making disciples and mission outreach to the community.</p>	
<b>Optional Links:</b>	

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[South Walton Church](#)

[CNCD Handbook for Launching NWCs](#)

[South Walton County](#)

[Discover 30A](#)

[Seaside, FL](#)

**Leadership Competencies:**

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Teacher

Communicator

Technologically Savvy

Entrepreneurial

Organizational Agility

Strategy and Vision

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

**Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator**

**Minimum Effective Salary:** \$60,000

**Housing Type:** Housing Allowance

**References:**

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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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