



Ministry General Information

Ministry Name South Walton NWC	Presbytery	Synod
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Congregation or Organization Size	Curriculum	Average Worship Attendance
Church School Attendance		
Intercultural Composition		

Information about the Position

Position Requirements	
Position Type(s)	Other Training
Pastor (church planter, new church development, new worshipping community)	Certificate in Adaptive and Innovative Ministry; Discerning Missional Leadership Assessment
Experience Required	Language Requirements

No Experience/First Ordained Call

English

Employment Status

Statement of Faith required?

Full-time

Yes

Are you open to a clergy couple?

No

Ministry Requirements

Church Mission/Vision Statement

Tasks, expectations, duties, supervision, assignments, and responsibilities for the position

Compensation & Housing

Minimum Effective Salary

Housing Type

80000

Housing allowance

MDP - Narratives

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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

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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.

What is the nature and context of the community in which your congregation lives out its mission/vision? How will you address the emerging needs that are impacting your community?

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.

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

How will this call help complement the responsibilities of other staff/volunteer positions, and the life of the congregation/organization, so that you may accomplish your short and long-term goals for ministry?

Our presbytery does not have any recent experience in starting a new worshipping 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 Worshipping Communities" handbook.

Provide a description of the skills, gifts and training the person you hope will become a part of your ministry must have, to lead the congregation towards the vision and mission established.

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.

What areas of ministry do you expect the person called to be responsible for? Share specific tasks, assignments, and programs.

Optional Links

CNCD Handbook for
Launching

NWCs - - [http://www.presbyteryofflorida.net/app/download/7126569329/La\(1\).pdf](http://www.presbyteryofflorida.net/app/download/7126569329/La(1).pdf)

South Walton

Countv - - <http://www.visitsouthwalton.com/>

References

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