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Ecclesiastical Status:	Teaching Elder
Membership Presbytery:	SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY PRESBYTERY
Ordination Date:	5/14/2006
Formal Education:	M.Div; Columbia Theological Seminary; Decatur GA: 2002-2005 B.S.Criminal Justice, Psychology Minor; The University of South Carolina and The South Carolina Honors College; Columbia SC: 1996-2000 <input type="checkbox"/> ; cum laude

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Continuing Education:	<p>2016: Calvin Symposium for Worship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Worship Design • Singing the Psalms • Worship Graphics for Sunday Mornings <p>2016-2017: NEXT Church Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evangelism in the Current Context • Time Management Strategies for Pastors • Crafting a Spiritual Rule for Sessions • Intergenerational Congregations • Toxic Charity and When Helping Hurts <p>2011- 2016: The Young Clergy Women Project Annual Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016: Leading With Presence • 2015: Text in Context: Scripture as a Tool for Community Engagement • 2014: Out of the Deep: Leading Community Discernment During Conflict • 2013: In Whose Image? Images of Women in Leadership, Models for Ministry • 2011: Rest and Renewal <p>2014 Cherokee Presbytery Mission Fair: Social Media Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learned ways congregations can effectively use Social Media • How to plan a Social Media Strategy • Effective use of Social Media in a non-profit setting <p>2013 CREDO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited by the Board of Pensions for a week long time of renewal, discernment, and ministry revitalization <p>2012 Davidson Center for the Professions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive week focusing on Family Systems, self care, sustainable ministry practices, spiritual direction, and coaching <p>2012: Center for Healthy Churches Social Media Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions of appropriate uses for Social Media in non-profit settings • Church-specific practices for Social Media • Development of Social Media plan for a congregation <p>2010, 2012: Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 attended workshops focusing on developing Older Adult ministry programs within congregations. • 2012 focused studies on issues facing Older Adults: i.e., Alzheimer's, Technology for Independent Living, Adaptable Housing • Workshops focusing on Pastoral Care needs for Older Adults <p>2007: Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies focused on building Children's and Youth Programs in smaller congregations, curriculum selection, including children in worship <p>2007: National Stewardship Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main learning objective - developing a giving campaign for the congregation • Developed strategy for annual stewardship campaign <p>2007-2009 Early Ministry Institute (Synod of the Northeast)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Year cohort group focusing on best practices for early ministry <p>2008 Festival of Homiletics</p>	
Employment Type:	Full-time	
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$60,000 / Year	
Position Types and Experience Level	Solo Pastor	2 to 5 Years

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	Associate Pastor (Other)	5 to 10 Years
	Pastor Interim	0 to 2 Years
Geographic Choices:	Unlimited	

Languages:	English
Other Languages:	

Leadership Competencies:	Compassionate Preaching and Worship Leadership Spiritual Maturity Communicator Technologically Savvy Externally Aware Willingness to Engage Conflict Collaboration Interpersonal Engagement Flexibility
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Training / Certification:	Clinical Pastoral Education Training Interim Ministry Training Week 1 by Interim Ministry Network at Montreat, NC in 2015
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Other Training:	
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Clergy Couple?	False
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Housing Type:	Housing Allowance
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Work Experience:	
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Nineveh Presbyterian Church

Village/84 member congregation/Nineveh, NY/Transitional Pastor/01/17-present

Calhoun First Presbyterian Church

Small Town/100 member congregation/COM Appointed Moderator/01/16 - 06/16

First Presbyterian Church of Cartersville

Small city/650 member congregation/ Cartersville, GA/ Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Mission / 09-09 – 10/15.

First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown

Small city / Suburban church of 179 members / Bordentown NJ / Solo Pastor / 04/06 – 08/09

John Bulow Campbell Library

Columbia Theological Seminary / Seminary Library / Decatur GA / Circulation Desk Assistant and Children's Library Co-Director / 6/02 – 05/05

St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and Texas Children's Hospital

Urban hospitals / Houston TX / Intern Chaplain / 6/04 – 8/04 Earned 1 Clinical Pastoral Education Unit

Emory Crawford Long Hospital

Urban hospital / Surgical Floor / Atlanta GA / Pastoral Care Intern / 02/04 – 05/04

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Small town church with 200 members / Anacortes WA / Intern / 6/03 – 8/03

Morgan Stanley

Brokerage firm / Columbia SC / Cashier, Wire Operator and Sales Assistant / 01/01 – 06/02

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Suburban church of about 150 / Columbia SC / Youth Director / 06/01 – 09/01

Presbyterian Student Association

University of South Carolina / Urban campus of 26K undergrads / serving 40 students / Columbia SC / Intern / 08/99 – 08/00

Other Services:

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Member of Cherokee Presbytery Worship Team: January 2014 – present

Discernmentarian for Cherokee Presbytery (Moderator Appointment): Feb. 2013 – Feb. 2014

The Discernmentarian is responsible for monitoring the mood of the Presbytery during meetings. During contentious debates, this individual is the one who calls for prayer, restates the arguments on both sides, or offers a suggestion to refer an issue to another time or place. Also this individual serves on coordinating team and provides suggestions and insight as to how to best broach a subject, structure a discussion before a debate, or discern what the Presbytery may be saying that is being overlooked.

Ex-officio member Cherokee Presbytery Coordinating Team: Feb. 2013-Feb. 2014

Cherokee Presbytery Teaching Elder Commissioner Alternate to the Synod of the South Atlantic: 2013 (was called to attend Fall 2013 meeting in Atlanta, GA).

Administrative Commission to facilitate the gracious dismissal of Mars Hill Presbyterian Church to the EPC: 2012
Served as recording secretary and assistant to the convener.

Member of Cherokee Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry January 2010-January 2014

Graded Ordination Exams: Spring 2012

The Young Clergy Women Project: Community Board member: 2012- present

Conference Planning Committee: 2012-2013

Public Relations Committee Chair: 2013-present

Registrar: July 2014-present

Member of Monmouth Presbytery Committee on Representation: 2007 – 2009

Committee Chair September 2007 – 2009

Representative to, and member of, the Administrative Division Steering Committee: 2007 to 2009

Taught Stewardship Workshop at Leadership Training day for the Presbyteries of Monmouth and New Brunswick: 2008

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

In my position as an Associate for Congregational Care and Mission I was part of launching the Family Promise of Bartow County organization. This organization houses homeless families until they move into stable housing. I worked with a group of local pastors to recognize the need in the community and engaged our congregation in participating. My role was one of chief cheerleader and encourager during the planning process. I worked to establish the initial steering committee and with our mission committee to lead the program. I liaised between the Mission Committee, Diaconate, and Family Promise to plan for hosting our first families. This included volunteer training, space coordination in a busy campus, and volunteer coordination. Identifying a congregational coordinator enabled the congregation to be involved at multiple levels and truly take ownership of the program. The congregation hosted their first 2 families in 2015.

Leading volunteers and staff to implement a new program successfully was fulfilling. I served in a way that this was the congregation's program, and the entire church felt a true sense of ownership. I used my skills in organizing, volunteer engagement and recruitment, and community outreach to help bring a dream to a reality. Seeing the congregation focused on one goal and achieving it was fulfilling.

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

I believe God is calling me to a PC(USA) congregation based ministry setting where I can use the gifts and skills God has given me. The congregation and staff dynamics will be healthy. With my experience, I am equipped to serve as Head of Staff, Solo Pastor, Associate Pastor, or Transitional Pastor.

This context will include opportunities for preaching, worship, pastoral care, and facilitating the ministry of church members. I have a heart for mission. While my current position has a specific title, I see myself as a generalist, with gifts in many areas. I enjoy planning programs and working with volunteers and staff to execute them. My gifts and skills include: teaching, worship leadership, Social Media, written and verbal communication, a heart for mission, a desire to help individuals find their place to serve in the church community, pastoral care, program development and planning, administration, and an ability to resolve conflict. My leadership style is collaborative. I work well with staff and volunteers.

While I have not directly supervised ordained staff, I have been part of a staff team working closely with 8 non-ordained staff and often acting in a supervisory capacity. As an Associate, I supervised our staff during times of the Head of Staff's absence – vacation, sabbatical, continuing education etc. I am capable of leading a staff team.

What areas of growth have you identified in yourself?

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Lifelong learning is one area of growth I have identified in myself. I am committed to using my continuing education time for conferences or other events, and usually use both weeks to grow and learn professionally. I have attended conferences that focus on a variety of topics and aspects of ministry including stewardship, preaching, pastoral care, and older adult ministry. I also try to find conferences that allow opportunities for networking as well as education. While attending conferences and workshops are valuable ways to build my ministry skills, often there are times when a book or article may serve the same purpose. I continue to work at integrating regular continuing education time into my weekly schedule. This includes reading periodicals, ministry books, blog posts, or other aspects of continuing my development as a pastor. Reading is something I enjoy; however finding dedicated time in my ever-changing pastoral schedule is still a challenge. Recognizing the importance of regular reading and study, I strive to regularly schedule time and stick to the schedule.

Describe a time when you have led change.

In 2013 I was appointed as Pastoral Liaison to the FPC Preschool to work with the Board and Director by assisting the Director with concerns and issues and equipping the Board to serve and lead. I led the Board in a time of restructuring and implementing a new leadership strategy. In March 2014 the Director of 19 years was diagnosed with cancer; she died in June.

In the transition period I worked with the Board and staff to manage the preschool. I provided pastoral care to preschool and church staff, parents, and the community. I was a non-anxious presence in a time of grief and walked through the grieving process with the community. Anxieties about a new Director coming into this tight-knit community were evident and I assisted the staff in preparing for someone new to work with them.

Administratively, I communicated with families as needed, offering updates on the hiring process and reassurance for those concerned about "what's next." As the interim period continued, I collaborated with our administrator to ensure the financial needs of the school were met. When the Interim Director unexpectedly resigned and a teacher was terminated for cause, I handled those matters. With the Board, I drafted a job description for a new Director and led the search process. With the Head of Staff, I coordinated an interview panel of Board and personnel committee members, which was a new practice. My leadership resulted in us hiring the best candidate available for the position.

Optional Links:

Blog, Sermons, and Social Media:

<http://thoughtsbetweensundays.wordpress.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/julie.jensen>

Published Articles:

<http://youngclergywomen.org/finding-holy-ground/>

<http://youngclergywomen.org/ask-young-clergy-woman-making-friends/>

<http://youngclergywomen.org/resolved-2013/>

<http://youngclergywomen.org/backpack-blessings/>

<http://youngclergywomen.org/life-is-a-highway/>

<http://youngclergywomen.org/sabbath-in-the-suburbs/>

<http://youngclergywomen.org/joined-and-knit-together/>

Statement of Faith:

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"In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy one of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve."
 We worship and serve the Triune God who created everything from nothing, whose spirit hovered over the waters and called forth land and life. We worship and serve the God who sent rulers and prophets to speak God's word even when we did not listen and continues to act in our lives and in the world. We are called to live our lives as a reflection of God. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." The Word was Jesus Christ, fully human, and fully divine who called us to repent and believe in the Gospel. In his life, Jesus Christ taught us how to live. He ate with sinners and outcasts, healed the sick, proclaimed release to the captives, and called us to make disciples. While God created the world to be good, we do not always act in accordance with that creation. We sin. We fail. We make mistakes. Through his death on the cross, Jesus redeemed a broken world. God gave us the gift of salvation in Christ, a gift we cannot do anything to earn. We are called to live our lives as an offering in response to the salvation received in Christ, not out of guilt or obligation, but in gratitude and love.
 The church was born through the rushing winds of the Spirit at Pentecost and those winds still stir. The Holy Spirit guides and nurtures us, and when we are unable to speak or pray, intercedes on our behalf. Our creativity, inspiration, imagination and talents are gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit acts to transform our lives and empower us for service. At the font we profess ancient words and feel the water of baptism necessary for both physical and spiritual life. We outwardly mark God's claim on us, and are washed in the waters of Baptism in order that we might live new life in Christ. For infants, we claim the promises of God until they can claim them for themselves. For adults, the promises of God are claimed as they are baptized in the waters of the font.
 We gather around the bread and cup to be nourished for service, recall the saving death and resurrection of Christ, give thanks, and be restored. We gather in joy as we experience a foretaste of the heavenly banquet and to share a meal as a community - just as Christ and his disciples did. We gather around a common table with the saints of every time and place to receive nourishment to go out and serve the world. The table is a place of community and welcome. We joyfully anticipate the day when Christ returns and the Kingdom of God is fully present. The Holy Spirit empowers us to go out and proclaim the Gospel, serve the world, and work to seek justice and peace.

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Sexual Misconduct Self-Certification Statement:	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.
	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.

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