

Central Florida Presbytery

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RE: Transitional Presbyter Position Opening

Dear Partner in the Gospel:

We are searching for the person God has prepared to play an important role serving the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Central Florida as our Transitional Presbyter. Yes, the position title may be a little out of the ordinary but so are we. Central Florida Presbytery is well known for its new church developments, hands-on mission, and racial-ethnic congregations. Every Sunday, Presbyterians in our Presbytery worship in six different languages and as part of eight current new church developments. Central Florida Presbytery's heart for fruitfully engaging our world is evidenced by the number of congregations involved in the Acts 16:5 Initiative.

A forward-looking task force recommended that we think outside of the box as we envision the Presbytery beyond the retirement of our long-serving executive. We use the language of "Transitional" Presbyter – rather than the institutionally-freighted term of "Interim" Presbyter – believing that this person must navigate a period of unprecedented change in the life of the Presbytery, our denomination, and the world around us – not merely a change of personnel. The Presbytery believes creating a fresh title to correspond to this season will provide a lexical cue for new thinking and may help the Presbytery innovate apart from potentially outdated formulas.

We need your help to spread the word about this position. Please prayerfully consider people you know who might be a great fit for this challenging opportunity and forward the attached Job Description and this letter to them. We have a short timeline, and we hope to have the Transitional Presbyter in place on August 1, 2012. We will be accepting applications through March 1. The Geographic Search Area is specifically limited to those living within the Synod of South Atlantic (Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina). Please direct PIFs, résumés, and questions to: cfptranpresbyter@oviedopres.org

Yours in Christ,

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