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Membership Presbytery:	SEATTLE PRESBYTERY
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Continuing Education:	West Coast Pastors Conference Alban Institute Seminar "Thriving as an Associate Pastor" Northwest Alpha Conferences Equipping the Next Generation Various Seminars - Your Child - Multi-intelligence learning - Children's Worship and Godly Play - The Church as a Family System - Boundaries and Relationships in Ministry - Mental Health Companion Training - Anointing Prayer Reformation Sabbatical Study in Zurich, Geneva and London Recent Book List: The Servant Leader by James Autry Orthodoxy by G.K. Chesterton Love Within Limits by Lewis Smedes The Art of Forgiving by Lewis Smedes Children in the Hands of a Loving God by Craig Rennebohm Why Do Christians Shoot Their Wounded by Dwight L. Carlson Contemplative Prayer by Thomas Merton

	Many Forms of Madness by Rosemary Radford Ruether Praying the Psalms by Thomas Merton
Experience Level:	8 years or more
Employment Type:	Full-time
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$50,000 / Year
Position Types (with experience):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Associate Pastor (Other) - Pastor (Solo) - Chaplain - Associate Pastor (Christian Education) - Interim Associate Pastor - Pastor (Parish) - Pastoral Counselor
Position Types (w/o experience):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pastor (Head of Staff) - Presbytery Program Staff - Presbytery/Synod Executive/Leader
Community Types:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Village - Town - Small City - Suburban - Urban - Inner City - College - Recreation
Church Sizes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 101 - 250 members - 251 - 400 members - 401 - 650 members - 651 - 1000 members - 1001 - 1500 members - More than 1500 members
Geographic Choices:	- Unlimited
Languages:	- English
Primary Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Ministries - Corporate Worship / Sacraments - Counseling - Development of New Educational Experiences - Family Ministry - Hospital and Emergency Visitation - Pastoral Care - Preaching - Spiritual Development - Teaching
Training / Certification:	(Not Specified)
Clergy Couple?	False

<p>Sexual Misconduct Self -Certification Statement:</p>	<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>
<p>Past Experience:</p> <p>Mental Health Chaplain, First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, WA (part-time) 9/09 - present As a part of the Congregational Care staff of a 4000+ congregation, I serve as a pastoral resource for individuals, family, staff, and the community in matters pertaining to mental illness. My duties include counseling individuals and families dealing with mental health crisis; care seminars to laity, deacons and staff in their work with sufferers of mental illness; emergency hospital visitation; and worship leadership.</p> <p>Teacher, BGA Education, Bellevue (part-time) 4/07 - present Tutoring groups of three student ages 4 to 18 in elementary math, algebra, geometry, writing, early and advanced reading, study skills, SAT prep and homework support. My duties include student progress charting, vocabulary and phonetic analysis, program coordination, and maintaining a positive and enriching learning environment for my students.</p> <p>Counseling Internship, Agape Counseling Center, Renton, WA 3/09 - 8/09 I served as a counselor intern providing pastoral counseling to individuals, couples, and families. My duties included weekly visits with clients, client record management, supervisor/intern meetings, education and multidisciplinary planning meetings.</p> <p>Open Door Summer Internship, University Presbyterian Church, Seattle, WA 6/09 - 9/09 Co-facilitation of the Open Door Support Group under the direction of David Zucker, Mental Health Advocate. Open Door is a support group for sufferers of mental illness. Many of the participants suffer from serious mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bi-polar depression, anxiety, OCD and other debilitating afflictions. My duties included pastoral care and group facilitation, devotion leadership and coordination, supervisor/intern coordination and planning.</p> <p>Chaplain/Director, CrossBridge Mental Health Ministries (A Program of the Church Council of Greater Seattle), Renton, WA 11/07 - 3/09 As chaplain/director, I worked with churches, family members, and individuals working through serious mental health issues such as bi-polar and manic depression, schizophrenia, and anxiety disorders. CrossBridge provided companion training and education to churches and individuals interested in helping those who suffer with mental illness. Alongside the advisory board, I directed budgeting, fund-raising, and day to day operations. In March 2009, Crossbridge ceased operations due to a lack of funding.</p> <p>1/01 - 1/07 Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families, Overlake Park Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, WA Children - Day to day coordination of Sunday school program, which includes curriculum development, teacher recruitment and training, visioning, and administration. Coordination of special event leadership for Trunk & Treat, children's Christmas pageant and sacrament classes, and Vacation Bible School. Assessing and implementation of children's worship within the general worship of the church. Youth - Coordination of high school and middle school youth group meetings, leader/volunteer training and coordination, annual youth mission trips, fundraising, visitation, training of mentors for confirmation classes, preparing and evaluating Triennium candidates, and leadership of youth sub-committee.</p>	

Family ministries - Family worship, parenting support groups, marriage courses, family pastoral care, family seminars.
 Other pastoral experience - supervision of nursery care staff, Christian education visioning and leadership, committee pastor liaison for evangelism, Alpha Course implementation, pastoral care, preaching 10-12 times per year, administering of sacraments, worship leadership, periodic moderation of Session, weddings, funerals, staff leadership.

Other Services:

Seattle Presbytery Pulpit Supply

3/2010 - Investigative Committee Member, Presbytery of Seattle

1/09 - Present: Member, Presbytery of Seattle Education committee.

1/05 - 12/06: Chair, Presbytery of Seattle Education and Congregational Nurture Committee

06/01 - 12/04: Member, Presbytery of Seattle Education and Congregational Nurture Committee

Church Characteristics Desired:

I would like to serve in a church that has an eagerness for living the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ; a church that desires to be relevant and to transform the world through Christ's redemptive love and shares a vision for empowering and strengthening individuals through a deepening of their relationship with Christ. I desire to serve in a church that is grounded in faith and Scripture, that seeks to not only believe in Christ, but more importantly, live according to Christ. I am seeking to lead alongside an energetic and vibrant staff and helping the congregation to live faithful, wholesome, healthy, and compassionate lives nourished by the Word of God and nurtured by the healthy examples of their staff. God has equipped me with gifts in teaching, community development, congregational care, evangelism coordination, administration, and long term planning. I have found these gifts to be effective in building programs with sound foundations. However, it is within relationship that God continually calls me: relationship with God, other Christians, and non-Christians. I am seeking a church that shares my commitment to God's model for relationship.

Accomplishments in present call:

For the last two years, I have served as a mental health chaplain. First I served as chaplain/director for CrossBridge Ministry. CB's purpose was to equip churches and individuals with the skills needed to support and guide those suffering with mental illness. I worked with the board to develop a new name, mission, and direction which better served the needs of the surrounding community.

Through my work with CB, God reignited a desire to provide pastoral care for those impacted by mental illness. It is a personal ministry because my mother has suffered from chronic depression. I have experienced Christ's grace as we have struggled to understand how to manage her illness as a family. I continue the work of mental health chaplaincy with the desire to encourage faith in the midst of recovery.

This led me to work with a colleague at University PC who leads care to sufferers of mental illness. We began envisioning a mental health chaplaincy on Seattle's Eastside. In the Fall, I began a depression support group at FPCB. The outpouring of response has been positive and inspiring to watch as the ministry has grown both numerically and spiritually. In a very short time, it is reaching out into the community and has drawn interest in other faith communities. In January, I joined the church staff as a parish associate. The ministry is still a work in progress as we continue to define a Christian response to mental illness within our community.

Leadership Style:

My most effective leadership qualities are visioning, relationship building, listening, communication, open-mindedness, introspection, honesty, prayer, example, a good eye for leadership in others, and a profound sense of my faith.

I do not lead by an autocratic style. Rather, I lead through direction, faith, vision and relationship. Using Jesus' example with his disciples, I work with the youth leaders, teachers, elders, and committee members who are sent forth to carry the gospel into their groups, classrooms, and committees. At the same time, just as Jesus did with the community at

large, I am committed to staying connected to the congregation and community by proclamation of the Word, listening and assisting their spiritual needs, and setting an example of healthy and holy living.

While conflict is not always pleasant, it can be an important part of change within a church. Over the past few years, I have come to recognize God's use of conflict to bring about transformation both within the church and for personal development.

Key Theological Issues:

Due to our own sinfulness, we live in a world filled with brokenness. While this problem is not new, what is new is the scope of the problem. Of particular concern is the erosion of primary support bases once turned to during times of personal trouble: the church, family, and, most of all, our faith.

In our society's relational vacuum, a deep hunger has resulted, a hunger for something more. Humanity finds itself searching for deeper and more meaningful relationships that can provide the support, love, direction and encouragement. Many mistakenly turn to fleeting idols such as work, money, or casual relationships, only to find they are disappointed and still yearning for more. We hunger to fill a deep chasm within our soul, a chasm that can only be bridged by God.

In our union with Christ, God has commissioned and empowered the Church in healing the world from its broken heart. The Church participates in God's miraculous plan to fill the world with the love and grace offered by the Father through Jesus Christ and experience wholeness in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we participate in three ways: 1) letting our light shine among others through holy living that is in tune with God's will; 2) fostering and encouraging others in their journey with Christ; and 3) inviting others to share in the good news that we have experienced. The Church exists to guide these actions through worship, prayer, and action; pointing not to our own efforts, but to God.

Statement Of Faith:

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Status**Note:**

1. This PIF was last updated at 3/16/2010 3:33:05 PM. Jon Kenneth Nelson is a member of the Presbytery of SEATTLE PRESBYTERY. As of this date, no allegation or charges are pending against the member, nor is the member currently under judicial censure limiting the ministry or under supervised rehabilitation. The receiving body should always call the presbytery to ask for further information about any applicant, including their ministry and activities within the presbytery of membership.
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