PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

GUIDE TO THE PASTOR SEARCH PROCESS

The PCA Stated Clerk's Office provides an information distribution service for the benefit of churches and pastors. We are not a full-service placement office, nor can we guarantee a call if our information service is used. We frequently are not kept informed on the status of search processes. If you know of a church or individual who desires to make use of this service, or if you have questions or need assistance, please visit our website, www.pcaac.org, or contact the Stated Clerk's Office at pastorsearch@pcanet.org or 678-825-1000. To give you an overview of the service:

- Churches with vacant pulpits may file a Church Profile Form (CPF) with the Stated Clerk's Office and receive information on candidates who match that profile.

- A Ministry Opportunities List is updated regularly on our website: www.pcaac.org. The Ministry Opportunities List catalogs pulpits and staff positions open in the PCA. Churches may opt whether or not to be included on this list, so it is not necessarily a comprehensive list.

- A packet of information is available to give pulpit committees guidelines and other helpful information for their task.

- Pastors, as well, may complete a Ministerial Data Form (MDF) to place on file with the Stated Clerk's Office. It may, at the candidate's request, be filed actively or inactively, and may be sent to any church or just to select churches. Forms are kept active for 18 months, and then made inactive unless the candidate gives further instructions.

- Pastors from other denominations occasionally request our service. We do keep MDFs on file for those pastors; however, they are given last priority when distributing information.

- The Church Profile Form, the Ministerial Data Form, and the Ministry Opportunities List are available by contacting pastorsearch@pcanet.org.

- We also keep a list of experienced teaching elders who have indicated an interest in serving as an interim pastor. If this would be of interest to your church, please contact pastorsearch@pcanet.org.

- As you move through the pastoral search process, if you run into difficult questions or just need good outside advice, we have men of experience and wise counsel to whom we can direct you.