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Dear Youth Director Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the youth director position at Columbia Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Columbia, SC. We are praying for you and this process even now. We'd like to share a little more about what God has done and is doing at CPC.

Our church was planted nine years ago in 2013. Our planting pastor, David Gentino, and his family had returned from mission work overseas in India. Joining with other families in the community and with the support of our Palmetto Presbytery, a core group met for six months to pray and plan. Early on, we felt God leading us to be a gospel-centered, missional church: to deepen our own faith and experience of Christ as we shared it with others. That crystallized into our vision to be "disciple making disciples in a church planting church." And this multiplication mentality informs everything we do today.

Sunday worship began in September 2013 with sixty folks and we particularized with elders and deacons the following year. By God's grace, in 2014 we launched our first church plant, New City Fellowship, in Orangeburg, SC. In 2018 we launched our second church plant, Rivercrest, in nearby Lexington, SC.

In the Fall of 2017 we moved from a rented space on Main Street to a more permanent meeting space in an ideal neighborhood close to downtown. Today the congregation is about five hundred strong, majority young professional families, from varied theological backgrounds. We love Reformed theology and Presbyterian polity but we won't die on any hill save Calvary. Worship is liturgical and contemporary. We pursue reverence to God and accessibility to seekers. We have non-Christians and visitors in attendance every week. We'd like to continue to grow in generational, racial, and socioeconomic diversity.

CPC keeps a simple philosophy of ministry that is low on events and high on organic evangelism and discipleship. As the leadership of CPC we seek to Teach, Shepherd, and Model our members into a maturing and vital union with Christ that they would live lives out of Christ in Worship, Community, and Outreach. We pray and long for new friends to come to faith and grow in Christ.

Columbia is a growing, diverse, southern capital city, steeped in history, aware of its notable place in the South's layered and complex history, but firmly looking to the future. We are home to the University of South Carolina, the Fireflies minor league

baseball team, major regional medical complexes, a Top 20 zoo, a major concert destination, lots of development and out of state transplants, and mustard-based barbeque. Columbia is a growing destination for Millennials according to a CNBC report. We are two hours from the mountains and two hours from the beach. Although we are the buckle of the Bible belt, there is much evangelistic and church planting work to be done.

CPC is a unique fellowship to be a part of. We are nine years old, have made plenty of mistakes, and have a lot of growing and maturing ahead of us. God's given us fruit, conversions, numerical growth, financial stability, a solid staff team, godly elders, deacons and women's ministry team, as well as a membership deeply committed to Christ, each other, and the city.

The ideal youth director candidate for us, above all, breathes gospel air: honest about sin and greedy for grace. He or she is a five hundred denarii debtor and chief repent-er. By the Spirit's power, they will be growing in their walk with the Lord and be bearing fruits of the Spirit. They have a true hunger for prayer and Scripture. This person should share the broad strokes of our philosophy of ministry; have experience in evangelism, discipleship, and leading teams; and be both self-motivated and teachable.

The position itself centers around evangelizing and discipling youth from sixth to twelfth grades. The youth director will be able to build, train, and oversee a team of volunteer youth workers. This person will seek strong relationships with parents of youth to encourage and equip them to disciple their own children in the home. A strong gift set for communication and administration will be essential for this position.

We are collecting **resumes and letters of interest** from April to beginning of June 2022. In your letter of interest, please include your fit for this position of Youth Director, a brief history on your experience serving in youth ministry, and a concise description of your philosophy of ministry. In your resume, please include 2 personal references and two ecclesial references from your current church leadership. *Both* items should be sent to our Pastor of Discipleship, Trevor Allen, at youthsearch@colpres.com. We will send you a receipt of your resume and letter of interest and will begin looking over resumes at the beginning of May.

It is our hope to have our new Youth Director of Columbia Presbyterian Church begin their work in August of 2022.

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