

Ministry Information Form Query

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MIF #: 72505.AA0

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	72505
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Ministry Size	N/A
Ethnic Composition	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 2% Hispanic Latino/Latina, Spanish 2% White 96%
Average Worship Attendance	0
Church School Attendance	0
Curriculum	
Certified as eligible for participation in the Seminary Debt Assistance Program False	
Yoked Church	False
Presbytery	MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF THE COVENANT
Community Type	N/A
Last Information from Statistics of the Church * (Show Statistics)	

* Data availability is not guaranteed

Information about the position

Position: General Presbyter/Executive Presbyter/Presbytery Leader
Experience Required: No Experience
Specific Title:

Employment Status: Full-time

Language Requirements: English

Other Languages:

Statement Of Faith Required: Yes

Clergy Couples: No

Training/Certificate Requirements:

Other Training:

Brief Church Mission Statement:

In living out Christ's mission to his Church, Muskingum Valley Presbytery seeks to:

Journey with Jesus to touch the world—Empowered by the Spirit to: make disciples, nurture our faith, and serve the needs of the community.

For more than a decade MVP has intentionally been engaged in practices of transformative self-discovery, spiritual growth, and mission. We have enthusiastically embraced this inner and outward journey and look forward to our next season of following the Spirit into the world.

As we desire to make disciples, nurture faith, and serve the needs of the community we recognize that in order for our expanding mission to grow and thrive more fully that we as individuals must continue to mature and change deeply while on the journey.

What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry? Additionally describe how this vision is lived out.

Based on Jeremiah 29, MVP envisions God's shalom growing within and beyond the bounds of our 13 counties. We enact this vision both corporately and in smaller groups.

MVP meets for worship, mutual encouragement, training and business. Some of our spiritual practices as we are gathered include:

- ○ celebration and laughter
- the use of 'open space' to discuss the present needs of our communities and share stories of our successes. Recent examples include:
 - development of a drug addiction network
 - better inclusion of children with special needs in worship
- a gracious dismissals process that assists congregations to explore their future possibilities
- shalom in controversy
- passionate liturgy and preaching
- creative, experiential Godly Play for adults and children to playfully find ways to tell their story

- promoting non-toxic charity
- mourning with those who mourn

In addition to the ministries required by the BoO MVP makes every effort to fulfill our vision through ministries which include:

- ◦ transformative leadership development and clarity through cohort and seminar models
- training and calling Commissioned Ruling Elders through internally developed curriculum, leaders and mentors
- embracing a common language: “finding the right seat on the bus”, “the heresy of niceness”, “triangulation”, “hedge hog”
- training leaders in specialized ministries such as Spiritual Direction, Formational Prayer, Healthy Congregations, Coaching, Linear Giving, Accountable Leadership, Head of Staff Training, Conflict Resolution.

How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency?

Our churches partner with community organizations to address the systemic needs of our community. Some of our efforts include:

- ◦ Community Gardens as a means to address local hunger
- Fresh Water initiatives
- Job transitioning as the local economy de-industrializes
- Drug Addiction Support (Ohio leads the nation in drug related deaths)
- Personal Financial Management
- Refugee support
- Building healthy relationships between incarcerated individuals and their families (Ohio vacillates between the 2nd and 3rd largest prison system in the nation)

As a presbytery our goal is to find needed assets that will help these efforts to grow in strength and scale.

How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals?

The primary responsibility of the Presbyter for Mission will be to identify and create mission resources to implement the vision and mission of MVP, as directed by the Council.

The Presbyter for Mission's experience as a pastor will nurture the new ministries our congregations are called to serve. Their experience as a teacher will coach us to be healthy and engaged in giving birth to new ministries, expanding successful existing ministries and finally

helping us to recognize when we have completed a mission. As communicator, the Presbyter will help to maintain the connections between our 80+ churches, our local community services and the other governing bodies of the PC(USA).

The Presbyter for Mission will help us reach our goals by:

- being a pastor to our pastors in special and ordinary times
- help connect churches, community organizations, and ministries
- coach us and help us reflect and mature as we cycle between worship and mission
 - develop holistic training pathways for presbytery and church leaders that include core and personalized components
- gather teams that can develop ministry resources for congregations
- creatively develop resources for mission
- find ways to personally engage with the world and mission work.

Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization.

The qualities we seek in the General Presbyter/Presbyter for Mission are:

- * A person with experience as a pastor.
 - * A thorough knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Reformed Theology and Presbyterian Polity.
- * An experienced educator.
 - * An ability to creatively develop spiritual and financial resources to drive and support our mission.
- * An ability to work independently and with others, as well as directing staff.

What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

The responsibilities of the Presbytery for Mission include:

1. Working with Council and Parish Elders:

- a. Identifying, developing and equipping leaders and volunteer resources with the presbytery.
- b. Cultivating relationships with mission leaders in the presbytery's churches to learn about their need and assess opportunities for collaboration and training, both within and outside MVP.
- c. Developing additional funding for the mission programs of MVP and her churches,

researching and writing grant proposals, and collaborating with mission programs in the community

2. Developing resources and toolkits for learning about and getting involved in mission, including print, electronic, audio/visual and web resources related to inspiring, equipping and connecting Presbyterians for mission involvement that is faithful and effective.
3. Public relations with a variety of organizations, both locally and nationally.
4. Communication with staff and leadership teams.

Optional Links

Leadership Competencies:

Spiritual Maturity
 Teacher
 Public Communicator
 Contextualization
 Organizational Agility
 Strategy and Vision
 Funds Developer
 Collaboration
 Interpersonal Engagement
 Self Differentiation

Compensation and Housing: (Cost of Living Calculator)

Minimum Effective Salary: \$50,000 (Effective Salary Definition)

Housing Type: N/A

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Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form of Government in this regard?

Yes

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