

April 22, 2018

Rev. Arlene Gordon,

This is a follow up letter from our conversation on Sunday afternoon. Here is copy of Woodlawn United Presbyterian Church MIF. Thanks for your help in helping us get the word out on our need for a Pastor. If you know of some other avenues we can advertise please let me know.

Here is an advertisement for your webpage. Feel free to edit.

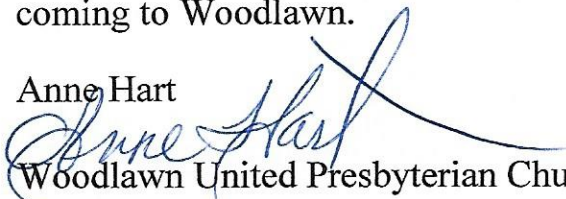
Woodlawn United Presbyterian Church located in Jacksonville, FL is seeking a full time Pastor. The church mission is to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and proclaim the good news of the gospel through Evangelism, Bible Study, Worship, Stewardship, and Engaging our Youth. The congregation visualizes a pastor who is an effective preacher and worship leader communicating clear messages through sermons that are artfully delivered. We seek a pastor who encourages a Christian Education program that empowers spiritual growth through prayer, Bible Study, youth ministry, community outreach, church growth and membership. Our congregation is approximately 400 members. Our church MIF is located on the Church Leadership Connection.

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PIF Self Referrals are to be sent to [pncwoodlawnpresbyterian @outlook.com](mailto:pncwoodlawnpresbyterian@outlook.com)

Rev. Gordon have a blessed week, feel free to contact me at (904) 635-5387 if you have any questions or know of prospective pastors who might be interested in coming to Woodlawn.

Anne Hart



Woodlawn United Presbyterian Church PNC Chair

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Mif #: 00234.AC0

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	00234
Ministry Name	Woodlawn United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Mailing Address	3026 Woodlawn Road Jacksonville, FL 32209
Phone	(904) 768-5905
Fax	(904) 768-5934
E-Mail	woodlawnc9@aol.com
WWW Address	woodlawnpresbyterian.org
Ministry Size	401 - 650 members

Ethnic Composition	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 99%
	White 1%

Average Worship Attendance	160
Church School Attendance	63
Curriculum	Bible Expositor and Illuminator, Growing in Grace & Gratitude and Present Word
Certified as eligible for participation in the Seminary Debt Assistance Program	False
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Presbytery	SAINT AUGUSTINE PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
Community Type	Urban
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization Show Statistics	

Information about the position

Position:	Solo Pastor
Experience Required:	5 to 10 Years
Specific Title:	
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	English
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Other Language:	
Statement of Faith Required:	True
Clergy Couples:	

Training/Certificate Requirements:	Clinical Pastoral Education Training
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Other Training:	
Brief Church Mission Statement:	

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The Mission of Woodlawn United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and proclaim the good news of the gospel through Evangelism, Bible Study, Worship, Stewardship, and Engaging our Youth. We are called to witness and serve the need of a Global Community as children of God.

What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry:

The vision for ministry at Woodlawn United Presbyterian Church is centered on spiritual growth and serving others through the love and teachings of Christ. Within our vision, God's Word is instrumental in providing a deeper understanding of who we are through spiritual enlightenment. To expound on this vision, our congregation considers the Bible to be the authentic source of God's inspired word. Therefore, His word is a key driving force that keeps us rooted in what we believe and helps us live out His will for our ministry.

Our Church strives to express God's love through a number of facets. The following perspectives below support our vision: Support new members in Christ through their faith journey; earnestly follow God's teaching by proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel; to spark the membership to higher levels of spiritual growth; to develop a strong youth ministry; to broaden the scope of our community outreach programs.

It is our desire that this vision expands deep within our surrounding community to instill a sense of hope to the hopeless. The congregational vision can be further implemented through prayer, service and commitment in order to reach those seeking the truth.

Woodlawn's aspiration is for our existing members to mature in Christ through study and new worship experiences. Through Worship the Holy Spirit can provide the intrinsic motivation for all existing members to carry out the will of God through the congregation's vision for ministry.

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

For over 148 years, Woodlawn United Presbyterian Church has sustained ministries to address the needs of its urban community. Through our outreach programs, we have committed to serving God's people both inside and outside of church, where outreach can have the greatest intentional impact on the community. Our outreach services include: an Alzheimer's support group; serving meals to the homeless at a local homeless shelter; active participation with Interfaith Coalition of Action Reconciliation and Empowerment (ICARE); community line dancing; exercise classes; Shaping Christian Leaders of Tomorrow (SCLT) Youth Group; Prison Ministry; Food Bank; Widows and Widowers Luncheon and distributing Thanksgiving baskets. In addition, we host a Presbyterian Basketball League for youth in our Family Life Center, and Sunday Play Day. Each summer we sponsor a Vacation Bible School open to youth and adults and a Summer Youth Outreach program designed for youth from under-served homes in our community.

As we proclaim to be faithful witnesses to others by serving our community and the world, our programs and related services are geared to promote the Kingdom of God on earth. We provide experiences and opportunities through which the membership and community may become strengthened in this Christian endeavor.

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

The congregation visualizes a pastor who has spiritual maturity, who is an effective preacher and worship leader communicating clear messages through sermons that are artfully delivered. This pastor will deliver inspired sermons that connect the gospel with the modern world and call us to demonstrate the faith of Jesus Christ in our action. We seek one who encourages a Christian Education program that empowers spiritual growth through prayer, Bible Study, youth ministry, community outreach and church growth and membership. A key component to the congregational vision is that of offering appealing programs to children, youth, and young adults; such programs have the potential to strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ through a greater understanding of His Word. We also envision our pastor to have organizational skills and be well abreast of church polity. He/She should be future oriented and flexible toward implementing and growing the vision of Woodlawn United Presbyterian Church.

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

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The ideal pastor must be of strong faith, well grounded in God's word and possess the heart of a servant leader. The person who is open to being called to this congregation should be an articulate, inspirational and effective preacher and teacher who can bring the necessary energy to provide pastoral care to the congregation as well as to those who will come to know Christ through the Church's expanding ministry. The prospective pastor should be able to create a shared vision with the congregation that generates enthusiasm, momentum and commitment to reaching our youth and young families, while sustaining and supporting current members in a time of transition. Strong leadership skills that reflect knowledge of administrative, financial, strategic planning, and church growth and development are necessary to ensure the church's strong and long history of service to the community. This person must be open-minded, a good listener, compassionate, patient, flexible but also have a sense of humor. He/She should be able to interact in the community, with other organizations and various levels of the Presbyterian Church USA.

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

The pastor will be expected to:

Preach, teach and model the gospel of Jesus Christ with power and inspiration through leadership of worship services, Bible Study, Christian Education programs, other spiritual events and programs.

Administer the sacraments, officiate baptisms, weddings, funerals, and other church related activities.

Provide pastoral care by visiting members in the hospital, nursing homes, hospice care, emergency rooms, shut-ins, and members confined in a manner that prevents their participation in the activities of the church.

Provide professional, compassionate, spiritually-based counseling to members of the congregation and the community, as necessary.

Provide administrative leadership, vision and direction, in collaboration and partnership with established bodies of the congregation and the Presbyterian Church USA, to ensure the effective, efficient, financially sound, strategically relevant operations and growth of the church.

Establish and maintain community partnerships with churches and organizations that seek to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Provide training that builds leadership within the church to fulfill its mission.

Actively participate in and represent the congregation in activities at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Observe healthy habits of self-care and be attentive to relationships with family and friends.

Optional Links:

Leadership Competencies:

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Teacher

Public Communicator

Technologically Savvy

Organizational Agility

Strategy and Vision

Financial Manager

Motivator

Flexibility

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Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$65,000

Housing Type: Open to Manse/Housing Allowance

References:

Name	Address	Phone Numbers	Relation	Email
Rev. Sandra Hedrick	1937 University Blvd W. Jacksonville, FL 32217	(904) 733-8377	Stated Clerk and Pastor at Kirkwood	sandra@staugpres.org
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Rev. Joe W. Rigsby	1607 Mt. Vernon Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32210	904) 480-0683	Former Pastor, Honorably Retired and Presbytery	jwr777pm@aol.com

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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