

Church Leadership Connection
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	03327
Ministry Name	Presbyterian Church of Okemos
Mailing Address	2258 Bennett Rd Okemos, MI 48864
Phone	(517) 349-9536
Fax	
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WWW Address	okemospres.org
Ministry Size	251 - 400 members

Ethnic Composition	
	American Indian or Alaskan Native 1%
	Asian 2%
	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 1%
	Hispanic Latino/Latina, Spanish 1%
	Middle Eastern 1%
	White 94%

Average Worship Attendance	192
Church School Attendance	30
Curriculum	Elementary and High School: Feasting on the Word. Additional Adult Christian Ed.
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Presbytery	LAKE MICHIGAN PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF THE COVENANT
Community Type	College

Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization [Show Statistics](#)

Information about the position

Position:	Associate Pastor (Other)
Experience Required:	0 to 2 Years
Specific Title:	
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

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

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Training/Certificate Requirements:	Clinical Pastoral Education Training
Other Training:	
Brief Church Mission Statement:	
<p>As members of The Presbyterian Church of Okemos, we believe that in life, in death, and life beyond death, we belong to God. The Church exists to invite everyone to join the lifelong journey of faith that is life in Jesus Christ through worship that glorifies God, study that seeks to understand God, service to a world that needs God. We desire to build a network of caring relationships between families, friends, and strangers by offering welcome, healing, justice and peace to all in the name of Jesus Christ.</p>	
What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry:	
<p>We are a Presbyterian faith community that turns to the teachings of Christ and the faith of apostles to find answers to contemporary issues. We nurture the next generation and seek to build a community that listens to our youth. While looking to the future, we value tradition and history. As a generous, hospitable congregation, we welcome all and share freely with others. We encourage diversity and are open and affirming.</p> <p>We partner with other Christian communities in a commitment to Christ's mission. With a vision to promote peace in the world, we engage people of other faiths while remaining confident of where we stand. We welcome and accept others in a way that honors and reflects the Lord's welcome and acceptance of us.</p> <p>We are near Michigan State University and the state capital, in an environment where new ideas thrive, creativity is encouraged, and conversations focus on critical issues. We value intellectual sermons and education, Christian and otherwise. We seek creative ways to connect to the community.</p> <p>We are a missional church that engages members and serves the most vulnerable, especially the homeless, the hungry and refugees. We educate ourselves on global issues such as race, social justice and climate change. We seek to care for each other through prayer, outreach, and activities that promote connection and inclusion. Our dream is to see the church prosper and continue to give to the local community, country, and world.</p>	
How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency:	
<p>Addressing human needs and inequalities drive PCO's mission work. While prioritizing local needs, we also include state, national, and global concerns and support PCUSA mission-coworkers. We have particular commitments to supporting issues related to refugees, the environment, racial justice, and interfaith dialogue. At PCO, "our faith-filled home," our youth and adult faith formation needs include exploring not only how to live out Scripture's message in our own lives to deepen and mature in our faith, but also how to act upon that faith in our community. Our congregation strives to express this faith development through hands-on mission work and through the growth of small groups. As PCO emerges from the pandemic after the retirement of a long-time Pastor and the arrival of our new Pastor, we are looking for the newly visioned Associate Pastor role to assist in the development and further growth of our Faith Formation program. For as we cohesively increase our mission and service, we grow in kindness, and mercy—and walk justly.</p>	
How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals:	

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As a congregation, we prioritize ongoing education to further our faith journeys. To live out our call as disciples of Christ, we seek to learn about and from others, and about issues facing our community, nation, and planet. Our Associate Pastor's commitment to these ideals will help us to reach our mission goals. Our commitment to ongoing education benefits from our location in a vibrant, diverse university community.

PCO seeks someone called to engage with youth and families as we create a newly visioned Associate Pastor position. The Associate Pastor will work in close collaboration with our recently installed Pastor to create and implement fresh programs and opportunities for youth and adult faith formation.

Believing that ministry to children, youth and their families is central to the church's ministry, we seek to encourage spiritual development and engagement. Our Associate Pastor will help shape youth and adult education programs to share Christ's teachings and be accessible for conversation, especially with youth. We seek an Associate Pastor who will maintain and further develop participation across generations in hands-on mission work.

PCO seeks to deepen engagement of our members in the ongoing life of our church, particularly as we emerge from the pandemic. Initiatives that the Associate Pastor develops will also help us reach out to the broader community, as we seek to engage contemporary issues, challenges and opportunities.

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

We seek an Associate Pastor who has a strong theological background, prioritizes spiritual practices, has high emotional intelligence, and has been called to engage with youth and families. The Associate Pastor must have strong organizational and interpersonal communication skills, be willing to ask for help when needed, and be open to partnering with staff and laity. PCO seeks a collaborative, creative and forward-thinking leader to further our Christian Education program. Given our church's emphasis on continued education and mission work, we seek an Associate Pastor who is intellectually curious and motivated to engage with the broader community on local, national, and global levels.

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

- Lead, coordinate and nurture PCO faith formation (education, mission and fellowship) for children, youth and adults. Provide leadership and educational opportunities on Sunday morning as well as other weekly activities.
- Work closely with Christian Education committee leadership, Senior Pastor and other volunteers to oversee Sunday School education including facilitation and review, selection, and approval of curricula. Design and coordinate activities and educational experiences for congregants of all ages.
- Provide leadership and innovative ideas for the existing Middle School / High School youth group.
- Create new and engaging programs for families and youth. Collaborate with Senior Pastor and volunteers to plan special programs such as Family Camp, Youth Sunday, and Confirmation.
- Partner with Senior Pastor in worship leadership, pastoral care, teaching and support of church ministries. Provide outreach to all church members to encourage intergenerational engagement.
- Encourage and assist in the formulation of small groups within the church as an avenue to increase congregational engagement and community outreach.

Optional Links:

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<https://www.okemospres.org>
<https://www.meridian.mi.us>
<https://www.cityofeastlansing.com>
<https://www.lansingmi.gov>
<http://new.williamston-mi.us>
<https://www.adventhouse.com>
<https://globalinstitutelansing.org>
<https://casscommunity.org>
<https://www.edgewoodvillage.net>
<https://www.simboleiacademy.org>
<https://cismichigan.org>

Leadership Competencies:

Spiritual Maturity
 Lifelong Learner
 Teacher
 Technologically Savvy
 Entrepreneurial
 Collaboration
 Interpersonal Engagement
 Bridge Builder
 Initiative
 Flexibility

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$48,500

Housing Type: Housing Allowance

References:

Name	Address	Phone Numbers	Relation	Email
Rev. Jim Kocher	15002 Madeleine Ct#219, Grand Haven, MI	(517)256-3614	Retired Lutheran Pastor, attended PCO for 10 years	jkocher@aol.com
Dr. Jerry Veldman	4355 Poling Blvd, Penney Farms, FL, 32679	(517) 285-7689	Former member	shriveldman@gmail.com
Rev. Alice Fleming Townley	1035 Prescott Dr., East Lansing, Mi 48823	517-763-4814	11 years appointed as Assistant Pastor at Presbyte	aftownley@yahoo.com

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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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