

PRESBYTERY OF SANTA BARBARA

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APPROVED BY PRESBYTERY 9/18/21

POSITION DESCRIPTION: General Presbyter (DESIGNATED)

SUPERVISOR'S POSITION TITLE: The General Presbyter shall be accountable to the Presbytery Council.

SUMMARY OF THE POSITION:

- Provides experienced spiritual leadership, oversight, implementation of, and a resource for, the Vision and Mission of the Santa Barbara Presbytery with integration throughout the churches of the Presbytery. Provides a pastoral presence with all pastors in the Presbytery, as well as encourages and assists with the equipping and training of leaders in the Presbytery.
- This is an exempt, 3/4 quarter time position designated for 2-4 years.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Implementation of Vision and Mission

- Works with the Presbytery leadership to implement and advance the Mission and Vision Statements of the Presbytery, serving as a connector and advocate to church Sessions, pastors and the Presbytery.
- Provides program support and resource coordination for the Presbytery ministries (i.e. Front Porch and Mission Conference) and congregations in order to foster discipleship, revitalization, sustainability, and spiritual renewal. Will act as an ambassador for major church events throughout the Presbytery and encourage congregations to share tools and ideas.

Pastoral

- Serves as a pastor to all pastors in the Presbytery, personally meeting with each pastor throughout the year to foster prayer, worship, spiritual growth, and discipleship. Preach as needed in the congregations of the Presbytery.
- Provides support and direction for pastors and Councils going through congregational or personal loss/crisis.

Leadership

- Prepares the Presbytery for a permanent General Presbyter.
- Serves as Head of Staff for the Presbytery.
- Encourages existing leadership and identifies ways of producing excellence of leadership and committee functioning.
- Serves as a resource to and an ex-officio member of Presbytery Council and the following committees: COM, CPM, CDC, CORN and COPE.
- Encourages and work towards healthy relationships between member congregations and Presbytery.
- Participates in the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in coordination with the Presbytery of Santa Barbara Council (i.e. Synod and General Assembly).

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Demonstrates an active, growing and personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Is a person of prayer and vulnerability with Jesus and thus a person who leads with prayer and vulnerability within the Presbytery.
- Familiarity with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Board of Pensions.
- Demonstrates the ability to achieve agreed upon goals.
- Experienced in leadership and leadership development in a variety of settings and situations.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Demonstrates the ability to serve with imagination and innovation.
- At least 5 years of experience serving as a pastor or leader in a congregation, mid council or worship community setting is desired.