

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

**Mif #: 11504.AF0**

**Ministry General Information**

<b>Ministry Number</b>	11504
<b>Ministry Name</b>	Lowcountry Presbyterian Church
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<b>WWW Address</b>	www.lowcountrypres.org
<b>Ministry Size</b>	251 - 400 members
<b>Ethnic Composition</b>	
	Hispanic Latino/Latina, Spanish 2%
	White 98%
<b>Average Worship Attendance</b>	158
<b>Church School Attendance</b>	14
<b>Curriculum</b>	Children: Growing Faith Resources, Adult: The Wired Word, Eyewitness Bible, The Bible Project
<b>Yoked</b>	False
<b>Presbytery</b>	CHARLESTON-ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY
<b>Synod</b>	SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
<b>Community Type</b>	Town
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization <a href="#">Show Statistics</a>	
<b>Information about the position</b>	
<b>Position:</b>	Associate Pastor (Other)
<b>Experience Required:</b>	No Experience
<b>Specific Title:</b>	
<b>Employment Status:</b>	Full-time

<b>Language Requirements:</b>	
	English

<b>Other Language:</b>	
<b>Statement of Faith Required:</b>	True
<b>Clergy Couples:</b>	

<b>Training/Certificate Requirements:</b>	
<b>Other Training:</b>	
<b>Brief Church Mission Statement:</b>	

Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith joined together through Christ, offering meaning and hope to all by the way we worship, serve, and live.

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

Founded in 1993, LPC is a congregation which through worship, education, social witness, and mission seeks to embody the love and grace of God, seen most clearly in Jesus Christ. Worship is central, with a high priority placed on excellence in preaching and music. While the service is traditional, with a sanctuary choir and a bell choir, we also use other instruments occasionally. In worship we are inspired, challenged, and nourished to hear God's Word and to live out our faith during the week through fellowship, faith formation and mission. We offer fellowship after each service to help visitors and existing members connect and sponsor monthly dinners and dine around groups.

Discipleship grounded in better knowledge of Scripture is a priority. Four years ago, LPC became an Earth Care congregation, with a team seeking to help us be better stewards of God's creation. All connected to LPC are encouraged to engage with others and to put their gifts and energy to work within the Church and in the community and the world.

We envision expanding faith formation, social witness, and mission in person and through expanded technology. Since the pandemic, we have experienced a resurgence of dedication to these areas. Live streaming services and technology have offered new pathways to reach our congregation and others. We hope to continue to expand these capabilities. Our new and modernized audio-visual system will provide more opportunities in the future.

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

LPC attracts new members who bring fresh energy and often past church experience, however, because people also move away sometimes continuity is a challenge. There is great potential for evangelism to younger generations who are drawn to this area so we might expand our young adult ministry.

The congregation has always been gracious sharing its campus and buildings. Two other congregations (Jewish and Hispanic) and numerous non-profits are welcomed. Given our beautiful property with moss covered oaks and a centralized location there is likely even more potential to be a witness to Christ. Our congregation is currently undergoing a major renovation to our Fellowship Hall to make it more accessible and useful for area non-profits.

While an affluent area, there are also many who struggle economically and while our strong mission efforts offer tremendous relief through hands-on service and generous giving, we know there are bigger issues to be addressed and think we could continue to grow in the area of Social Witness and deepen our commitment to care of creation.

We believe our Covid induced technology allows for ministry opportunities, beyond the current streaming of services and Zoom meetings, to better serve and reach the community. Our congregation raised \$180,000.00 in three months, towards this end and to improve our sound system

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

It will:

- Provide leadership and support for our efforts in faith formation for all ages.
- Share in providing pastoral care and counseling to our members.
- Offer another fresh voice and perspective for preaching the Gospel and leading worship.
- Continue to work with the congregation on reaching out to share the love of Christ through social witness and creation care.
- Help us to use social media and technology as we seek to bring "meaning and hope to all by the way we worship, serve, and live".

### **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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- Disciple of Jesus Christ whose heart's desire is to share the love and grace of God
- A person who is continually guided and taught by God's Word and Scripture
- Open to the movement of the Holy Spirit
- Possesses a winsome and maturing faith
- Person of prayer
- Flexible and adaptable
- Compassionate, approachable, able to work with people of all ages
- Self-starter
- Good sense of humor, empathy and resilience
- Desire to learn

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

- Strengthen and expand LPC's faith formation ministry to build disciples of all ages
- Work collaboratively with ministry teams to develop new ways to reach out to multiple age groups
- Help continue creative use of on-line and live stream technologies to widen the breadth and depth of LPC's outreach
- Participate regularly in worship and preaching
- Assist with pastoral care
- Support a Social Witness team to further efforts to educate the congregation and the community on working to bring change on issues affecting "the least of these"
- Equip members to participate and lead ministries
- Teach and assist with programs and ministries as needed
- Work collaboratively with church leaders to embody the mission/vision of the church
- Additional duties and tasks as assigned by Senior Pastor

#### Optional Links:

<https://www.lowcountrypres.org/>  
[www.Facebook.com/lowcountrypresbyterian](http://www.Facebook.com/lowcountrypresbyterian)  
[visitbluffton.org](http://visitbluffton.org)  
[blufftonsc.com](http://blufftonsc.com)  
[www.hiltonhead.com](http://www.hiltonhead.com)

#### Leadership Competencies:

Spiritual Maturity

Lifelong Learner

Public Communicator

Preaching

Change Agent

Organizational Agility

Strategy and Vision

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

Flexibility

#### Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

**Minimum Effective Salary:** \$52,315

**Housing Type:** Housing Allowance

#### References:

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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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