

**Presbyterian Church at Hammonton
Ministry Information Form (MIF)**

Ministry ID: 05045

Ministry Name: Presbyterian Church at Hammonton

Mailing Address: 326 Bellevue Avenue, Hammonton, NJ 08037

Telephone #: (609) 561-0168

Email: office@hammontonpres.org

Website: hammontonpres.org

Congregation Size: Under 100 members

Average Worship Attendance: 35 to 40

Church School Attendance: average of 10

Church School Curriculum: Various

Ethnic Composition of Congregation:

1% American Indian or Alaska Native

1% Asian

1% Black or African American

4% Hispanic Latino/Latina, Spanish

0% Middle Eastern

0% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

93% White

0% Other

Presbytery: Presbytery for Southern NJ

Website: <http://www.presbyteryforsouthernnj.net/>

Synod: Synod of the Northeast

Community Type: Town

Clerk of Session Contact Information:

Name: Beth Burkett-Rice

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Years of Experience: Any

Position Type: Open to any

Employment Status: Full Time

Is this a yoked congregation? No

Clergy Couple (Are you open to a clergy couple?) Yes

Certification/Training: N/A

Language Requirements: English, Spanish would be nice but is not necessary.

Statement of Faith Required: No

Mission Statement: *What is your congregation's or organization's Mission Statement?* We are committed to Jesus Christ and the growing of his Church by glorifying God and by proclaiming the good news of the gospel through word and deed. We involve and reach out to our members and our community in Christ's name through worship, Christian Education, and stewardship to support the mission of our church.

MIF Narrative Questions

For each question, please limit your responses to no more than 1500 characters including spaces and punctuation.

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

Our vision is to open doors to all seeking a spiritual community of worship and to carry the light, and love of Jesus Christ, our Savior, throughout our town and surrounding area.

We are excited for this new chapter in our church's history. We view pastoral care as a fundamental part of our church's ministry, and we are committed to the care and support of our congregation as we share in each other's joys and challenges. Through our love for one another we endeavor to lead by Christ's example and keep our doors open and welcoming to all. Our Deacons Board reaches out to the community, with support from the congregation, through our mission and activities. We provide meaningful services by using the resources of our building for our own activities, as well as those of outside groups. Our building is currently used for the following: We host the Teen Arts Festival yearly, we provide English as a Second Language (ESL) bi-weekly, We host the Scouts weekly, our local Presbytery meets monthly at our church, we host Vacation Bible School

yearly and we have Goods for Our Neighborhood ministry 3 days a week. We are committed to Christ by embracing the ministry context through activities and services that can provide both informative and spiritual content.

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

Our church is motivated to meet the needs of our members and our community to do good work inspired by Christ's love. The Deacons initiated a program called Goods for Our Neighborhood that has shelf-stable food, clothing, housewares, and personal care items for people in need. The church also supports a yearly backpack/school supply project, holiday food baskets, and Angel Tree gift collection for children. Our talented congregation provides English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, to serve the large Latinx population in this area. We have Christian Education for all ages and Children's Church weekly. We partner with our neighboring United Methodist Church for Vacation Bible School each summer. Our music program provides concerts, both in and out of our sanctuary, to bring music and joy to the congregation and the community. We are blessed for the many ways that our Session, Deacons, and congregation engage, enrich, and support the life and mission of the church with their time, talents, and dedication. We also regularly connect with our members through calls, cards, visits, meals, and rides. Our Fellowship Committee plans multiple fun events throughout the year which include luncheons, teas, picnics, trips to Lancaster, events at a local venue called the Cathedral, game nights, a special cocoa and crafts night, and dinners at each other's homes.

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

We are praying to God for our new pastor to lead us in our worship and ministry. We seek someone who is strong, organized, and loving. Our congregation has a broad range of people that have a broad range of skills, talents, and politics. We have many different viewpoints and we work well together. We value our tradition, and need it at times, but we also value creativity. The Holy Spirit needs to be present in our worship, fellowship, and everything that we do. We do hope to have a clearer vision of how God will work in the future. We do seek a leader to guide us in our pastoral care. We crave thoughtful, scripture-based sermons that add emotion. Last but not least, our pastor needs to lead us in taking Christ's message out into the community. To that end, our church family is eager to walk beside our pastor and share in our journey of faith.

4. Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation?

We pray for someone with spiritual maturity and personal warmth. Our Mission Study showed that the pastor we seek should provide the congregation with a clear message and thoughtful sermons. We pray for a pastor who is moved to follow Christ's example of compassion for both the congregation and the wider community, but not at the expense of their own well-being. We hope that a new pastor will help facilitate our desire to open our doors to the community by inspiring and encouraging the gifts of the congregation and lay leaders. The church also requires some practical skills that include computer and social media, clear and thoughtful communication, and the ability to delegate tasks prudently. Most importantly, this person would help our church grow in Christ and work with us to further develop the vision of the health and wholeness of our church and wider community.

5. For what specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

In addition to Sunday services, we would like the pastor to lead weekly Bible studies, Lenten series, and teach congregant classes. We hope the pastor can provide additional teaching through these smaller group activities to enhance the understanding of God's Word and encourage personal reflection. We are seeking a pastor that will work with the Session to align the church with God, through prayer, fellowship, and action. We pray for a pastor that will feel called to minister to the spiritual needs of our congregation through in-person visits to members, especially those who are ill and grieving. We would like the pastor to work with the Deacons in caring for our congregation, community and help our congregation grow spiritually to show our love for Christ by serving others. From a practical standpoint, we ask the pastor to be a bridge of communication between our office manager and support staff in regard to administrative needs. We don't expect the pastor to carry the weight of the church solely upon their shoulders. We are invested in helping them as they manage the many duties of the church by utilizing the skills and dedication of our congregation and lay leaders.

Optional Links:

Please visit our church website: www.hammontonpres.org/pastorlinks to discover more about our church and town.

Leadership Competencies:

(In no particular order)

Communicator

Preaching & Worship

Technologically Savvy

Flexibility

Motivator
Advisor
Compassionate
Self-Differentiation
Interpersonal Engagement
Teacher

Compensation and Housing:

Minimum Effective Salary \$54,328

Maximum Effective Salary \$60,000

Housing Type: Open to Either (Manse or Housing Allowance)

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

References:

Reference #1

Name: Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli, Moderator of Council for Presbytery for Southern NJ

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Pastor Nominating Committee/Search Committee Chairperson:

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Endorsements:

Pastor Nominating Committee/Search Committee: Shawn Hershman

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Clerk of Session: Beth Burkett-Rice

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Presbytery: Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli, Moderator of Council for Presbytery for Southern NJ

Signature: _____ Date: _____