

PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS
Committee on Ministry
Application for Validated Ministry

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Personal Information

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Employer Information

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Are you currently a PCUSA ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament?

No Yes Ordained what year? _____

What Presbytery are you an active member in? Certified Ready to Receive a Call by the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee

Please list your formal education. Please include dates, institution and degrees.

Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Dual Degree - Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Practical Theology
May 2019

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Bachelor of Science -- Human and Organizational Development
May 2015

What **Ecclesiastical Designation** are you requesting? (Please mark)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Service at General Assembly Level | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service at the Synod Level | <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Minister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service at the Presbytery Level | <input type="checkbox"/> Missionary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Associate | <input type="checkbox"/> Partner in Mission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelists |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaplains | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrators |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Workers | <input type="checkbox"/> Consultants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member at Large (Describe): _____ | |

Participation

Within which local PCUSA congregation will you be active? Forest Church

In what ways will you participate in the life of that Congregation?

I will plan and lead worship services, fellowship events, service opportunities, and provide pastoral care for the individuals and families of Forest Church. As this is a new worshipping community, much of the life of the community is yet to be determined, but I look forward to participating in all of it.

In what ways do you participate in the life of the Presbytery of Arkansas?

I will actively participate in presbytery meetings and happy serve on committees of the presbytery. As a member of Ferncliff's staff, I will connect with churches across the presbytery and provide programming for children, youth, families, adults, and older adults from churches all around the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Other Participation

What other ecumenical / ecclesiastical / religious activities might you engage in? i.e. weddings, funerals, ecumenical worship etc.

As a member of Ferncliff's staff, I will be providing faith-based summer camp for children and youth. I will also be planning and hosting broader faith formation and fellowship events throughout the year. Additionally, I would be honored to officiate weddings, arrange funerals, and host other worship services as needed for both the Forest Church community and the wider church.

Validated Ministry

Please describe how your proposed ministry conforms to the mission of God's people in the world as set forth in Scripture, the Book of Confessions and the Book of Order?

At the end of the gospel of Matthew, we find Jesus' instructions for the disciples and for all of us: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). Making disciples in the 21st century looks a lot different than it did in the 1st, but our instructions remain the same: teach, baptize, and make disciples. The Book of Order

describes this mission as "proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ" (F-1.01). Outdoor ministry encompasses these three notes of the reformed church (SC 3.18, F-1.0303). Through early morning bible studies and evening worships for youth at summer camp and Sunday afternoon services in outdoor chapels with Forest Church, we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. In the breaking of the bread at the top of a mountain or gathered around a campfire, we join with the Church in every time and place, remembering our communion with the crucified and risen Lord (W-3.0409). Surrounded by creation and Christian community, we find that we are loved by the One who created it all and we are led to baptism as a sign and seal of our incorporation into Jesus Christ and the covenant of grace (W-3.0402, WCF 6.154). With unique opportunities like trail-running marathons, living nativity nights, and pool parties, we reach out to all people, pointing them to discipleship in Christ.

Describe your proposed ministry or pastoral care serves and aids others, and enables the ministries of others.

For many, nature and creation is the place they find connection with God. Forest Church, Ferncliff events, and summer camps provide opportunities for people to gather in Christian community and encounter God in creation. Serving Forest Church, I will support people in the disciplines of the faith amid the struggles of daily life (G-2.0501). Serving with summer camps, I will minister to young adults as they discern God's call on their lives, grow in faith, and enable them to lead children and youth in discipleship. Creating events, I will serve the wider community, providing opportunities for people to experience God in nature.

Will the organization that you are going to work for have a supervisory structure that encourages and monitors your professional development? Please describe.

Ferncliff is blessed with a community filled with wisdom. I will be supervised and encouraged by the Associate Director and the Executive Director of Ferncliff. I will have the honor of learning from and being encouraged by David Gill, a retired PC(USA) minister who has shepherded both Forest Church and Ferncliff. I will have regular opportunities for professional development through participation in associations such as APCE and PCCCA. I will also be connected with the Wild Church Network and 1001 New Worshipping Communities.

How will you reconcile any differences between the mission and scope of the organization if that mission and scope differ with the reformed theology as set forth in the Book of Confessions and the Book of Order?

Ferncliff is a Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in covenant partnership with the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Other as designated by the Committee on Ministry

APPLICATION FOR VALIDATED MINSITRY

I certify that I know the contents of this application signed by me and the statements in the application are a true and correct representation of my proposed Ministry activities for a validated ministry.

I make the following motion: *that my application for validated ministry be approved*

Jocelyn Wildhack
Signature

Name: Jocelyn Wildhack

AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR BACKGROUND CHECK

I understand that in connection with my application for Employment, Volunteer Services, and/or Continuous Employment, and/or Volunteer Services the Presbytery of Arkansas, its consultant in, IntelliCorp, their agents or employees may be performing, requesting, obtaining or conducting a background check on me. This background check may include an inquiry into my Employment History, Education, General Character or Reputation, Work Experience, Volunteer Experience, Driving, and/or Criminal History. If my position involves handling money and/or having access to monies and/or other transferable monetary instruments, my Credit History may also be checked.

I understand that the Presbytery of Arkansas may rely on any part of all of this Information in determining whether to extend an offer of Employment / Volunteers' duties to me. I further understand that if any adverse action is taken by the Presbytery of Arkansas, or if the Presbytery of Arkansas chooses not to extend an offer of Employment / Volunteer duties to me based upon the Information, that I will be provided a copy of such Information along with a summary of my rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

I understand that the background check, which may be performed by Investigators, is being performed as part of the process to evaluate me prior to Employment / Volunteer assignments, and is not conducted for any purpose other than in connection with my Application for Employment, Volunteer status and/or my eligibility for Continued Employment / Volunteer Duties.

I have read this Pre-Employment and Continued Employment / Volunteer Disclosure and by signing below, hereby authorize Investigators to conduct a background check as described herein in conjunction with my application for employment/volunteer duties. I hereby release any and all Investigators, including the Presbytery of Arkansas, from any and all liability related to the procurement or disclosure of any information provided by me or obtained about me in connection with my Application with Employer / Organization to the Synod of the Sun and its affiliated churches, agencies and institutions. I further direct and authorize Investigators to conduct the background check and further authorize any third parties who may be the custodians of or in possession of the requested Information, to disclose such Information to Investigators in connection with this background check.

Although furnishing your Social Security Number is not optional, it shall be used for NO other purpose than to make the process for conducting a background search more accurate. It shall not be sold, or in any way transferred to a third party except for the express purpose of conducting the background check.

<u>Jocelyn Wildhack</u> Applicant Signature	<u>11/5/19</u> Date
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<u>09/27/1993</u> Date of Birth	_____ Former Last Name(s) if applicable

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