

Presbyterian Church in America

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MINISTERIAL DATA FORM

PART I -- BASIC DATA

(Please type or print)

1. FULL NAME Stuart Franklin Fowler DATE COMPLETED 6-25-11
2. HOME ADDRESS 303 East St. TELEPHONE 601-925-9416
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3. ORDINATION: Date TBD By _____ TBD _____
(Presbytery or Church)
4. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP Mt. Calvary PCA – Roebuck, SC & Trinity PCA – Jackson, MS (associate member)
5. EDUCATION: Name of Each Institution Attended Degree Yr. Grad.
(a) College: U.S. Military Academy at West Point B.S. Env. Science 1992
(b) Seminary: Reformed Theological Seminary – Jackson, MS M.Div. Dec. 2011
(c) Graduate Training:
(d) Other Professional School: Army Officer school, Army leadership training, Airborne/Jump school
(e) Special Training:
6. EXPERIENCE: (Please list in order since Ordination) Month & Year: [not ordained yet – still in seminary]
Church or Field City & State Presbytery Begun Terminated

Other Experience -- Professional, Business or other -- that contributes to your use -- in the Ministry?

(1) Pastoral Intern at Trinity PCA – Jackson, MS for 2 years: various pastoral visits, preached/led worship over 70 times, taught various Sunday school classes/Bible studies over 40 times, led evangelism efforts, mentored weekly by Sr. Pastor, taught catechism, active in missions committee, helped plan/coordinate/conduct missions conference, helped plan/coordinate/conduct VBS

(2) Army Officer experience: firsthand experience leading in very stressful/demanding circumstances, long-term & short-term planning, budget management, team goal setting, trained/disciplined junior officers

(3) Outside Sales Engineer – 13 years: helped manage office budget/P&L, assisted in hiring & professional development of staff, organization skills to manage multi-state territory, communicate effectively (while showing the love of Christ) with people of all walks of life in the sales process, public speaking/presentations

7. CURRENT POSITION Intern at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS
8. Date of Birth: 4-3-1970 Place of Birth: Hickory, NC
9. MARITAL STATUS
(a) Single _____; Married X; Remarried _____; Widowed _____
(b) Wife's Full Name Dana Marie Fowler

Date of Marriage ___10-19-1996_____ Wife's Date of Birth ___5-24-1972_____

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE NOTE: It would be appreciated if you would treat this Ministerial Data Form in a confidential manner. We hope you will assist us in avoiding embarrassment to the minister who submitted this Form and thereby shows his desire to cooperate in the program of our Church.

(c) HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DIVORCED? ___--No--_ (If so, please state the circumstances below, including the attitude of your Presbytery at this time.)

(d) Children:

Names	Ages	Names	Ages
___Steven F. Fowler_____	9		
___Samuel F. Fowler_____	6		
___Carolanne M. Fowler_____	1		

(e) Other Dependents:

___N/A_____

10. Please be specific in answering the following:

(a) IF YOU ARE NOT NOW A MEMBER OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, DO YOU INTEND TO SUPPORT AND BE ACTIVE IN THE DENOMINATION? – I am already a member of the PCA

(b) ARE YOU IN AGREEMENT WITH THE SYSTEM OF DOCTRINE, DISCIPLINE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA?

Yes X No _____ If "No", please explain briefly.

11. (a) PRESENT PASTORATE: _____N/A – still in seminary _____ No. of members _____

(b) REMUNERATION: -N/A – still in seminary

Present yearly cash salary \$ _____; Manse provided \$ _____

Annuity Fund \$ _____, Social Security \$ _____, Hospital Insurance \$ _____

Other Allowances -- Books \$ _____, Car \$ _____, Utilities \$ _____

Other -- (Specify) _____ \$ _____, Vacation _____ (weeks)

Do these meet your needs? _____

(c) DO YOU OPERATE AN AUTOMOBILE IN YOUR WORK? yes Personal X or Church Owned? _____

12. REFERENCES: List 5 to 6 persons who would be in a position to give an objective evaluation of your training and experience. Include at least three ministers and two laymen (who are not members of your present church).

NAME	ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)	PHONE (With Area Code)	EMAIL ADDRESS
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PART II -- SUMMARY OF PREFERENCES

(Check all of which you are willing to consider.)

TYPE OF CHURCH

Church with Multiple Staff _
 Church with Solo Pastor _
 Multiple Churches _
 New Church Development _
 Non-PCA Church _____
 Tent Making _
 Overseas Ministry _____
 Other _____
 (Specify) _____
 No preference _____

SIZE CHURCH

Under 100 members _____
 101-250 members _____
 251-500 members _____
 501-800 members _____
 801-1,000 members _____
 1,001-1,600 members _____
 Over 1,600 members _____
 No preference _

SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES

Minister of Music _____
 Minister to Youth _____
 Minister to Senior Citizens (X) _____
 Part-time or Short-term Minister (X) _____
 Christian School _____
 Other _____
 (Specify) _____

TYPE OF POSITION

Pastor (Solo) _
 Senior Pastor _
 Associate Pastor _
 Assistant Pastor _
 Interim or Supply _
 Pastoral Counselor _____
 Other Position _____
 (Specify) _____
 No preference _____

TYPE OF COMMUNITY

Inner city _____
 Urban (Downtown) _
 Urban (Residential) _
 Suburban _
 Small Town _
 Rural _
 College _____
 Retirement _
 Resort/Recreational _
 Agricultural _
 No preference _____

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Continental USA _
 Eastern Canada _____
 Western Canada _____
 California _____
 Pacific Northwest _____
 Southwest _____
 Rocky Mountain States _____
 Plain States (MO, KS, NE) _____
 Texas/Oklahoma _____
 Upper Mid West (Siouxlands) _____
 Mid South (AR, TN, KY) _____
 Southern States (LA, MS, AL) _____
 Southeast (GA, SC, NC) _____
 Florida _____
 Appalachian (W PA, WV, VA) _____
 Mid Atlantic (Phila., DE, NJ, MD, VA) _____
 Midwest (IN, IL, OH) _____
 Northeast _____
 New York _____
 Great Lakes _____
 Other _____
 (Specify) _____
 No preference _____

PART III -- PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

A. On a scale of 1 to 7, evaluate your expertise and weakness in your ministry. (Circle "7" for the areas of greatest strength and circle "1" for the area of least ability. If completing in Word, please **Bold and Underline** your choices.)

	Very Strong	Strong	Slightly Strong	Average	Slightly Weak	Weak	Very Weak
Preaching	7	6	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Teaching	7	<u>6</u>	5	4	3	2	1
Evangelism	7	<u>6</u>	5	4	3	2	1
Discipleship	7	6	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Worship Leadership	7	<u>6</u>	5	4	3	2	1
Church Administration	<u>7</u>	6	5	4	3	2	1
Team Work	<u>7</u>	6	5	4	3	2	1
Counseling	7	6	<u>5</u>	4	3	2	1
Leadership Training	<u>7</u>	6	5	4	3	2	1
Christian Education	7	6	5	4	<u>3</u>	2	1
Pastoral Visitation	7	<u>6</u>	5	4	3	2	1
Stewardship Ministry	7	6	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1
Diaconal Ministry	7	6	5	4	<u>3</u>	2	1
Youth Work	7	6	5	4	<u>3</u>	2	1
College & Career Ministry	7	6	5	4	<u>3</u>	2	1
Ministry to Senior Citizens	7	<u>6</u>	5	4	3	2	1
Singles Ministry	7	6	5	4	<u>3</u>	2	1
Recreational Activities	7	6	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1
Presbytery/General Assembly Involvement	7	6	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1
Community Service	7	6	5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1
Other _____	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

PART III -- PASTORAL ACTIVITIES

(Continued)

B. I WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE IN A CONGREGATION THAT PLACED THE PRIORITIES ON MY MINISTRY THE FOLLOWING WAY: [On a scale of 0 to 4, please rate each activity, but only choose highest priority for four to six activities. If completing in Word, please **Bold and Underline** your choices.]

	Low Priority				High Priority
	0	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
1. WORSHIP LEADERSHIP (Pastor and Session work to develop a rich worship life, educating the congregation for meaningful participation.)	0	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
2. PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD (The word of God is preached with urgency and conviction, bringing it to bear on the changing needs of individuals, the community, and the world. High priority of pastor's time placed on sermon preparation.)	0	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
3. SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF MEMBERS (Pastor shares members' struggles regarding the Christian faith, with opportunity provided for individuals and groups to reflect on beliefs, concerns, doubts regarding Christian understanding of the spiritual dimensions of life.)	0	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
4. CONGREGATIONAL VISITATION (Church officers and pastor develop and carry out a systematic plan for visitation of the entire congregation with special attention to prospective members and those with special needs.)	0	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
5. HOSPITAL OR EMERGENCY VISITATION (Those in hospitals or emergency situations are regularly visited; network developed to keep pastor and others informed of crisis situations; needs of ill or bereaved are met.)	0	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
6. CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (Emphasis placed in developing fellowship, helping members to know one another; groups encouraged which give members the opportunity to love and support one another.)	0	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
7. COUNSELING SERVICES (A counseling program initiated for assisting those in and outside the Church; appropriate referrals made when needed.)	0	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
8. EVANGELISM (Pastor and congregation share faith in Christ as personal Savior in total lifestyle; seek to lead others within and outside the Church to accept Jesus Christ: congregation is informed, trained, helped to establish effective evangelism programs for the church.)	0	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
9. DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING	0	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
10. ENCOURAGING THE MINISTRY OF THE LAITY (Creative ideas and directions developed together with the Session; many persons with appropriate skills stimulated to become involved in services.)	0	1	2	<u>3</u>	4

11. MISSION BEYOND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY (Awareness of the Church's worldwide mission and opportunities for corporate and individual involvement; specific projects identified; persons challenged to support, study and/or visit mission programs on six continents.)	0	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
12. DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM (Session and pastor identify the educational needs of persons of all ages and backgrounds, developing programs to meet needs; church education supported; educational goals are congruent with the total mission of the Church.)	0	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
13. TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY (Pastor accepts an active teaching role, interpreting and teaching the Scriptures, theological concepts, history of the Church and current events; provides instruction for Church Officers; educational leaders, confirmands and new members.)	0	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
14. INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND ACTIVITIES (Concern for identifying social problems in the community; work done with groups seeking solutions. Time and skills committed to community groups. Information and encouragement provided which enable members to become informed and involved.)	0	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
15. ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES (Involvement with other congregations and the denominations in the community in presenting a united Christian witness in the community.)	0	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
16. CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATION (Two-way communication encouraged, information gathered and shared that will assist problem solving and decision making; varying opinions elicited and all encouraged to listen to opposing points of view.)	0	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
17. ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP (Pastor accepts appropriate administrative responsibilities, in climate of delegated tasks and shared leadership; volunteers and professional staff encouraged to use their ideas and skills. Work done on developing accountability.)	0	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
18. STEWARDSHIP AND COMMITMENT PROGRAMS (Session and pastor develop a planned stewardship education program to communicate the financial needs of the local church and mission beyond the local church; congregation challenged to commitment to Church's work.)	0	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
19. EVALUATION OF PROGRAM AND STAFF (Systematic procedures used to evaluate programs and staff performance in accord with goals and objectives. Others trained to use these skills. Regular assessment and evaluation.)	0	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
20. CONGREGATIONAL AND DENOMINATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (Value placed on balance between local church and Assembly responsibilities. Congregation and Session know and are involved in the work of the denomination.)	0	1	<u>2</u>	3	4
21. DIACONAL MINISTRIES (Ministering to the needs of those inside and outside of the Church)	0	1	2	<u>3</u>	4

PART IV -- PERSONAL VIEWS AND PRACTICES

Please state briefly (one or two sentences) your personal views and practices using the following outline. Attach additional paper if necessary. On a separate piece of paper give a brief account of your conversion and Christian testimony.

A. Theological Conviction -- Brief Statement

My convictions would be best summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF). Having studied various theological systems, I am convinced that Reformed Theology (set forth by the WCF as well as Calvin's Institutes) best represents Biblical truth.

View of Scripture: The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God. The Bible is our only rule of faith and practice.

World and Life View: The Bible should be our lens through which to view all of life and to pattern our life. Any other view is skewed, man-centered, and doomed to fail.

Trinity: There is only one true God who manifests Himself in 3 persons: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.

Person and Work of Christ: Jesus was the God-man, the incarnate God. He was fully God and fully human. Man, being depraved and sinful, cannot save himself. Therefore, the only way for sinful man to be reconciled to God was for God to send His Son to fulfill what sinful man could not. On the cross, Jesus took on the sins of all the elect from all times as well as the wrath of God that all of the elect deserved. Jesus is the substitute for all the elect (all who have ever or whoever will come to Him in faith and repentance). There is only one way to God and one way to heaven; through Jesus Christ (John 14:6).

Justification: Man is justified before God solely through faith alone in Christ alone. Man has no part in his justification. Justification is a judicial act and a free gift to the sinner where God declares a person to be righteous and accepts them as just. The entire basis of that declaration is the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to the sinner. I would fully hold to WCF XI. I reject the New Perspective view and the view of Rome.

Sanctification (View of Law): The believer is enabled by the Holy Spirit to increasingly mortify the flesh and live a righteous life. The believer has a responsibility to purposefully put sin to death in his life and to purposefully strive for holy living all with the end view of glorifying God with his life. The third use of the law is Biblical and vital to the believer's quest for holy living. Without the 3rd use of the law the believer has no daily standard to measure himself by and no daily incentive to strive for righteousness.

Covenant Theology: In the Bible, God reveals His plan for man through a succession of Covenants. The breakdown of covenants in the Bible differs among theologians. The three basic covenants are (1) Covenant of Works (between God and man) which man broke (2) Covenant of Redemption (between God and Christ), and (3) Covenant of Grace (between God and the elect).

Covenant Baptism: Covenant infants/children of professing believers should be baptized. Covenant Baptism is the NT counterpart to circumcision and is fully Biblical. Baptism does not impart salvation. The baptized covenant child, as he grows to the age of understanding, has a responsibility to personally lay hold of the covenant promises through faith in Christ. The efficacy of baptism is not related to the administrator.

Covenant of Works and Grace:

1. Works: The first covenant where God promised life to Adam and his descendants upon perfect obedience. Adam failed thus breaking the Covenant of Works.
2. Grace: Covenant between God and His elect where God promises life to the sinner through faith in Christ. The covenant of grace is the same throughout history but was administered differently in the OT and NT.

Dispensationalism: I reject dispensationalism as unbiblical. There has always been and will always be one family of God's people, not two separate peoples. The dispensationalist hermeneutic leads to skewed views of God's Word.

Five Points of Calvinism: I fully hold to all five points and deem them to be a great summary of the state of man before He is saved, the way God saves the sinner, and the way the sinner lives out his sanctification.

Gifts of the Spirit: The confirming signs ceased with the death of the first generation apostles. Special revelation has ceased and the Canon is closed. However, the work of the Holy Spirit is ongoing.

Evangelism: The basis is Jesus' command in Matt. 28:19 (The Great Commission). Jesus commanded it and we must willingly follow the commands of our Lord. The Great Commission applies to every believer.

Church Discipline: one of the 3 marks of a true church but, unfortunately, not practiced in many congregations. It is Biblical; therefore, it should be done. It protects both the member being disciplined and the local church body. It should be done in love ensuring Biblical guidelines are closely followed.

Personal Views on Smoking: Smoking is not a sin and should not be construed as such. Persons should be free to smoke as long as their smoking does not infringe on others that do not want to breathe the smoke. We should not discriminate against smokers but we should not shy away from the facts about the harmful effects on the smoker's body. I believe 1 Corinthians 10:23 applies (All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable).

Use of Alcohol: Drinking alcohol in moderation is not sinful. Jesus drank wine with His disciples. As with anything, good things, when abused, can be to our detriment. Drinking is a personal choice as long as one's drinking does not infringe on the rights of others. One should not be shunned in any way for drinking in moderation all the while considering the company of those present. Christians who choose to partake should be careful not to allow their consumption to be a stumbling block (1 Corinthians 8:9: but take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak).

B. Personal Practices

Indicate approximately how much time (per day or per week) you spend on each of the following:

1. Devotional Life: 1 – 1.5 hrs per day
2. Place of Family: My priorities are God, then family, then work. Generally speaking, time after working hours is devoted to family.
3. Sermon Preparation: 10 – 15 hours per week per sermon
4. Hobbies and Recreation: 3-4 hrs per week for exercise. 1-2 hrs per week for recreation/hobbies.
5. Pastoral Work: I am still in seminary but I am used to 50 + hours per week in my 13 years of sales work.
In my experience, pastoral work normally exceeds 40 hour per week.
6. Community Activities: little or none unless church related.
7. Church Administration: n/a
8. Other studies: 40 + hours per week (I'm still in seminary)

On another sheet of paper give your weekly schedule. –see attachment

C. Personal Lifestyle

Task Oriented

People Oriented

Both

D. Miscellaneous

Recent continuing education: still in seminary

Awards

Published writing

Special evangelism training

Key experience in ministry

Future goals: be a conduit for God to help my family and church be more conformed to the image of Christ.