

**Part I**

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**Name:** Bruce Prentice

**Date:** June 23, 2010

**In what type of position(s) would you be willing to serve?**

- Solo Pastor
- Head of Staff
- Associate Pastor
- New Church Developer
- Tentmaking (Bi-vocational)
- Interim or Supply
- Yoked Pastorate
- Chaplain
- Denominational Position

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**In what size church would you be willing to serve?**

- Under 50 Members
- 50-100
- 101-250
- 251-500
- 501-1,000
- Over 1,000

**In what size church(es) have you served?**

- Under 50 Members
- 50-100
- 101-250
- 251-500
- 501-1,000
- Over 1,000

**In what type of community would you be willing to serve?**

- Inner City
- Residential Urban
- Suburban
- Small Town
- Rural
- College
- Retirement

**In what type of community have you served?**

- Inner City
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**Geographical Preference:** Do you have a geographical preference? If so, what is it?

**Please Check One:**

- A.** I am open to relocation. Please circulate my data form to Minister and His Work Committee Chairmen and any churches that meet my criteria as a minister.
- B.** I am open to relocation in the near future. Please circulate my name to Minister and His Work Committee Chairmen and any churches that might be interested. However, I would like to be informed about any church that requests my information.
- C.** I am not seeking relocation, but would be willing to relocate as the Lord leads. Please inform me before circulating my information.
- D.** I am not currently open to relocate. Do not release my data form at this time.

# Personal Data Form

## Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



### Part I Personal Information

Full Name: Bruce Prentice

Address: 10999 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue

City: Allendale State: Michigan 49401

Phone: Home 616-892-5838 Work 616-240-8888

Date of Birth: March 13, 1947 Place of Birth: Culver City, California

Status: Ordained (X) Candidate ( ) Licensed (X)

Please Explain:

Date Ordained: June 10, 1973

By: Village Baptist Church, Beaverton, Oregon

If Ordained Other Than ARP:

Licensed: Great Lakes Presbytery, PCA, March 1, 2008

Date Received By ARP: \_\_\_\_\_

Transferring Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Receiving Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a student, when do you anticipate graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Denomination (If other than ARP): \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Presbytery or Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. Family (Check all that are applicable)

Marital Status: (X) Married ( ) Widowed ( ) Single ( ) Divorced ( ) Remarried

Spouse's Full Name: Roberta Ann Prentice

Date of Marriage: June 8, 1968

Is your spouse currently employed outside the home? No If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Please state any limiting factors regarding your health or that of your family members.

None

#### Children:

Name	Date of Birth	Live at Home?
<u>John Prentice</u>	<u>March 18, 1971</u>	<u>Married</u>
<u>Philip Prentice</u>	<u>March 16, 1972</u>	<u>Married</u>
<u>Matthew Prentice</u>	<u>March 29, 1974</u>	<u>Married</u>
<u>Elizabeth Siegel</u>	<u>April 6, 1979</u>	<u>Married</u>

**B. Leisure**

What sort of recreational activities do you currently enjoy?

I enjoy gardening, hiking, and traveling

Are you a member of any social or civic organization(s)? (Please list)

I have been a member of both Kiwanis and Rotary clubs

What volunteer service(s) have you performed in your church or community?

I have been a local Salvation Army treasurer and soccer coach.

**C. Education**

School	Degree	Year Graduated
College <u>Biola University, LaMirada, California</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>1970</u>
Seminary <u>Western Theological Seminary, Portland, Oregon</u>	<u>MDiv</u>	<u>1973</u>
Graduate School _____	_____	_____

What other special training have you had? (Please include graduate courses, seminars, internships, correspondence courses, or other training that might be germane to the profession of the ministry.)

Biblical Counseling Training with Dr. Jay Adams

Family Financial Planning with Bob Castiglione

**D. Work Experience**

**Secular occupations:**

Position	Employer	Date Started	Date Left
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**E. Church Experience**

**a. Churches Served:**

Ministry		Date Started	Date Left
<u>First Baptist Church</u>	<u>Lewistown, Montana</u>	<u>July, 1973</u>	<u>August, 1978</u>
<u>Greater Europe Mission</u>	<u>Appointees to Denmark</u>	<u>August, 1978</u>	<u>Nov., 1981</u>
<u>First Baptist Church</u>	<u>Lewistown, Montana</u>	<u>July, 1982</u>	<u>July, 1986</u>
<u>N. Olmsted Baptist Church</u>	<u>North Olmsted, Ohio</u>	<u>Aug., 1986</u>	<u>October, 1989</u>
<u>Allendale Baptist Church</u>	<u>Allendale, Michigan</u>	<u>Sept., 1993</u>	<u>Dec., 2003</u>

**b. Presbytery/Synod Positions:**

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## Part II Personal Faith

**A. Conversion and Call** Please tell of your personal conversion and walk with the Lord, and your call to the ministry. **Try to keep this under one page.** Please include a description of your prayer life and how it affects your work in the ministry.

I was privileged to be raised by Christian parents who saw to my spiritual training, including attendance at a Christian school through the eighth grade. My father was a pastor of a Baptist church, who loved the Lord and taught me to appreciate the Scriptures.

At ten, I made a public profession of faith at church, a sincere acknowledgement of Christ from a young boy. I went to a Christian college and continued to grow in Christ and was challenged to enter the ministry. This was not something I wanted to do, but God changed my heart and my attitude.

In seminary, I was first exposed to election and the sovereignty of God. Initially hostile, I gradually became convinced that it was the teaching of God's Word. I graduated from seminary a convinced four point Calvinist and holding to the Presbyterian form of church government as the biblical model.

I pastored as an inconsistent Calvinist, but as I studied the Scriptures and read Reformed and Presbyterian scholars, I came to embrace reformed theology more and more.

In 2003, the church I was pastoring decided to dissolve. I came to realize that I could not pastor another baptistic church and there followed a time of discouragement, searching and prayer that brought us to Covenant Presbyterian Church in Holland, Michigan. My wife and I have been deeply involved in Covenant where I am a elder and preach and teach regularly. Not only has my soul found rest, but my passion for the ministry has returned. I have been licensed by the Presbytery (PCA) and am now actively looking for a pastorate.



Bobbie and Bruce Prentice

## B. Personal views

1. Are you in agreement with the system of doctrine and government of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you subscribe fully to the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Briefly describe your view of Biblical authority in the church.

The Bible is the inerrant and infallible word of God. All doctrine and all practice must conform to Scripture for it is the final authority for what we do and what we believe.

4. How do you describe the work of the Holy Spirit in the church today?

The Holy Spirit is active in bringing sinners to faith in Christ (effectually calling and regenerating them) and gathering the elect together as God's covenant people. He continues a work of sanctification in believers, conforming us to the image of Christ and teaching us through the Word of God.

## Part III Preferences

- A. **Narrative** Please answer these questions concisely at the end of this document or on a separate sheet of paper if not submitting electronically.

1. What is your personal approach to leadership as a pastor of a church?  
I take what might be considered a team approach to leadership. I also seek to train and equip elders to provide both general leadership and more specific leadership in accordance with their gifts.
2. What are your goals in the ministry?  
To bring the lost to Christ, both personally and through the church's ministry  
To help God's people grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.  
To teach and train the next generation to steadfastly hold to and pass on God's Truth.
3. Describe your personal approach to preaching and the types of sermons you usually prepare.  
I usually preach through a book or a section of a book. In a particular sermon, I would take a portion of the larger section as a text and then seek to explain what the passage means, discuss the eternal principle that is found in it (the point of the text) and then apply the principle to our lives today.
4. What do you perceive as the greatest strengths you bring to the work of the ministry?  
I am committed to truth and sound doctrine and to the faithful teaching of God's Word. I have a strong work ethic and a wealth of experience.
5. What do you perceive as the greatest areas for improvement?  
I can be too single minded. I can ignore peripheral matters that should be taken into consideration or dealt with.

**B. References** List the names and addresses of at least five (5) personal references.

Name	E-mail/Mailing Address	Phone Number
<u>Rev. Ken Klett</u>	<u>ken@covenantprez.com</u>	<u>616-355-2036</u>
<u>Mr. Neil VanRegenmorter</u>	<u>nevanreg@yahoo.com</u>	<u>616-298-2370</u>
<u>Mr. Gene Schra</u>	<u>gmschra@att.net</u>	<u>616-396-7004</u>
<u>Mr. Lloyd Schout</u>	<u>ljschout@gmail.com</u>	<u>616-748-8042</u>
<u>Mr. Roger Zoet</u>	<u>zoet@macatawa.org</u>	<u>269-751-5013</u>

You have my permission to contact the persons listed above concerning my suitability for vacant positions.

Date: June 23, 2010 Signature: Bruce Prentice

### C. Rating

Following are 20 activities of a pastor in a church. Please determine a priority rating from 1-4 for these activities in your own ministry. Please limit your #1 and #2 categories to six (6). H = High L = Low

Category	H			L
1. <b>Corporate worship and sacraments</b> (Pastor works with congregation to develop a rich, meaningful worship experience)	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
2. <b>Proclamation of the Word</b> (Pastor places high priority on sermon preparation so that the Word of God is preached with urgency and conviction)	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
3. <b>Spiritual development of members</b> (Pastor facilitates spiritual growth through individual training, counseling, and small groups)	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
4. <b>Evangelism of the lost outside the church</b> (Pastor facilitates programs that train laypersons in sharing Jesus Christ with others)	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
5. <b>Church growth and church planting</b> (Pastor places strong emphasis on increasing church size and/or starting a new church)	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
6. <b>Support and encouragement of missions</b> (Pastor facilitates support and awareness of home and foreign missions)	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
7. <b>Home visitation of the members</b> (Pastor places high priority on visiting people in their homes regularly)	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
8. <b>Hospital or emergency visitation</b> (Pastor willing to visit during sickness or emergencies at any time)	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
9. <b>Support of Christian education program</b> (Pastor encourages education for all ages consistent with mission of church)	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
10. <b>Counseling and referral</b> (Pastor places high priority on developing counseling and referral programs)	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
11. <b>Congregational fellowship</b> (Pastor places strong emphasis on developing congregational community of mutual love and support)	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
12. <b>Administrative leadership in the church</b> (Pastor is comfortable with accepting administrative responsibility, delegation, and training of leadership)	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
13. <b>Stewardship and commitment programs</b> (Pastor works with church to develop a stewardship program of time and talent)	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
14. <b>Encouraging the ministry of the laity</b> (Pastor encourages spiritual gifts of members, sharing opportunities for planning and participation)	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
15. <b>Responsibility for teaching within the church</b> (Pastor places emphasis on his own personal role of teacher)	<u>1</u>	2	3	4
16. <b>Denomination and Presbytery service</b> (Pastor is involved in and encourages participation on Presbytery and Synod level)	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
17. <b>Social and political witness within and without the church</b> (Pastor emphasizes Biblical witness in politics and society)	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
18. <b>Social service</b> (Pastor places emphasis on the ministry of social assistance in the community)	1	2	3	<u>4</u>
19. <b>Development of congregation prayer</b> (Pastor places strong emphasis on the ministry of prayers, offers prayer opportunities)	1	2	<u>3</u>	4
20. <b>The development of youth and/or children's ministries</b> (Pastor encourages programs to reach youth and children)	1	2	<u>3</u>	4

## A few thoughts on my Ministry philosophy

I believe in the centrality of Worship for the people of God.

Worship where the Scriptures are read, preached, prayed, seen, and sung.

Worship that is in accordance with the regulative principle rather than driven by culture.

Worship that is with reverence and that might be called traditional, reformed worship.

Related to this:

The Lord's Day services, should be a priority to the people of God.

The exegetical/expository preaching of Scripture is vital to believers' spiritual nurturing.

I am committed to the importance of family worship as foundational for spiritual growth.

Family worship should be expected of all church families and training, resources and encouragement given to support its practice.

I believe that the church should be committed to reaching the lost with the Gospel.

Evangelism should be practiced by church members as a way of life.

World missions should be supported by prayer, finances and personal involvement.

Christians should be actively seeking the lost, both near and far, that Christ's kingdom might increase.

I am convinced of the importance of Biblical doctrine.

The Westminster Standards, in particular, need to be learned and understood by Christians.

In a culture that embraces diversity and pluralism, God's people must know, defend, and proclaim the Truth as revealed in God's inerrant Word.

I believe that we must reproduce ourselves spiritually.

We must be engaged in the making of disciples, the training of believers to minister and equip other believers to walk in faithful obedience to Christ.

The local church should foster a spirit of mutual love and encouragement among its members that will be a witness to the world that we are truly followers of Christ.