

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

**Mif #: 15046.AA0**

**Ministry General Information**

<b>Ministry Number</b>	15046
<b>Ministry Name</b>	Upper Room Presbyterian Church
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<b>Ministry Size</b>	Under 100 members

<b>Ethnic Composition</b>	
	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 10%
	Hispanic Latino/Latina, Spanish 10%
	White 80%

<b>Average Worship Attendance</b>	12
<b>Church School Attendance</b>	0
<b>Curriculum</b>	
<b>Yoked</b>	False
<b>Presbytery</b>	PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY
<b>Synod</b>	SYNOD OF THE TRINITY
<b>Community Type</b>	Urban

Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization [Show Statistics](#)

**Information about the position**

<b>Position:</b>	Solo Pastor
<b>Experience Required:</b>	0 to 2 Years
<b>Specific Title:</b>	Head Pastor
<b>Employment Status:</b>	Part-time

<b>Language Requirements:</b>	
	English

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

**Training/Certificate Requirements:**

<b>Other Training:</b>	Ordination in the PCUSA
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<b>Brief Church Mission Statement:</b>	
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Our mission is to be a community who honestly pursues God together through all stages of faith with authenticity and vulnerability.

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

Upper Room's vision for ministry consists of being a community who is called to be:

1. **Cross Cultural** – As a congregation, we seek to be cross-cultural, including people “from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.” (Rev. 7:9-10) At the heart of being a cross-cultural community is building relationships with people different from ourselves.
2. **Sacramental/Liturgical** – We believe that Jesus communicates his love to us through visible and tangible signs. We express our devotion to God by celebrating communion every Sunday, and also take time to remember our baptisms.
3. **Curious and Responsive** – We are a community who enjoys engaging in a variety of worship experiences/types of services. We are a congregation who is not afraid to ask questions and welcomes seekers. We are open to being responsive to the surprising ways the spirit moves within our community. Some tangible ways we have lived out this vision is through weekly “experiments in mission”, conversations about science and faith, stations of the cross prayer stations, Holy Week services and special Advent services.
4. **Relational** – We worship in a relaxed setting in the round. We also include time for sharing celebrations and prayer requests and praying for one another. We come alongside one another in our individual journeys of faith and provide support to those who are questioning.

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

- As the Upper Room congregation, we feel called to serve our community by being a safe and friendly place for people to explore their faith and pray together. We are a community who enjoys engaging intellectually with scripture.
- Some of the needs of our community include: being a friendly place for seekers and providing a community to walk with people through transitions of life and faith.
- As we move to a new location for our worship services soon we will be seeking ways to live out the Gospel's love and friendship within the local community.
- In the past our church has engaged in partnerships with: Young Life, Squirrel Hill Food Pantry, PRISM, Living Ministries, East End Community Health Center, mission trips to Brazil (church name) and Mozambique, Intervarsity, and missionaries abroad.

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

This position allows our church to move towards its mission and vision by providing pastoral leadership and guidance. We started as a church plant 9 years ago and the first generation of pastors recently left our church for other ministry opportunities. At the moment we are a “pastor-less church” and are seeking a pastor to fill the teaching and leadership roles left open when our pastor left. We are currently being served by guest pastors from the pulpit supply list and our Elders are completing administrative tasks.

### Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization:

We seek a pastor who will dig deeply into scripture to help us pursue and learn about God. They should be able to listen to and respond to God in meaningful ways and invite others to do the same. This person will be able to be emotionally vulnerable and foster an environment that invites congregants to do the same. They will provide leadership, direction, energy and excitement to our congregation.

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

- Preaching on Sundays and leading worship services
- Sermon Preparation
- Liturgy Preparation and Writing
- Administering the Sacraments
- Pastoral Care Needs – available for one-on-one meetings with congregants as requested, discipleship/mentoring, visiting the sick and needy
- Working with Session to cast and carry out the vision for the Congregation
- Moderator of Session
- Planning and Leading New Member Classes

### Optional Links:

This is our church website: <http://www.pghupperroom.com>

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<b>Leadership Competencies:</b>
Compassionate
Hopeful
Preaching and Worship Leadership
Spiritual Maturity
Public Communicator
Culturally Proficient
Risk Taker
Strategy and Vision
Collaboration
Personal Resilience

<b>Compensation and Housing: <u>Cost of Living Calculator</u></b>
<b>Minimum Effective Salary:</b> \$26,815
<b>Housing Type:</b> Housing Allowance

<b>References:</b>				
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<b>Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?</b>
Yes
<b>Version Track Info: This MIF was last updated on 08/27/2018</b>

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