



Church of the Atonement
 Associate Reformed Presbyterian
 Senior Pastor Application Form

Full Name _____

Answer the following questions in the space provided:

Education

	School Name	Degree	Year Graduated	Major
Undergraduate				
Seminary				
Other Graduate				

Please list graduate courses, seminars, correspondence courses or other graduate training that might be germane to your work in the ministry.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

Work Experience (Secular Occupations)

Position	Employer	Date Started	Date Left

Church Experience

Volunteer

Vocational

In Presbytery

In General Synod

Personal Faith

1. Conversion and Call: **In a separate document**, 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.
2. Are you in agreement with the system of doctrine and government of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church? If not, please include a brief explanation. Yes No
3. Do you subscribe fully to the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms? If not, please include a brief explanation. Yes No

Personal Preferences

1. What is your personal approach to leadership as a pastor of a church?

2. In what areas of professional study and development would you like to invest?

3. Describe your personal approach to preaching and the types of sermons you usually prepare.

4. What do you perceive as the greatest strengths you bring to the work of the ministry?

5. What do you perceive as your greatest areas for improvement?

References (please provide 3)

Name	Email/ Mailing Address	Phone Number	Permission to Contact

Personal Lifestyle Practice

How do you structure your week in relationship to the following? Please provide responses in a separate document.

- a. Devotional Life
- b. Place of family
- c. Sermon Preparation
- d. Hobbies and recreation
- e. Pastoral Work
- f. Community Activities
- g. Other Studies

Please describe the characteristics of the church you would like to serve, and the gifts, skills and experiences you would bring to a position in this church.

Please describe your present call and accomplishments.

What are the key theological issues currently facing the church and society, and how do they shape your ministry?

After examining the following list of ministry tasks, please select 5 that you consider to be areas most compatible with your gifts. **In a separate document**, please write a short paragraph explaining how you exercise your gifts in these areas.

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

In a separate document, please provide responses to the following three requests:

Choose any two (2) topics below and prepare a short paragraph on your views about that topic.

- a. View of Scripture
- b. World and Life View
- c. Trinity
- d. Person and Work of Christ

Choose any two (2) topics and prepare a short paragraph on your views about that topic.

- a. Justification
- b. Sanctification (View of Law)
- c. Covenant Theology
- d. Covenant Baptism
- e. Covenant of Works and Grace

Choose any two (2) topics and prepare a short paragraph on your views about that topic.

- a. Dispensationalism
- b. Five Points of Calvinism
- c. Gifts of the Spirit
- d. Evangelism
- e. Church Discipline

Please provide the search committee with up to three audio and/or video sermons that you preached in public worship within the last year.