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TO ALL MINISTERS IN THE UPCSА,

Find attached a call for applications to minister at St Columba's Presbyterian Church, Parkview, Johannesburg within the Presbytery of eGoli.

Kindly note the closing date for the applications to be sent to the Interim Moderator by the 24th of August 2022.

Warmest regards,

Rev Dr Lungile Mpetsheni

(Rhadebe)

General Secretary

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VACANCY Minister at St Columba's Presbyterian Church, Parkview The Call Committee of St Columba's Presbyterian Church, Parkview, Johannesburg, invites suitable candidates to apply for the position of Minister. By way of introduction to St. Columba's, the following prayer, found at the entrance to the sanctuary, captures the essence of the shared desire that is prayerfully sought: 'O God, make the doorway of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love and friendship. Narrow enough to cut out envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children or barrier to the elderly and disabled. Let its door be open and inviting to all who enter and its walls resound with the praise and worship of your people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.' St Columba's is a community where the best of Presbyterian tradition courageously embraces inclusivity, innovation and open-minded religious conversation in Christian service. The traditional buildings and tranquil exterior belie all the activities that take place within the Church walls – and beyond. St Columba's is first and foremost a place of Christian worship – a place to worship God through Jesus Christ. With Christ as our compass the congregation joyfully reaches far beyond Sunday worship, including pastoral care, outreach and Christian education. We place value on the wisdom and traditions that are inherited in the Christian Faith and on enquiring minds. In July 2021, St Columba's celebrated 100 years of a rich and deep history. Looking back on the past 100 years of ministry, where we are today and to the future, St Columba's seeks to be a church for our time and a church for all times.

The ministry has been guided over the decades by a deep faith and belief in a discerned Christian response to the issues of the day, within local, national, regional and international contexts. The Church has a medium sized congregation with 54 elders of which 11 serve on Session. It is a place where many have found a deep sense of belonging (some over several generations), with members from around greater Johannesburg and now a growing number from further afield through our online community. Not unlike the experience of many other churches, the congregation is ageing and seeks and already uses innovative ways of ministry, relevant to today and open to the future. In this context, there are currently three important strategies for growth that are being pursued, namely: 1. Pastoral growth through the implementation of "Stephens Ministry" 2. Children's church youth ministry, led by a family pastor 3. Growing the existing online ministries



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The successful candidate will primarily be responsible and accountable to the Congregation for the guidance, planning, leadership and execution of all the activities of St. Columba's and be supported and assisted by Session, Elders, Staff and the Congregation. The successful candidate should:

- have an established reputation of authenticity and trust,
- have an appropriate university degree – postgraduate being a distinct advantage,
- be committed to their own continuing professional education and development,
- demonstrate competence to perform the duties required of a Minister in an urban congregation,
- be an effective spiritual leader, preacher and worship leader, able to inspire with specific relevance to our world today,
- in general, have good communication skills in the spoken and written word,
- have good people skills, with the ability to show sympathy, empathy and consolation,

- Be open-minded, non-discriminatory and non-prejudicial, celebrating all aspects of human diversity,
- be committed to the ministry of St Columba's, passionate about finding relevant and practical responses through an understanding and caring ministry in a hurting world,
- Have the ability to mobilise and lead people to realise the congregation's vision and mission,
- be a strong team player, with appropriate leadership qualities,
- Leading the congregation sensitively through a changing environment,
- Be a champion for the attraction and retention of members,
- Be a self-starter, able to operate successfully with minimal supervision,
- Have the courage of their convictions to lead, seeking input from Session, Elders and other members,
- Demonstrate strong organizational and analytical skills.

Confidential applications, supported by a motivational letter and CV (including the names and contact details of three referees), should be e-mailed to the Interim Moderator Rev Dr Eddie Germiquet at interim.moderator@stcolumbas.org.za or delivered to the Church at 45 Lurgan Road, Parkview, Johannesburg. For more information on this vacancy, please contact Eddie Germiquet on 084-364-9348. For more information on St Columba's, please visit www.stcolumbaschurch.co.za. Applications close on Wednesday, 24 August 2022.



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