

Shared Ministry between St Giles Presbyterian Church and St Ninian's Presbyterian Church, Johannesburg, South Africa

St Giles and St Ninian's Presbyterian Churches are calling for expressions of interest from ministers serving in the wider United Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa and its ecumenical partners, to consider an appointment of three years in a shared ministry context.

Interesting and Unique Opportunity:

Unique opportunity for ministry between two congregations to explore growth in fresh expressions of worship and being the church.

Two congregations that are in the well-placed suburbs of Norwood and Parttown in Johannesburg, primed for finding a new identity in dynamic and shifting communities.

Background:

St Giles has an attending membership of about 60. In 2017, the congregation moved from a traditional church building to a house converted into a worship space, with a meeting room and offices. There is an active eldership with a heart for reaching out to the local community.

St Ninian's has an attending membership of about 20. The congregation is very much family-oriented and situated in a growing suburban community. Sunday worship services are held in the sanctuary on the original church property, with the addition of hall and office spaces.

Expectation:

These two congregations have entered into a memorandum-of-agreement for shared ministry, as they wish to journey together to a place of sustained growth.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the usual ministry responsibilities of pastoral care, preaching, sacraments and monthly session meetings at each congregation. The sessions will have joint quarterly meetings for evaluating and exploring opportunities for the growing ministry.

The division of time and ministry will be discussed and developed with the successful applicant.