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**Church Planting Fellowship
Trinity Presbyterian Church PCA
Providence, Rhode Island**

Opportunity

Southern New England was a region once teeming with vibrant witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ. In the early 21st century, it has become substantially secularized and thus represents a significant opportunity for new kingdom initiatives, church planting efforts that seek to bring the hope and grace of the gospel to bear in the lives of a diverse populace.

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Providence is a multi-ethnic congregation planted ten years ago that has already planted a church in Southern Rhode Island. As it looks to the future, Trinity seeks to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the challenging, postmodern cultures of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts by planting new churches.

Position Description

Rather than settle on one location as opposed to others, Trinity, for its next church plant, wants first to find the man; then, in prayerful consultation with him, decide on the location. To this end, we are seeking a man for a one-year church planting fellowship, with a view to calling him as Assistant Pastor for Church Planting at the end of one year. Our thought is to hire a man concerning whom we have the highest hopes for the planting of a new church, but also to provide an opportunity for him to minister within the milieu of Southern New England and to demonstrate, to himself and to the Trinity Session, his suitability for the new work.

There is no shortage of strategic locations to plant new PCA churches. Several that come to mind are Newport, Warwick, and Attleboro. But we very deliberately want to rely on the insights and counsel of the church planting fellow in determining the site. This approach not only enables us to benefit from the man's investigative labors but also provides for the church planter's taking maximum ownership of the new work.

Responsibilities

While the fellowship will involve a range of ministerial responsibilities, one way to summarize the year is as follows:

1. *Acclimation*—to the cultures of Southern New England, ministry in Southern New England, and Trinity Presbyterian Church.



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2. *Articulation*—of a vision and plan for the establishment of a new PCA church.
3. *Identification*—of the best location.
4. *Cooperation*—with the Trinity staff, various lay leaders, and others who will be instrumental in the planting of a new church.
5. *Creation*—of a team of supporters outside of Trinity to provide significant financial support of the new church during its first five years.
6. *Preparation*—for the launch of the new church, Lord willing, in the Fall of 2009.

Requirements

1. A heart for and a sense of calling to ministry in New England.
2. The patience and resilience requisite for faithful church planting in New England.
3. Commitment to the core values of Trinity Presbyterian Church.
4. M.Div. or comparable theological degree (those near completion are welcome to apply).
5. Ordained or ordainable in the Presbyterian Church in America.
6. Assessment by MNA Assessment Center or its equivalent (may be fulfilled during the fellowship year).

Contact Information

If you are interested in pursuing this opportunity, please email *only* a cover letter and your resume to Rob Cox, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Discipleship, at pastorrob@trinitypresri.org. Rev. Cox also chairs the Missions Team of Southern New England Presbytery and should be able to answer any questions you may have.