**Ministry Discernment Profile**

**Church Leadership Connection ID #10322**

**Ministry General Information**

**Ministry Name**: Anchor of Hope and Galena Presbyterian Churches

**Presbytery**: Abingdon

**Synod**: Mid-Atlantic

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**Information about the Position**

**Position Type:** Pastor, Yoked Ministry (joined in heart and service since the late 1800’s)

**Experience Required**: No experience/First Ordained Call

**Employment Status:** Full-Time

**Language Requirement**: English

**Statement of Faith required?** Yes

**Are you open to a clergy couple**? Yes

**Compensation & Housing** $50,000

**Housing Type -** Manse

**Church Information**

**Anchor of Hope Presbyterian:**

**Community Type**: Rural

**Congregation or Organizational Size**: under 100 members

**Average Worship Attendance** 19

**Church School Curriculum**: non-published

**Church School Attendance**: 6+

**Intercultural Composition**: White 95%, Black/African American: 5%

**Church Mission/Vision Statement**: Our family-based and mission-oriented congregation is dedicated to bringing glory to God by valuing worship, fellowship, and service.

**Galena Presbyterian:**

**Community Type**: Rural

**Congregational or Organizational Size**: under 100 members

**Average Worship Attendance:** 15

**Church School Curriculum:** non-published

**Church School Attendance**: 6

**Intercultural Composition**: White 100%

**Church Mission/Vision Statement:** On Christ the solid rock we stand as a caring family of faith called to worship, pray, and serve.

**Ministry Requirements**

**Tasks, expectations, duties, supervision, assignments, and responsibilities for the position:**

* Lead worship and administer the sacraments
* Provide pastoral care for the congregation and for others who seek comfort and guidance
* Use current and new technology
* Officiate at weddings and funerals
* Serve as moderator of the session
* Assist committees in their ministry
* Advise the youth group
* Train new elders and provide communicants classes for those seeking membership
* Visit shut-ins or those in the hospital, taking communion to them as appropriate
* Participate in the activities of the activities of the presbytery

**Narratives**

**How would you describe the congregation’s/organization’s specific vision for ministry? How will this vision impact the community? Is the congregation part of a ministry vision or program?**

Anchor of Hope and Galena are family-based and mission-oriented congregations, dedicated to bringing glory to God through fellowship and service. We are caring congregations, joyfully bringing Christ to our families, friends, communities, and the world. We are committed to the values of love, mercy, and justice, offering a safe place of hope. Our churches are focused on a future where we continue to share the knowledge and love of Christ. We are becoming Matthew 25 churches.

**What is the nature and context of the community in which your congregation lives out its mission/vision? How will you address the emerging needs that are impacting your community?**

Anchor of Hope and Galena are small, country churches perfectly situated in a rural area but close to two major interstates. state parks, and the New River. On our doorsteps are those who suffer from hunger, loneliness, and poverty. Service to others is very important to our congregations, and we feel called to be the hands and feet of Christ in our communities. The programs we support such as “Meals by Faith” and “AGAPE” attest to our shared vision and sense of mission.

**How will this call help complement the responsibilities of other staff/volunteer positions, and the life of the congregation/organization, so that you may accomplish your short and long-term goals?**

We want to make sure our churches are viable and relevant; therefore, we are looking for a pastor who will collaborate and faithfully lead our congregations to bring Christ to our communities. It is important for the love of Jesus to be reflected in our worship services, mission-oriented activities, and the lives of our congregations. We are called to bring others into our fellowship of believers. Our pastor will lead us to reach our short and long-term goals for membership and ministry.

**Provide a description of the skills, gifts and training the person you hope will become a part of your ministry must have, to lead the congregation towards the vision and mission established.**

We are searching for a full-time pastor and faithful leader who has a clear, personal love for Jesus which is demonstrated through their leadership, worship services, and mission-oriented activities. The person who is called to our congregations will have a heart for small church ministry. They will be open and welcoming to everyone, accessible to members of the congregations and communities, with an ability to understand and communicate God’s word to our multi-generational congregations.

**What areas of ministry do you expect the person called to be responsible for? Share specific tasks, assignments, and programs.**

Our new pastor will lead worship and administer the sacraments, serve as moderator of the sessions, assist committees in their ministries, train and support elders, and officiate at weddings and funerals as requested. The person we call will provide pastoral care for the congregations and all who seek comfort and guidance through the church. They will visit our shut-ins and those in hospital, taking communion to them as appropriate. Our new pastor will participate actively in our presbytery.

**Optional Links**

Church Website – <http://anchorofhopeandgalenachurches.com/>

Abingdon Presbytery Website – www.abingdonpresbytery.org

Also in our area:

**Parks and Recreation:**

[New River Trail State Park (virginia.gov)](https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/new-river-trail)

[Claytor Lake State Park (virginia.gov)](https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/claytor-lake)

[Hungry Mother State Park (virginia.gov)](https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/hungry-mother)

[Town of Wytheville :: Parks & Recreation :: Home](http://rec.wytheville.org/)

[Pulaski County (pulaskicountyparksandrec.org)](http://pulaskicountyparksandrec.org/)

**Museums:**

Edith Bowling Wilson Birthplace Museum

[Town of Wytheville :: Wytheville Museums :: Home](https://museums.wytheville.org/)

[Wilderness](https://www.bing.com/alink/link?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.wildernessroadregionalmuseum.com%2f&source=serp-local&h=BKzcZU0bW3cTxCxax1B927Q2MmcmwBbukY1LyCXyF%2bc%3d&p=lw_wftpt&ig=6DCDAABBEA4E4C95876B54539D935462&ypid=YN906x241357009) Road Regional Museum, Dublin, VA

**Colleges:**

Wytheville Community College

Radford University

Virginia Tech University

**References**

1. Rev. Hugh Matlack, interim pastor

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1. Mr. Billy Rice, friend of the church and Executive Director of the Children’s Home of the Highlands

276-228-2861

<https://www.pchh.org>

1. Rev. Dr. Cindy Privette, former pastor

276-920-4286

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