

December 19, 2006

RE: Youth and Family Ministry Position(s)

Youth Minister Search Committee
Dalton Gardens church of Christ
6439 North 4th St
Dalton Gardens, ID 83815

Dear Youth Minister Search Committee:

Our attention was first drawn to this position about six weeks ago, when Allison emailed me the details of your listing with the Lipscomb University Career Center—along with information on a couple of other opportunities. I was intrigued by the listing, and immediately started digging through your website and finding more information about Coeur d'Alene. I listened to all of Michael's sermons since he was hired, as well as sermons preached by a couple of other members of the church. At this point, I was very excited about the prospect of working with you, but wanted to give the idea and emotions some time to percolate and better determine if there was a spiritual urging behind my excitement.

Friday, I continued to hear the voice of God calling to me, and shared with Allison what I had been feeling for the past couple of days and told her that I thought we should apply. She suggested that I call and see if the position was even still available, and if it was, we would get to work on our résumés. I called and spoke briefly with Michael that afternoon; he confirmed that the position was open, that you were looking for a person or people who were the "right fit," and able to undertake a variety of tasks, but that the church was taking a break from their search until the first of the year.

Over the several weeks between then and now, I have listened to the last three years' sermons, researched more about Coeur d'Alene—seeking to learn something more about your family, your experience, and your history. We have spent hours in prayer for, meditation about and imagination of life in ministry with you. Allison and I have shared our excitement with our families, our closest friends and our respected Brothers and Sisters whom we have asked to serve as references, speaking to you on our behalf. Our excitement about working and being with you continues unabashed and unabated, and we are eager to meet you! You will find each of our résumés enclosed, and a bit of factual material follows below.

I (Patrick) am 26 years old and Allison is 21. We have dated for a little more than three years and are engaged to be married in Nashville on June 16, 2007—that will be 1372 days since we met. Allison graduates from Lipscomb University in May, 2007 and I graduated in 2004. Allison's courses will keep her in Nashville until she graduates, but I am able (thanks to some changes to my employment) and willing to come to you quickly, if you choose to have us join you in labor for our Lord.

We have a passion and calling for living a love that grows, matures and encourages the body of Christ, sharing the transformative Good News of Jesus Christ with those who are Lost without Him, in a language they can understand. We want to partner with you in building up the family of God against the invading brokenness of our world. We want to join, assist and lead you in helping the Lost find Light and Life in Jesus.

Sincerely,

Patrick Ford & Allison Hubbard

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