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Greetings!

Having grown up as a Presbyterian in the Chicago area, it is with great joy that I am able to serve the Presbytery of Chicago as Interim Executive Director for Presbyterian Camps. Serving our Lord in this capacity for all of you in the Presbytery is a unique and special calling, and I am both excited and humbled by the opportunity. I have participated in camping in various capacities, both as a camper and as a leader with the Boy Scouts of America for over four decades.

I have enjoyed a career working in partnership with corporations (serving in staff as well as independent consulting positions), organizations and municipalities for over twenty-five years. My life's work to date has included management, strategic marketing, creative consulting and tactical execution for a wide range of organizations including, but not limited to AT&T, ABB Lummus Global Engineering, Viacom, the Bank of New York, Cadbury Schweppes, Rockefeller Center, the Hearst Corporation, The City of New York, Dun & Bradstreet, PNC/First Fidelity Banks, The Genesis Group, Group W Broadcasting, Godiva Chocolatier, Minolta Corp, Warner Communications and Waterford Crystal.

With a parallel history of dedication to the mission of non-profit organizations, I have considered it my calling to offer up to the Lord a portion of my life's work in serving organizations like the American Lung Association, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, the Presbyterian Church (USA), Habitat for Humanity, Resthaven Care Community, Good Samaritan Ministries, the Holland/Zeeland Community Foundation and Holland Hospital.

I have had the honor to serve on the boards of Habitat for Humanity, Newark, NJ, the Mental Health Resource Center of New Jersey, the Civic Conference Committee, and the Glen Ridge (NJ) Ambulance and Rescue Squad. As a transplant to Michigan in 1996, my service has included time as Laketown Township Parks Commissioner and Parks Board Treasurer, Cub Scoutmaster (Gerald Ford Council) of the Boy Scouts of America, Macatawa Area Community Media, and the Holland, MI Rotary AM (PR director and President-elect). I am also active in Rotary International Central States Youth Exchange Program. We have hosted kids in our home from Brazil, Finland, and Turkey to Japan and Siberia.

I served as an elder at Grace Presbyterian Church in Montclair, NJ where I was involved in membership development as well as chairing the missions committee. I have taught Sunday school and led youth group programs for over twenty years. I currently participate on a praise and worship team at our neighborhood Central Park Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan. I have served as a member of the church's construction committee, and recently completed our work in providing stewardship, oversight and project management for the design and construction of a \$1.4 million activity center addition. From 2002-2007, I served as Cubmaster for local Cub Scout Pack 3030, and have served on various pack and Council committees. As a scout leader, shepherding our Cub Scouts to camps for a number of years, camping has become a part of my DNA.

As an avid sports enthusiast (Cubs, Bulls, Bears, Hawks, *and* White Sox) and participant, I have helped coach kids' local little league teams off and on for two decades. I am fervently looking forward to a Cubs World Series Championship in the fall of '09. If that fails, then a Sox World Series repeat will do just fine!

My most significant accomplishment to date is my marriage to a Jersey girl, April Lindner Beattie (we met at a Presbyterian church) and our three talented and gifted children: Austin, 19, Devin, 14, and Martha, 9.

Please feel free to call or email me at the camp. I look forward to your input. Together, we can make this one of the best summers to date at the Presbyterian Camps!

Yours in Christ,

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