

## MEET THE PERSON THAT YOUR FIRSTCOAST MCC PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE IS PRESENTING TO YOU AS OUR SENIOR PASTOR CANDIDATE

Many of you have heard him preach for when he helped fill our pulpit during the past several months and have met his wife. May we present to you, again, [the Rev. Brendan Y. Boone \(and Sandra\)](#), as our Senior Pastor candidate.



When asked **WHAT ARE YOUR GREATEST JOYS** his first response was: **“Being married to Sandra”**

How does Rev. Brendan Boone fit the Pastor Profile created with the results of the Congregational Survey you participated in? We’d love to answer that question for you.

**From the survey:** A majority of our congregation is looking for:

### 1. A FULL TIME PASTOR THAT BRINGS WITH THEM A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE:



- ✚ Rev. Brendan was ordained in MCC in 1997. He served as the Senior Pastor at St. John’s MCC in Raleigh, NC from 2001 – 2015. His duties included: “Lead Disciple/Servant, Vision-Casting, Preaching, Teaching, Pastoral Care, Personnel Director, Public and Community Relations, Community Activist, Leadership Training, Orientation and Consultation for Lay Ministers and Clergy Candidates.”
- ✚ He was the Assistant Pastor for Education and Training at MCC of Washington, D.C. from 1998-2000. There his duties included: “Overall responsibility for the entire

education program of the congregation... providing complete oversight, supervision and planning for the education and training program of the church, providing an annual plan for education and training, arranging for and providing training opportunities for leaders and potential leaders, providing oversight and supervision of the small group ministry, as well as providing both pastoral and professional leadership for the above.”

- ✚ He has also been the Pastoral Assistant at MCC of Washington, D.C. from 1997-1998. “Preaching, Teaching, Worship Coordination for Morning and Evening Services, Mid-Week Service Leader (as scheduled), and all other duties as assigned by the Senior Pastor.”
- ✚ From 1984 to present, Rev. Brendan has been a member of MCC churches in Virginia, Washington, D.C. and North Carolina. During those years he’s been involved as a Lay Delegate, Deacon, Clergy Delegate, Cluster/Network Team Leader, MCC General Conference Security Team, Active member of People of African Descent (PAD), Graduate of Train the Trainer for CLM (Creating a Life that Matters), and much more.



“Humbling moments happen every day”

## 2. SOMEONE WHO PREACHES OFF-THE-CUFF:



- ✚ When asked his preaching style, Reverend Boone stated:  
“I am a product of the African-American religious tradition. My preaching ‘style’ takes on that flavor for the most part. Understanding that to be the case, I am also clear, the preaching ‘moment’ at times will be more of a teaching than preaching, more prophetic than (sic) proclamation, more evangelistic in nature than in the traditional proclamation of the word”.

- ✚ Examples of Reverend Brendan Boone Preaching:
  - At FirstCoast MCC: <http://www.firstcoastmcc.org> under the Pastoral Search Tab
  - Many Voices Video Campaign: <https://youtu.be/0B784F2I254>. This campaign was created to show the presence of Black, Gay and Transgender Christians within The Church. Reverend Brendan Boone is one of those people interviewed.
  - Celebration Service 9/8/13: <https://youtu.be/UZxl4EXed9k>.
  - Jubilation Service 1/19/14: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45l6RBCdial>.



**3. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THE CANDIDATE IS A PERSON THAT WILL BE INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SUNDAY SERVICE AND, NOT ONLY REPRESENT FIRSTCOAST MCC, BUT ALSO THE LGBTQIA COMMUNITY.**



Rev. Boone has been involved in multiple community organizations outside of the church. For example:

- ✚ Former Member, Board of Directors, Alliance of AIDS Services
- ✚ Former Member, Triangle Family Services (TFS) Youth Programming
- ✚ Collaborative for L/B/G/T Youth of Wake County
- ✚ Former Member, Executive Committee, Chaplain's Cooperative Ministry (CCM) of North Carolina State University.
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- + Past Member, Economic Justice Committee of North Carolina Council of Churches
- + Former Member, Board of Directors, Triangle Interfaith Alliance
- + Past Member, “Let Justice Roll: Faith and Community Groups Against Poverty” Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

From his application:

- + Brendan lists “Public and Community Relations, Community Activist” in his job duties at St. John’s MCC.

From his interviews:

- + Rev. Brendan told a story of an orphanage for high school kids. Someone came to him with a need for them. Christmas was coming and these children weren’t going to get anything, but they had a lot of need for socks, toiletries, etc. His church filled the need and he was able to deliver a truck full of items to the orphanage. **“If a need comes to us it’s incumbent upon us to fill it.”**
- + “I believe myself to be a Christian minister with an interfaith emphasis”
- + Link that you might be interested in: <https://www.believeoutloud.com/latest/meet-the-bloggers/rev.+brendan+y.+boone>.



**4. NEEDS TO SHOW LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND, UPON APPOINTMENT, BECOMES VERY INVOLVED WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND HELPS GUIDE AND DEVELOP THE BOARD:**



- + Rev. Brendan has continually demonstrated his leadership skills throughout his tenure with MCC. To name a few, he has been a Lay Delegate and Deacon at

New Life MCC of Hampton Roads in Virginia, Co-coordinator of People of Color Ministry of MCC of Northern Virginia, Cluster/Network Team Leader at MCC Carolinas/Eastern Tennessee Network, and Coordinator of MCC Carolinas Senior Pastor's Monthly Connection.

- ✚ One of Brendan's Spiritual Gifts is **Leadership**.
- ✚ Brendan describes his style of leadership as "**Servant-Leader** in a collaborative work framework".
- ✚ Quotes from his references:
  - "He is a servant leader in that he leads by example"
  - "I would describe it as strategic and transformational team-building"
  - Rev. Brendan has the ability and flexibility to adapt different Leadership styles based on the situation(s)"
- ✚ Since the Board is "tasked with the administrative and fiduciary affairs of the church", he hopes his relationship with the members will be a "team based approach", understanding that "all have a vested interest in the success of the local church, it's ministers (lay and clergy) and ministries in its work and witness, both in the church and in the community".
- ✚ He feels the acronym **TEAM** says it best: **Together Everyone Achieves More.**
- ✚ Rev. Brendan also hopes that his relationships "would model and encourage the importance of the servant-leadership model of ministry".
- ✚ In terms of development: He believes in the use of Spiritual Gifts Inventories. They help assure that we're "on the right seat on the bus".



**5. THEY NEED TO BE ENERGETIC AND THE MOST IMPORTANT SKILLS THEY NEED TO POSSESS ARE TEACHING, SPIRITUAL COUNSELING, PREACHING, AND THE ABILITY TO GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM:**



- ✚ **Energy:** “I find energy and great joy with individuals who want to live out their relationship with God.” He also gets energy from the beach, a favorite place to be.
- ✚ **Spiritual Gifts:** “Pastor, Shepherd, **Preacher, Teacher**, Leadership, Evangelist, Healing, **Wisdom, Exhortation, Discernment**, Intercessory Prayer, Writing, Service, Prophecy, Helps, Mercy”
- ✚ **Preaching and teaching** are listed in his duties as Senior Pastor at St. John’s MCC, as Assistant Pastor and Pastoral Assistant at MCC at Washington, D.C.
- ✚ In terms of **Constructive Criticism:**
  - “Rev. Boone tries to find the “win-win” in every conflict when possible. If there is compromise or a bad outcome, he will work to make sure there is still love and respect present. While observing a church conflict, Rev. Boone remains focused and very loving and respectful throughout the process.”
  - In receiving constructive criticism, a fellow pastor has said, “Brendan takes it to heart. He receives it as an attempt to help and encourage him”.
  - In the first interview Rev. Brendan said it’s necessary to grow; he would rather it be a conversation, not a text or email.
- ✚ **Spiritual Counseling:** From the second interview, “MCC pastors do not offer counseling (period). That is against our bylaws...spiritual direction, spiritual conversation, absolutely. I do that all day long.” “In terms of outsourcing and referrals, I have no problem doing that.”
- ✚ His peer references consistently used **Spiritual Mentoring and teaching** to describe Rev. Brendan’s strengths.

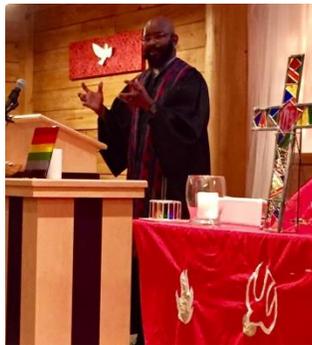
## 6. BONUS INFO:



- ✚ <https://gognotes.com/27231/pastor-leads-church-in-growth-and-change/>.
- ✚ The areas of ministry that Reverend Boone finds most satisfying are:

“Preaching, teaching, mentoring, being ‘Jesus with skin on’ to others, particularly among the least, the last and the lost and watching people grow in their relationship with God”

- ✚ Interests include: church ministry, photography, athletics, writing prose and poetry, music, singing, nature, and.....you'll have to get to know him to find out more.
- ✚ A goal: Write a book
- ✚ Key points from references:
  - “Rev. Brendan is a good leader. An excellent teacher and loving husband. To (sic) me he is Jesus with skin on”.
  - “Rev. Boone is a man of his word. He is very direct in a loving way. I have been with him throughout his process of transition and through it all he has remained a man of integrity. I have never had to worry who he is when no one is looking; which is a sign of good character”.
  - “If you want truth spoken in love, counsel based on Scripture, and a pastor who will love and grow with you, you would be wise to select Rev. Brendan Boone”.
  - “He is your next Pastor ... hear it, believe it, and receive it!”



**Rev. Brendan Y. Boone**