

The Public Church Lead Pastor (Bi Vocational) 20 hours a week

The Public Church (Formerly City Center Church) has a 19 year history of innovative and creative ministry. Starting from University Campus ministry and moving into a rented theatre, Public Church has always looked forward to doing whatever it takes to reach people who are far from God.

After 2 years online, the Public Church rebranded and re-opened on Whyte Avenue with a desire to be a lighthouse for the 10,000 residents in Old Strathcona. Our message is one of love, acceptance and forgiveness. We want everyone to know the life-changing power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We currently meet at The Foundry Room which is a bar / wedding venue above an ice cream shop. We've adopted a coffee house style model of gathering with an emphasis towards discussion. It's like "Alpha" meets Sunday morning. The congregation are the primary "preachers" as they participate in guided discussion which involves us reading scripture and asking "what does it say?", "what does it mean?" and, 'what are we going to do about it?' Those familiar with a DMM style of ministry would resonate with this model.

As a small church (30+ in attendance), we make every effort to make a big impact in our community through our generosity projects as well as our commitment to give a significant portion of our income to global and local mission. We form relationships with schools and businesses in our community with the hopes of building bridges of connection that will result in people making decisions to follow Jesus.

Whyte Avenue and Old Strathcona is a multi-diverse community of students, seniors, singles, and families. There is an incredible opportunity to be a positive voice and example of a credible faith in a credible Christ in this eclectic region of the city. Ministry will need to look different and the language we use will need to reflect the culture that surrounds us. The gospel never changes but our methods must change constantly.

At this stage in our journey, we are seeking a bi-vocational pastor (20 hours per week) that will help build the church and ministry into the community and make disciples who make disciples.

Who You Are

- A disciple maker with innovative and creative skills to rally the congregation to reach those who are not yet a part of the kingdom
- A highly relational leader who loves people and can motivate them to action
- An effective administrator who can get the small details handled and can manage the realities of being a portable church.
- Someone with a deep love for Jesus and the church and a desire for unity, authenticity, biblical fluency, and community
- Able to manage a bi-vocational ministry.

- An out of the box thinker with a missional mindset and a developer of people.

What You Would Do

- Manage the marketing / promotions of the church including social media and other means
- Coordinate the weekly gatherings including kids, music, hospitality and message preparation.
- Coordinate serve teams and volunteer training
- Coordinate outreaches into the community and building bridges of relationship with other community partners in the area
- Oversee the spiritual temperature of the congregation and regularly pray for and with them
- Lead and develop leaders in the church in the various aspects of the ministry.
- Develop and organize spirit-led strategies that will be used to activate the church in ministry and reach more people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This position is bi-vocational which means:

- You will need to have another job that will support you and your family as you serve in this capacity
- You could be a business person or a community support worker or a teacher or ??? anyone with a heart and call into vocational ministry. You may not necessarily have trained to be a pastor.
- You have flexibility in your other job that allows you to invest time and energy into this ministry at least 3 out of 4 weekends a month and 20 hours per week.
- You are committed to the growth of the church and the value of reaching lost people more than you are committed to becoming full time at the church.
- You think outside the box and are willing to reframe what “church” could look like in this highly diverse community.

If you're interested, please forward a copy of your resume as well as a cover letter explaining who you are and why you'd like to be considered for this position. If you have a philosophy of ministry, please include that as well.

Deadline to apply is February 1, 2024

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Pastoral Search Team