

Church of the Good Shepherd Pastor of Young Families and Single Adults

The City of St. Catharines, Ontario with a population of approximately 132,000 is the largest city in the Niagara Region and conveniently located between the Greater Toronto area and the Fort-Erie Buffalo metropolitan area. According to the 2006 statistics there are 37,184 households, of which 30,909 are family households with an average of 2.9 persons per family. Approximately 51,500 persons are between the ages of 15 - 44; approximately 22,145 are children up to the age of 14, approximately 18,280 range between 45 - 54 with the balance 65+. St. Catharines also boasts several schools of higher learning, including Brock University, Niagara College a number of private technical schools.

Church of the Good Shepherd, a member of the Anglican Network in Canada, located here in the heart of the Niagara Region has an opening for a pastor of young families and singles. Ideally, the person would be ordained or working towards ordination. Your role will be to develop and grow two key constituencies of our congregation - specifically to grow a ministry to young married couples in their twenties and thirties, with or without children and also young singles primarily in their 20's, 30's and early 40's.

Currently, this is a part-time position, leading, we pray, to a full time ministry. There is significant pastoral assistance within the congregation to support a young pastor.

Attached is a position description and general outline of responsibilities. If you discern the Lord's calling to this opportunity, please contact us at:

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On behalf of the Rector and Corporation.

Pastor of Young Families and Singles Position Description

1. Position Purpose

The purpose of a Pastor of Young Families and Singles is to provide vision and practical leadership to two key congregational constituencies, Young Married Couples and Families in their twenties and thirties, with or without children and singles primarily in their twenties, thirties and early 40's. The goal is to attract people who do not yet know Christ as Saviour, will come to know Christ as Saviour and be disciplined in God's Word for service, family life and outreach, so that in all things Christ might have preeminence.

2. Position Summary

Under the direction of the Rector and as a team member you will:

i. Young Families

- i. Develop and execute strategy to involve the community in service and outreach.
- ii. Develop and integrate strategy to integrate into the larger community.
- iii. Ensure in-depth teaching of God's Word and practical Biblical life principles within the Young Families community.
- iv. Identify, equip and deploy leaders in teaching discipleship and small group roles.
- v. Shepherd the community – evangelism, discipleship and encouragement.
- vi. Involve young families in ministering to young singles.

ii. Single Adults

- i. Develop and execute strategy to develop a sense of community and connection within the Singles group.
- ii. Develop and integrate strategy to integrate into the larger community.
- iii. Ensure in-depth teaching of God's Word and practical Biblical life principles.
- iv. Identify, equip and deploy leaders in teaching, discipleship and small group roles.
- v. Develop and execute strategy and tactics to assimilate and disciple new young families, consistent with spiritual state and maturity.
- vi. Shepherd the community – evangelism, discipleship and encouragement.

3. General

- i. General pastoral duties and assigned special projects.

4. Personal Commitments

- i. Demonstrates a strong passion to see the church grow and be taught the Word of God so that they might grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- ii. Have a pastoral heart that is spiritually mature, pursuing a ministry of sensitivity and compassion to others built on prayer and the Word.
- iii. Strong Biblical Teacher
- iv. Demonstrated strong, solid family life and commitment and to maintain that as priority of ministry.

5. Required Skills/Abilities

- i. Capable of providing a full range of pastoral services, including administration of sacraments (or progressing toward ordination)
- ii. Doctrinally solid with the ability to lead people to maturity in Christ
- iii. Team player capable of equipping others to use their gifts both in the church and to reach the wider community.
- iv. Committed to the foundational teachings of the Anglican Network in Canada

6. Education/Training

- i. Masters of Divinity preferred (or working towards degree).
- ii. Experience working with young families and/or young singles.