

Ministry Position Available

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Colorado Springs, Colorado
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First Christian Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is seeking an Associate Minister. Funding for this position is for three years, with a possibility of renewal. The Associate Minister will report to the Senior Minister and will have the following emphases as part of his or her work:

1. Visitor and prospective member cultivation and follow-up; training church members to do such follow-up as well. Organizing an effective system for visitor follow-up and new member assimilation.
2. In conjunction with other pastoral staff and the Elders, responsibility for ensuring that shut-ins and hospitalized are appropriately cared for. Organizing ongoing training for a "visitation ministry" that can complement that of the Elders and other pastoral staff; training interested persons to be a part of that ministry.
3. General pastoral duties, including regular worship participation and occasional preaching, under the oversight of the senior pastor.
4. Staff the Adult Education/Spiritual Development ministries and effectively recruit teachers and others for an ongoing variety of adult educational experiences.
5. Have primary staff responsibility for ministry to children and their parents; creating, overseeing and promoting a vital children's ministry. Effectively work recruit, motivate, train, and oversee volunteers for children's ministry (which will include such tasks as identifying and training volunteer Sunday School/Children's Church teachers, administering schedules, getting to know parents of children, being responsible for the operation of the church nursery on Sunday mornings (including being the direct supervisor of the nursery director) and at other times, staying aware of "best practices" for church nurseries and bringing deficiencies or needs to the attention of the Senior Pastor and leadership of the church, becoming familiar with First Christian Church's "Nursery Policies and Procedures" and following them).
6. Excitement about the Mission and Vision Statement of First Christian Church; an understanding of the important trends in the relationship of church and culture (e.g., the writings of folks like George Bullard and Bill Easum) and the "end of Christendom." An understanding of churches (e.g., the works of Alice Mann) which are seeking to move from "pastoral" to "program-sized."
7. Other duties as assigned.

Qualities Needed

1. Very proficient with computer technology including Powerpoint, MS Word/Excel, web publishing, Facebook and other social media, etc. Demonstrated adeptness at using social media in ministry.
2. Proven high degree of administrative gifts for organization, follow-through, and follow-up. Proven ability to recruit and motivate volunteers in a congregational setting.
3. Understanding of and commitment to being part of a team of staff and lay leaders with a strong commitment to growing the church in spiritual depth and participants – that we may better serve the mission that God is calling us to do.
4. Experience with larger and/or urban churches desirable.
5. Experience with working in multi-staff situations is desirable.
6. Essential – deep and evident spirituality and faith in God through Christ, habits and practices of prayer and personal Bible and theological study.
7. Familiarity with contemporary/recent Christian music and video, as well as curricular, media, computer and other resources for children’s ministry and Christian education.
8. Ability to effectively staff committees and ministry teams.
9. Desirable – experience with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
10. Ordained or licensed ministerial standing (or approved or eligible for such standing) in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Start date: As soon as mutually agreeable.

Remuneration: Mid-\$30,000s (plus auto/professional/continuing education expenses, single-person medical, and Pension Fund dues)

NOTE: There is the possibility that a one-bedroom apartment in the church (not handicap accessible and on the third floor of an elevator-less building) might be available. If this were to be the case, cash compensation would be adjusted accordingly to reflect the fair rental value of that apartment and its included utilities.

Send general inquires/questions (email strongly preferred) to Chuck Blaisdell, Senior Pastor, First Christian Church at chuck@blaisdells.net

Submit Search and Call Profile to the José Morales, Transitional Regional Minister, Central Rocky Mountain Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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