

Pastoral Visitor @ St. Andrew's Guelph



St. Andrew's Guelph, a caring community congregation in downtown Guelph is seeking a compassionate Christian with the gifts of pastoral visitation to build spiritually caring relationships with our senior and shut-in members. We have identified approximately fifty (50) senior members of our congregation who are no longer able to attend regular worship and participate fully in our community. The role of the part-time Pastoral Visitor at St. Andrew's Guelph would be to act as the bridge of our Church to these persons – to pray with them, read Scripture, listen to their stories, and offer care and concern in the name of Jesus Christ.

Desired Qualifications:

- A follower of Jesus with a love for people;
- A caring person with a desire to serve older adults;
- A very good listener;
- An individual with a collaborative personality;
- Someone with experience engaging in work and ministry with older adults;
- Familiarity with the Reformed tradition (experience with The Presbyterian Church in Canada would be an asset but not required);
- Training in pastoral ministry/pastoral care;
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively with other staff and committee members;
- Ability to travel to visit individuals in homes and other settings;
- Satisfactory clearance of a vulnerable sector police check.

The ideal candidate for the position of Pastoral Visitor could be:

- An ordained minister seeking a very part-time role in a church setting;
- A retired ordained minister;
- A student minister;
- A compassionate follower of Jesus with relevant experience working with older adults.

Duties and Responsibilities

- To personally visit senior and shut-in members of our congregation on a regular basis (at least quarterly);
 - Due to the limited time allocated to this position, whose main purpose is to visit and build relationships with shut-ins, the priorities will be determined through conversations with the Congregational Care Committee;

- To maintain regular connection and relationship with senior and shut-in members of our congregation through phone calls, email, social media and regular mail;
- As needed, to visit senior members in hospital, rehabilitation centres, and palliative settings in coordination with our Minister;
- To keep in regular contact with our Minister as to needs or crises;
- Depending upon giftedness or comfort level, share with our Minister in hosting worship services held regularly in various retirement and nursing homes in our community;
- To attend monthly Congregational Care Committee meetings;
- To attend at least a few Sunday morning worship services throughout the year at St. Andrew's in order to connect with the rest of our congregation;
 - and if possible, occasionally lead or participate in worship and/or provide pulpit supply if our Minister was away (additional compensation would be provided for any pulpit supply at the standard rates of The Presbyterian Church in Canada);
- To encourage our leadership to be open to new and alternative ways of ministering to older adults in our congregation and beyond our walls.

Reporting Relationship:

The Pastoral Visitor will report to the Congregational Care Committee and will be accountable to the Session through the Minister and the Human Resources Committee.

Commitment and Compensation:

The Pastoral Visitor is expected to work **eight (8) hours per week**.

Pay Range: \$25 – 27/hour.

The Pastoral Visitor will be a contract position with an annual, renewable contract and four weeks unpaid vacation per year.

As the position is under twenty (20) hours per week, benefits will not be paid.

Mileage will be paid at CRA Standard Rate (2019) \$0.58/km for the first 5000 kilometers and then \$0.52/km after that. Mileage must be logged, approved by the Minister, and submitted bi-weekly.

To Apply:

Please submit a resume and cover letter to **nicki [at] jrgconsulting [dot] com**. To learn more about St. Andrew's Guelph, please visit our website: www.standrewsguelph.com. Note that only those applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls, please.