

## CBOQ Job Posting Submission

Church or Ministry	First Baptist Church, Oshawa					
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Ministry Website	fbcoshawa.org					
Address	812 Hortop St., Oshawa, ON L1G 4P1					
Job Title	New Community Church Planting Pastor					
Job Type	Full-time		Part-time	x	If PT, # of hours per week	24
Permanent	Yes (6 mo. Probation period) Annual Review		Job Language (e.g., English, Spanish):		English	
Posting end date	August 17, 2018					
<b>Brief Job Description</b>						
<p><b>Do you have a great vision for bringing currently unchurched young adults, youth and young families to know Christ? Do you have a gift to build a new, healthy congregation in the existing church building and do great work in the community of Oshawa? Are you creative? Do you have energy and excitement about ministry? We know God has the right person to join us in this venture, to build a new community church founded on the CBOQ values. Are you up for the challenge? If so, please include with your application a brief description of why this calling appeals to you, along with a brief description of your vision, steps and timeline.</b></p>						
<b>Overview of Church and Community (recommended)</b>						
<p>First Baptist Church, Oshawa is 147 years old. At present 40 – 60 attend traditional Sunday services in the large sanctuary, followed by coffee and conversation in the lower auditorium. The majority are seniors. As our membership declined, so also did our finances. Two years ago the congregation came together to discuss the situation and embraced a plan for the future. We have achieved a balanced budget and approved the Salt and Light Action Plan for the future. We seek God's lead in hiring someone to plant a new community church in FBC where young families, youth and young adults will be drawn to accept the invitation to know God, His message and His plans for their lives.</p> <p>More information about FBC is available on the website: <a href="http://www.fbcoshawa.org">www.fbcoshawa.org</a></p>						
<b>Role and Responsibilities</b>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant a new community church in the FBC, Oshawa building</li> <li>• Position responsibilities can be tailored to an individual candidate's gifts and skills</li> <li>• Collaboratively develop, nurture, and communicate the vision and ministry strategy of the new plant with the Board of Deacons and members of the current congregation</li> <li>• Develop creative, strategic plans and yearly ministry action plans to accomplish the plant's mission in consultation with the Board of Deacons and members of the current congregation</li> <li>• Build and develop a planting launch team comprised of members from FBC and possibly other CBOQ churches in the community</li> <li>• Champion Leadership Development, and develop and implement a Baptist community-wide Leadership Development Plan</li> </ul>						

- Serve as the Pastor and Leader of the plant
- Collect and celebrate faith stories and shared experiences from the congregation to share during worship services (“we value what we celebrate”)
- Develop and lead team to provide initial contact and follow-up with visitors and new attendees
- The responsibilities and time commitment for the position will grow as the membership grows. In time the new community church will be self sustaining. The existing congregation and the new community church will collaborate to make decisions on resources and plans of shared interest.
- Initially a part-time position, with expectation to grow through grants available from CBOQ and through increased membership and financial contributions of new community church plant.

#### General Responsibilities

- Pastoring the youth and their families in our Oshawa community.
- Creating new and exciting ways to reach the youth and young families of Oshawa for Christ
- Providing leadership to a new group of Christians.
- Being creative in implementing new strategies in the church.
- Reach a largely unchurched population of people
- Lead and serve in a spirit of cooperation and collaboration with the entire leadership of FBC
- Provide pastoral care (prayer, counseling, encouragement, etc.)
- Participate as a leader and pastor in FBC Events in the event of the minister’s absence
- Officiate weddings, funerals, baptisms, communion

#### Qualifications and Education Requirements

- CBOQ credentials or equivalent, or in the process
- Master of Divinity degree from an accredited seminary
- Excellent communication skills - oral and written
- Well developed computer skills
- Good time management skills

#### Preferred Skills

While we recognize that no one person can possess all of these strengths, we believe a church planter will naturally exhibit many of these:

#### **1. Visioning Capacity**

The ability to imagine the future, to persuade other persons to become involved in that dream, and to bring the vision into reality.

#### **2. Intrinsically Motivated**

One approaches ministry as a self-starter, and commits to excellence through hard work and determination.

#### **3. Creates Ownership of Ministry**

One who instills in others a sense of personal responsibility for the growth and success of the ministry and trains leaders to reproduce other leaders.

#### **4. One Who Relates to Unchurched Youth, Young Adults and Families**

One who develops rapport and breaks through barriers with unchurched people, encouraging them to commit to practicing the way of Jesus.

### **5. Effectively Builds Relationships**

The skill to take initiative in meeting people and deepening relationships as a basis for more effective ministry.

### **6. Responsiveness to the Community**

The ability to adapt one's ministry to culture and needs of the target area residents.

### **7. Utilization of Other's Giftedness**

The ability to equip and release other people to minister on the basis of their spiritual gifts.

### **8. Flexibility and Adaptability**

The capacity to adjust to change and ambiguity, shifting priorities when necessary, and handle multiple tasks at the same time.

### **9. Builds Group Cohesiveness**

One who enables the group to work collaboratively toward common goals, and who skilfully manages disunifying elements.

### **10. Resilience**

The ability to sustain emotional equilibrium in the midst of setbacks, losses and failures.

### **11. Exercises Faith**

The capacity to trust God boldly in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, believing Him to accomplish the humanly impossible.

#### **Contact Information**

**Candidates interested in applying for this position of community pastor are asked to send a resume and covering letter to: [fbcoshawa@rogers.com](mailto:fbcoshawa@rogers.com). In the cover letter, candidates are asked to detail their call to ministry and what about this role of planting a community church appeals to them. A brief description of your vision, steps and timeline for planting the community church is to be included with your application.**

**Candidates applying for this position are required to agree with the CBOQ core values and be willing to sign a covenant agreement which sets out a statement of ethical pastoral conduct.**

First Baptist Church, Oshawa welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

#### **Other Information**

**Like most church plants, this position is largely a support raised position. FBC partners with great organizations which will assist with church planting. We are affiliated with the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ) and the Trent Valley Association of Baptist Churches (TVA). Additional funds are available through grants from CBOQ and TVA.**

**IMPORTANT: The Leadership of FBC believes this will be a full-time salaried position in the future. We know God has the right person to place with us to help us grow FBC to its fullest potential in sharing the Good News of God's Kingdom with youth and young families in Oshawa. The right person will be a huge asset to us in reaching this goal. Are you up for the challenge?**

