

Winfield Community Church Lake Country, BC

Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada

Pastoral Call

The Opportunity:

Winfield Community Church is a small church, both in facility size, and in membership and attendance. It is therefore expected that the role of the Pastor will include a variety of responsibilities. We, the Church Board, realize that how a Pastor implements his role will be determined partly by the gifts he has been given by God or the skills he has developed. There will need to be some flexibility and negotiation as we find the appropriate role for everyone in a church.

The Role of the Pastor:

The following items indicate the expectations for a Pastor of our church in order to ensure a successful ministry.

Spiritual Ministry

- be an example of spiritual, righteous living
- guide people individually in their spiritual lives as needed
- bring the Sunday morning Worship Service sermon
- lead some Bible studies
- be a care giver of the spiritual and emotional well-being of the church people
- pray regularly for the church and its people
- promote spirituality.

Leadership

- have a vision for the ministry of this church
- work toward that vision, and include others in the passion for the church's ministry
- prepare, train, and support church leaders

Church Programs

- participate in or lead church events
- work with others to plan new church events and programs
- work with the Church Board to ensure that church programs are supported and lead
- communicate with the Music Director, Board Chair, and others to plan programs
- instigate new programming as appropriate to provide variety over time and to meet changing needs

Outreach

- meet new people in the community
- participate in the community, representing our church
- plan events that are outreach in nature
- communicate and advertise the church events externally into the community
- make specific invitations to the church

Communication

- communicate with everyone in an open manner

- ensure good communication amongst various church groups
- provide a means for people to contact you
- have regular, designated office hours

Organization – Practical

- perform day-to-day administrative tasks
- manage the church mail, telephone messages, email, website, and other means of communication
- maintain the parsonage and yard
- keep up-to-date technologically
- keep up-to-date by knowing denominational requirements.

Qualifications:

Applicants will ideally have a minimum of a Bachelors Degree in Theology or equivalent, EMCC credentials, and a minimum of 5 years experience in a Pastor role.

How to Apply:

Please send your full resume and letter of intent to: Jonathan Cone, search committee chair, at jonathan.cone@kempharvey.com no later than March 1, 2019.

Additional Notes:

- A compensation/salary package will offer wages and benefits in line with EMCC Pastor Guidelines and benefits including extended health, dental, pension. There is a well maintained parsonage provided.
- Please see the Church Profile and the Community Profile included below for more information about this opportunity.
- Inquires can be forwarded to Jonathan Cone, Search Committee Chair, at jonathan.cone@kempharvey.com

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● Church and Congregational Profile

Winfield Community Church was founded on November 21, 1948. We have just celebrated our 70th anniversary. The church was first a United Missionary Church, then a Missionary Church and is now an Evangelical Missionary Church, with the name of Winfield Community Church.

Demographics:

Our church is currently going through a time of transition, as our last Pastor (who was here for 4 1/2 years) left at the end of November 2018 in order to accept the call to a new position at a church in Manitoba. During this Pastor Search time, there is a faithful group of about 40 people who are working with an Interim Pastor to maintain the ministry here. During the past months, we have continued with Sunday services, and mid-week programs. We feel strongly that God's will is to have the ministries of this Church continue in this community, and that we are to look forward to the next phase of this ministry being one of building and re-development.

The current ministries or programs in our church include:

- Sunday Morning worship service
- Sunday School (held during the worship service)
- Ladies Bible Study
- Book Group
- Prayer meeting and Bible Study
- Worship Team / Music Practice
- Ladies group

Church Property/Building

The Church is situated on 1 ½ acres, easily accessible, located in the heart of the community, close to various amenities.

The Church building is a well-constructed, two-story building of 100+ seating capacity in the auditorium. The main floor consists of the sanctuary, foyer, nursery, handicapped bathroom, prayer room, and a small photocopier room. The lower floor has two bathrooms, several Sunday School classrooms, fellowship hall, library, pastor's study and storage room. The building is well maintained. There is no debt.

There is a parsonage on the same lot, a standard two story house of 1,200 sq ft on each floor, four bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, gas heat/ air conditioning, sundeck, fenced yard. The church and parsonage were built in the 1960's and have been recently renovated.

There is a third building on the property, a small residence (which was the original parsonage), It is currently rented as a residence.

● Community Profile

Municipality of Lake Country

Lake Country is a municipality located within the Central Okanagan, half way between the two neighbouring municipalities of Kelowna and Vernon. Lake Country consists of four neighbourhoods, Winfield, Oyama, Okanagan Center, and Carrs Landing.

The Municipality of Lake Country was formed in May 1995 with an elected Government made up of a mayor and 6 councilors. Lake Country currently has a population of approximately 15,000. For the third consecutive year in a row, Lake Country has been the fastest growing municipality in BC. We are a primarily rural community, with a developing, new town center.

Climate

Our Climate is semi arid, with hot summers and mild winters. There are many lakes within the Okanagan Valley, making this area a true four season recreational area. Lake Country has within its boundaries five lakes, providing unlimited water sports, fishing, camping, and numerous public beaches. There are many parks and hiking trails, including the newly established Okanagan Rail Trail. The climate supports the many orchards and vineyards that make up Lake Country.

Education Facilities

Within Lake Country, there are 3 elementary schools, 1 secondary school, and many pre-schools and day cares. A new Middle school is under construction. We are also located near (8 km) the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus, and are within a reasonable distance to Okanagan College campuses. An international airport is located only 8 km away.

Community Facilities

Facilities within Lake Country consist of an Arena for skating, hockey and curling. The Lake Country Community Complex is a joint use facility with the secondary school, and offers gyms, community kitchen, and Creekside Theatre. There are three Community Halls, a Library, many restaurants, hotels and an assortment of shopping. The Senior Center provides hours of entertainment and services. There is a police detachment, and four fire halls. There are many high quality golf courses within a short distance.

Cultural Facilities

Lake Country has an active Cultural scene. There is a public Art Gallery, a Museum, many public artworks, a Library, a Theatre, and several dance schools. There are many arts organizations that provide various events, including, ArtWalk, a large arts festival is held annually each September. There are many community organizations providing a range of services and events. They also provide many volunteer and engagement opportunities.

Churches

There are about 12 churches in lake Country, which cover a range of denominations.

Medical Facilities

There are two Medical Clinics with multiple family practices. Additionally, there are para-medical services including pharmacies, physiotherapy clinics, medical massage, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, hearing clinics, and medical labs. There are several independent and long term care facilities for seniors. We are serviced by Interior Health Association. The nearby Kelowna General Hospital is a regional medical service centre. There is a locally based provincial ambulance service.

For more information see us at - <http://www.lakecountry.bc.ca/>