



Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill

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"Something good is happening here!!"

Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill:
Pastor of Discipleship (25 hours/week, \$25,000-\$30,000/year)

Opportunity Statement:

A unique and challenging opportunity to help a long established faith community with deep historical roots in Thornhill explore and find new ways to joyfully express our faith and connect with a diverse and evolving local population, while preserving our heritage of fellowship, worship and service. Working with a team of clergy and lay leaders, you'll need to bring energy and enthusiasm to the task, working across all age groups, looking both inward and outward, and demonstrating respect, consideration, patience and perseverance, and a profound love of Jesus Christ in guiding and encouraging the parish to find new ways of doing church while maintaining the best of our past, all within the broad framework of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Position Summary:

As the Pastor of Discipleship you will be an integral part of the ministry team at Holy Trinity Church, a vibrant community of Christians in Thornhill. You will take a leading role in facilitating, equipping, and supporting our parish community as we seek to recommit ourselves to joyfully proclaiming the Gospel and engaging with those around us more deliberately and effectively. You will enable reflective discussion; preach and teach in a variety of contexts; and delight in community building within Holy Trinity as well as within the surrounding neighbourhood.

You will:

- Identify needs within the parish, and develop responsive educational opportunities to deepen our common understanding of our faith, enhance our engagement with scripture, and deepen our experience of prayer.
- Be involved in weekly Sunday worship, including regular preaching.
- Work with parish leadership over the next few years to develop an integrated missional plan.
- Build relationships within our immediate neighborhood, both with organizations and individuals, identifying ways for the parish to meet build bridges and address the unique needs of our neighbourhood.
- Work with our parish leadership to identify ways in which HTC's existing parish community life can be enriched and expanded, paying particular attention to those in our parish who feel disconnected.
- Work with our parish leadership team to identify ways for our parish to engage with a wider variety of people, including the exploration of alternative liturgical practices, development of internal or outward-facing programs, and possible partnerships with other community groups.

You:

- Demonstrate your love of God
- Delight in introducing others to Christ and are passionate about helping others to build their understanding of the Gospel
- Are a relationship builder
- Probably have a post-secondary theological education
- Demonstrate your ability to embrace ambiguity and collaboratively facilitate change
- Are an effective communicator and problem-solver
- Have a working knowledge of the life and ministry of the Anglican Church (or are willing and able to learn on the job)
- Are a creative thinker - questioning conventional approaches, exploring alternatives and responding to challenges with innovative solutions or services, using intuition, experimentation and fresh perspectives. You enjoy helping to develop an environment that nurtures creative thinking, questioning and experimentation.
- Enjoy collaborating with others, and coordinating volunteers
- Are available on Thursday mornings, Friday afternoons, Sunday mornings, and Sunday evenings

If you are a follower of Jesus who believes that mission cannot be separated from discipleship, and if you are excited by the prospect of leading an established church into Spirit-led community engagement, then we want to hear from you!

NOTE:

What will long-term success look like for the incumbent?

- The culture and thinking of the parish has shifted to connect worship to a way of life – that the faith we profess on Sunday resounds in people’s lives through the week for at least 50% of the parish
- That the culture and thinking of the parish has shifted to embrace Gospel-centric activities, even where they don’t directly bring money in the door or people into the pews.
- That conversations are occurring within the parish with acceptance and tolerance and less tension.
- That we have developed a more clearly articulated and shared understanding of what our purpose is as a church, who we are, and why we do what we do; and that we can begin to apply this lens to our decision making processes as a community.
- We better equipped as individuals and as a community to articulate our faith with a sense of joy.
- That small group ministry has taken root, in which people meet to explore faith and mutual interests.
- That the worshipping life of our community expands beyond Sunday morning, with multiple points of entry, and multiple opportunities to worship and explore our faith.

Résumés and covering letter should be forwarded to the “Selection Committee”, Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill, 140 Brooke Street, Thornhill, ON L4J 1Y9 or search@holytrinity-thornhill.ca on or before June 30, 2017.

Questions may also be sent to search@holytrinity-thornhill.ca . More information about this position and the church may be found at www.holytrinity-thornhill.ca/