

MIF #: 21962.ADo

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	21962
Ministry Name	John Calvin Presbyterian Church
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WWW Address	www.johncalvinchurch.org
Ministry Size	101 - 250 members
Ethnic Composition	Asian 1% White 99%
Average Worship Attendance	77
Church School Attendance	10
Curriculum	Youth: Deep Blue Kids Adult: Various Subjects
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Presbytery	SOUTH LOUISIANA PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF THE SUN
Community Type	Suburban
Last Information from Statistics of the Church * (Show Statistics)	

* Data availability is not guaranteed

Information about the position

Position: Solo Pastor
Experience Required: 5 to 10 Years
Specific Title:
Employment Status: Full-time
Language Requirements: English

Other Languages:

Statement Of Faith Required: Yes

Clergy Couples: No

Training/Certificate Requirements:

Other Training:

Brief Church Mission Statement:

Our mission statement reads, "The coming of God's Kingdom on earth was inaugurated with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Incarnationally, as the body of Christ, we are called by God, in Christ's example, to close the gap between 'what is,' and 'what ought to be,' until Christ comes again. We do that through intentional mission. Accordingly, we believe God calls the John Calvin Presbyterian Church to community by:

Engaging and equipping one another in the life and work of God's Church in worship, in spiritual development, in vibrant fellowship, and by actively proclaiming the Gospel in our community, inviting new friends into Christian fellowship, providing for their health and bringing wholeness to God's creation."

What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry? Additionally describe how this vision is lived out.

Our vision for ministry is to be an anchor, a place of joy and hope for an inclusive, intergenerational church family. We want to spread Christ's love beyond our present membership and encourage more young people to become a part of a congregation that is traditional yet open to the unity of all the people of God. We are a family of followers of Christ and envision our church as supporting families of all types and uniting as one family whose purpose is to embrace each other and serve the community.

Ministering to the community has been crucial in living our vision. The church facility includes rooms specially designed for anonymous groups. There are presently 30 meetings in these rooms each week. Of equal importance is our outreach to young families through a Playschool of 180 children that has been part of the church for fifty years.

Through church sponsored activities, members prepare and serve lunch to nearly 100 homeless people in New Orleans two months of the year. One can find members working at the Second Harvest Food Bank, tutoring second graders and collecting school supplies for the local elementary school, distributing food for Thanksgiving and buying gifts for the Salvation Army Angel program. Sunday School, youth activities, prayer and pastoral care build relationships and bring youth and adults together.

The vision for this church focuses on a joyful, hopeful, vibrant congregation that embraces all God's children.

How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency?

We feel called to reach out to young people while at the same time, support an aging constituency. We feel called to be of service to the community's emerging Hispanic population and to learn about diversity in the community. Our challenge is finding ways to do this! We know we have not met the needs of young people or those different from us and we know that change will challenge us, but we are willing to face that challenge.

We are a congregation blessed with many gifts. We have active members, a modern debt-free facility, a vibrant Playschool, a great community location, and a "can do" attitude. The online survey in our Mission Study listed a myriad of ideas to grow our ministry. We are seeking a pastor who can take us into the future by utilizing the gifts we bring while challenging us to make the changes necessary to meet these identified needs.

How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals?

We are looking for a compassionate leader who will motivate, inspire, and guide our congregation toward our vision of a young, vibrant, all-inclusive church; a pastor who will challenge us with new ideas and recognize the strengths we have to offer.

We are looking for a “hands on” leader; one who by active involvement in our ministry motivates members of the congregation to do the same. Our hope is for our pastor to be an integral part of our Playschool, being visible and supportive to staff, children, and parents.

Although our focus is on young people, we look to our pastor for spiritual guidance in meeting the needs of an aging population. We are looking for a pastor who is led by the Spirit; one who will challenge us to be what God calls us to be as Christ’s Church and disciples.

Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization.

We are seeking a pastor with spiritual maturity; one who is led by the Spirit, guided by the Word, and reconciled through Jesus Christ. We seek a pastor with a divine calling who delivers inspiring, dynamic messages that move individuals to praise God, look to Our Creator for strength, and share Christ’s love in their daily lives.

Relationships are important to the congregation. We look for a pastor who is personable, compassionate, and approachable; a person who genuinely cares and is concerned for others. We seek a pastor who actively participates in church, Playschool, and community activities to build strong relationships.

As the church works on its vision for ministry, we look for leadership in a pastor. We are seeking a leader of leaders, someone with organizational agility; someone with the ability to motivate and challenge us but at the same time, give us guidance and support.

What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

The pastor oversees the staff which includes a full-time administrative assistant and Playschool director and a part-time Christian Education Leader, Choir Director, pianist, and organist. The pastor leads the Sunday worship service, officiates at weddings and funerals, and is active in the Christian Education program and youth activities.

Pastoral care is important. The pastor will reach out to people who need spiritual support and/or guidance. Through the pastoral care team, church members will continue to help and support families in need, but there are occasions where the presence of the pastor provides a comfort beyond that of the laity. Our hope is that the pastor will build relationships through active involvement with young people, church members, Playschool families, and the larger community.

The pastor will guide the session. The mission of the church is dynamic, and we are looking for someone to keep the leaders of the church focused on the changing needs of the congregation and community. We seek a pastor whose leadership and spiritual guidance will move the church forward in its vision.

Optional Links

Church Home Page: www.johncalvinchurch.org

Mission

Study

Report:

<https://www.johncalvinchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Final-Report.pdf>

Leadership Competencies:

Compassionate

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Public Communicator

Decision Making

Organizational Agility

Strategy and Vision

Interpersonal Engagement

Motivator

Initiative

Compensation and Housing: ([Cost of Living Calculator](#))Minimum Effective Salary: \$55,000 ([Effective Salary Definition](#))

Housing Type: Housing Allowance

References:

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Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form of Government in this regard?

Yes

Deadline date for this MIF: (none)**Version Track Info:** This MIF was last updated on 9/12/2019**Self-referral Contact Information****EP:** RON SUTTO**Address** 12909 OLD HAMMOND HWY.,
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