

POSITION AVAILABLE

SEEKING FULL TIME MINISTER

EMPLOYER: Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ Inc

REPORTS TO: The Elders' Board

STAFF/VOLUNTEER SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES: Not responsible for staff or volunteers. May supervise students on ministry placements from time to time.

SALARY AND CONDITIONS: Current Church of Christ in SA recommended conditions and package. 38hrs/week. Refer to *Churches of Christ SA & NT Ministry Salary Guidelines*. Available on request.

CONTRACT TERM: Five years with six month probationary period.

Note: Although the position is available full-time consideration will be given to applicants preferring to work part-time by negotiation. A part time position will be considered at no less than 0.4FTE.

Applications close September 3rd, 2021.

CHURCH BACKGROUND

- Noarlunga Centre Church of Christ Inc (NCCofC) is a worshipping community established in 1961 in the outer southern suburbs of Adelaide. It is in a central location on a main road and close to the major retail centre for the area.
- The area is close to beaches and the rural area of McLaren Vale. It is diverse but generally is a low to middle income area with a growing population.
- The Church seeks to engage with the local community and to be Christ to those it comes in to contact with.
- We are a dominantly older congregation of around 100 people with a strong desire to engage the community and individuals.
- We are relaxed and casual in our expression of faith and are open to, even seeking, new expressions of ministry.
- We desire to see the Gospel proclaimed in relational and relevant ways, disciples grown and the Kingdom expanded.

OVERVIEW OF THE POSITION

- We are specifically looking for someone with the skills and abilities to equip the church to reach the local community while understanding the needs and character of the existing congregation.
- This is a full time ministry position beginning in 2022 with the responsibilities of leadership, preaching and teaching, pastoral care and developing strategies for engaging the local community.
- It is a sole position, there are no other paid ministry roles in the Church.
- The Pastor is considered part of the Eldership and meets with them regularly, currently fortnightly.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Preaching/teaching in most Sunday morning services. The Pastor can, in conjunction with the Elders, develop themes and topics as they feel lead.
- Caring for the needs of the congregation pastorally and coordinating pastoral care by the congregation.
- Developing strategies to engage the community. The Church is open to new ideas and opportunities as they present themselves, the Pastor can have significant flexibility in this area.
- Supporting leaders of various church programs and outreach programs.
- Conducting special events as needed such as weddings, funerals and baptisms.
- Attend Elders' meetings and other church meeting as relevant.
- Not responsible for church administration or finance. There is a part-time Administrator and Treasurer.

THE PERSON

- An ability to relate to and engage with the community in ways which are perhaps non-traditional and which recognize the needs and characteristics of those who are 'unchurched'.
- An ability to encourage and equip others to reach their friends and neighbours with the Gospel.
- An ability to preach and teach in ways which are engaging, down-to-earth, relevant and scripturally accurate, adhering to sound doctrine and theology.
- Able to recognize and operate within both traditional and non-traditional ministry contexts.
- Demonstrated good written and verbal communication.
- Demonstrated ability to be self-organised and manage time effectively.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Recognised Bachelor of Ministry or equivalent preferred but open to some negotiation.
- A minimum of two years in a ministry role with adults preferred but it is acknowledged that there are various ministries that people may have been involved in over a number of years and settings that would be relevant.
- An accredited Churches of Christ minister, (or equivalent, possibly from another denomination), or willing to work towards becoming an accredited Churches of Christ minister.
- Current drivers' license.

APPLICATION

Applications should be submitted to the Chair of the Pastoral Search Committee, Doug Ranson transon@bigpond.net.au by the close of business on Friday September 3rd, 2021. An application should include a cover letter of no more than 2 pages addressing the criteria, and a resume.

A full church profile is available on request.