



Title: Interim Lead Pastor
Location: London, Ontario
Denomination: Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada (FEBC)

Our Church:

Chelsea Green Community Church has been proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Chelsea Green neighbourhood of London, Ontario for 6 years. We faithfully serve the Lord and we desire to be a blessing to our community. The Lord has blessed us with a church community that is economically, generationally, and ethnically, diverse. We also have a great range of spiritual maturity among those who attend. For more details on the ministry of Chelsea Green Community Church please refer to the "Our Ministry" section.

To learn more about the church, visit our website at chelseagreen.church

Our Need:

We are seeking an interim pastor who has impeccable character and models Christ-like qualities. He will be a solid Bible teacher who can communicate Biblical truths in a manner that resonates with people. He will also possess valuable real-world experience, as he will be serving in and ministering to a community that has experienced trauma. He must have a committed belief in Jesus Christ, with a clear profession of faith. He must possess a heart for Jesus, his gospel, the local church, and reaching the lost.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity to advance God's kingdom, please forward your resume and links to some of your recent sermons to cgccsearch@gmail.com

General Description:

The Interim Pastor will report and be responsible to the Elders of Summerside Community Church (our sending church) and will collaborate with the Shepherds of Chelsea Green Community Church to provide pastoral leadership for the church. He will meet the qualifications of an elder as defined in the sending church's constitution and will be in full agreement with all associated policies, and the Affirmation of Faith of The Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches.

- 1. Sunday Services:** Using an exegetical process and faithfully preaching the word through expository sermons, the pastor will passionately share the gospel with a congregation comprised of people in various stages of their journey with God. He will prepare sermon notes and will partner with the Church Administrator/Director of Children's Ministry to plan and coordinate services and assist with the preparation of newsletters, bulletins, etc. as well as provide updates to partner churches.
- 2. Pastoral Care:** He will develop empathetic and trust-based relationships with the church family and will be available on Wednesdays to meet congregational needs. He will also be expected to visit members as needed.
- 3. Leadership:** The Interim Pastor will facilitate the discipleship of ministry team leaders. He will help the Shepherds discern their call and develop in their role. He will help the church assess their readiness to seek a long-term pastor for the future.

Job Qualifications:

- Comfortable with interim pastoral ministry
- Seasoned pastoral experience
- Has a teachable spirit and is seeking to grow
- Commits to promote and implement the mission and ministry of the church.
- FT or PT arrangement possible
- Timeframe to be determined with candidate

Organizational Relationship:

Reports directly to the Elders of Summerside Community Church.

OUR MINISTRY

Chelsea Green Community Church is all about Jesus – His word, being a church on mission and serving those who need spiritual, physical, and emotional support. CGCC was planted six years ago and it has a congregation of 75 people. As a young church, CGCC is reliant upon partner churches and other donors to meet its financial obligations.

Neighborhood and Church Family

The Chelsea Green neighborhood has a lower average income and a higher crime rate than the city of London as a whole. The CGCC family reflects a mix of people from the Chelsea Green neighborhood and other areas of London. This results in a broad demographic makeup – economically, generationally, ethnically, etc. The congregation is comprised of those seeking, those young in their faith who have not yet developed spiritual disciplines, and more mature Christians who have a heart to love, disciple, and serve the church family. Many people in our church have experienced trauma in their lives and are working through the challenges associated with this. The church family is very close and welcoming, and sees each person as being made in God's image and worthy of dignity. We provide support for each other in the form of being available to listen, pray, care, drive to appointments, work, etc.

To help address the physical needs of our church family, CGCC has a clothing closet and a Sunday bread ministry (where other food is also often available). CGCC also provides other support in the form of Christmas food hampers, connecting those in need with community support, providing gift cards, driving to food banks, etc.



Outreach

CGCC also has many outreach ministries. The clothing closet is open to all members of the community. We also host community BBQs, a freecycle event (a garage sale where everything is free), and winter coat days. These events help to meet the physical needs of community members. They also provide an opportunity for us to start to develop relationships with community members and for us to share the gospel of Jesus. Building trust relationships and introducing people to the gospel can take an extended period. This is a long game. It is not uncommon to have attendees come for 5 or 6 weeks and then not see them for many months.

Sunday Services

Teaching at CGCC is expository in nature. We are committed to Biblical authority, gospel-centered ministry, and God-glorifying worship. There is a children's component during the service where the children come to the front and have a lesson. They remain in the service during the service to experience church as a family. Fellowship is greatly encouraged after the service with coffee, tea, and treats. The community room is a beehive of conversation and fellowship before and after the service.



OUR MISSION

“We exist as a church to see the Good News of Jesus Christ have an impact in lives of our neighbours”

OUR PILLARS

The following three “pillars” serve as the foundation for how we live out this mission as followers of Jesus Christ...

SEEK THE LOST

We aim to seek the lost in Chelsea Green through personal engagement with our neighbours, community events, and evangelistic efforts. Our aim is to reach those people in Chelsea Green who do not yet know the forgiveness, love, grace, and mercy of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We want to be visible and active participants

GROW TOGETHER IN CHRIST

As followers of Christ, we are called to grow in our love, faith, and knowledge of Jesus. This is a lifelong process and it isn't done in isolation. It is accomplished through the everyday, life-on-life reality of a group of Jesus followers living and practicing the “One Another” verses found throughout the New Testament. We aim to provide an environment at CGCC where people can come to experience and know Jesus through gospel-centred preaching, fellowship, and community.

BUILD OUR COMMUNITY

We love Chelsea Green. As Christians, we look out into the world, see how it once was in the beginning, and how it will be when Christ returns. Our aim is to build a community of believers that reflects the future and eternal kingdom of God in the here and now. We advocate for the voiceless, invest in fellow image-bearers of God, and walk alongside those who are broken, because that's what Jesus did.