

MANCHESTER CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Job Advertisement 160817

ENGLISH MINISTRIES ASST. MINISTER

Manchester Chinese Christian Church is seeking to fill an Assistant Minister's position in its English Ministries. The position is full-time and is available immediately.

The English Ministries comprise two distinctive congregations, student, youth, and children's ministries. Specialist ministries amongst medical practitioners and young couples also form part of the English Ministries. The two congregations are:

1. The Family Congregation – currently between 50 - 60 strong its purpose is to minister to families and meets on Sunday mornings and in fellowship groups at other times in the week. The Family Congregation consciously adopts a coffee morning approach to its services adapting messy Church principles. It is also popular amongst students drawn by the attraction of free Nutella on toast.
2. The 715 Congregation – currently between 25 – 35 strong it meets on Sunday evenings with a stress on ministering to younger working professionals. Despite its primary focus it includes long-term unemployed as well those working in a variety of professions. Chairs are optional in this congregation and it is given to going “off-piste” during services. This congregation also meets in fellowship groups at other times.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Assisting the Senior Pastor in the general pastoral ministry in the English Congregations and associated fellowships. This will include:

Engaging in the teaching ministry through: regular preaching in the congregations; leading of and giving of Bible studies; participating in existing training courses and developing new courses;

Engaging in the pastoral care through attendance at fellowship groups and individual visiting; the development of mentoring relationships;

Participating in the leadership and management of the congregations and fellowships through attendance at leadership and management meetings and supporting the work of congregational leaders and taking on appropriate leadership roles;

Participating in the worship and prayer life of the congregations and fellowships providing leadership, encouragement and training.

Participating in the evangelism of the congregations through preaching the Gospel; organising, leading and developing community engagement events and ministries and providing training;

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential:

Except in exceptional circumstances (e.g. extensive practical ministry supported by strong references), a theological qualification from a recognised tertiary institute is required. The qualification should be appropriate to general pastoral ministry.

Experience in pastoral ministry in more than one area listed in the JD would normally be required but exceptional candidates would be considered directly out of training;

Demonstrated familiarity with multicultural and multi-ethnic settings. Evidence that the applicant can successfully work across cultures with empathy and sensitivity without compromising specific goals and objectives;

Must be able to work alone under their own initiative and also as part of a team depending on circumstances;

Must have demonstrated ability to put into effect agreed plans and objectives.

Agree that the primary purpose of church is the making of disciples.

Must be able to subscribe to the statement of faith of the church.

While having a firm, personal faith in the risen Lord Jesus a creative and open theological attitude is a requirement.

Fluency to a high standard in spoken and written English.

The right to work in the UK.

Extensive travelling is a requirement of the post and applicants must have access to their own means of transport.

Non-essential

The following represent skills and experience that would be advantageous to an application but their absence would not represent a hindrance.

Familiarity with a major dialect of Chinese.

Fluency in a language other than English.

Specialist training or experience in student/youth/ or children's ministry.

Working abroad (outside of the UK) for a significant period.

Previous work experience in any field other than the church.

Expertise in creative media (technical or creative) (AV/PA/WEB/Graphics).

IT and network expertise.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Informal enquiries are welcomed and encouraged either by email or by phone.

Applications must be in English and submitted by email to the Senior Pastor (Revd. Kim Lau) at kimlau@manchesterccc.org.uk.

Applications should include:

A letter of application (in the body of the email)

A full CV

A short essay between 500 -1000 words on the subject of "Can the Church be re-configured as a Missional Community?"

3 independent references. These should ideally be included with the application but if this is impractical then the addresses of three referees who could be approached would suffice. One of the referees should be your employer or ministry reference if appropriate; one should be your academic reference; the remainder should be personal references commenting upon your qualities as a person.

Short-listed applicants will be invited for interview and may be asked to preach.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

30th September 2016 extended to 30th October 2016

Contact details:

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