

Youth Pastor
(Full-time position)
Peace Mennonite Church
& Richmond Peace Chinese Mennonite Church
(Richmond, BC)

Who are we?

We are two churches rooted in the Anabaptist tradition located in the multi-cultural community of East Richmond. What unites us is a passionate love for Jesus and the desire to reach our community with the gospel's message of hope and reconciliation. We share church facilities and a common vision for revitalization and growth.

What drives us?

We are committed to growing together in faith and witness by aligning our lives around three key areas of focus:

- **Jesus** – our love for the Lord Jesus and desire to make him known is the *center of our faith*.
- **Community** – this is the *center of our life* and includes growing together in love and maturity as believers and finding ways to reach our neighborhood with Christ' transforming love and power.
- **Reconciliation** – as ambassadors for Jesus' way of peace, we seek ways to make peace, healing, and reconciliation the *center of our work* in our community and beyond.

What is the opportunity?

We seek to create a single youth ministry program for both congregations to bring our shared vision to life. We believe the future of our congregations lies in working together for the kingdom and are committed to finding ways to collaborate in ministry, share resources and see where the Spirit leads us.

What is the special appeal?

This new youth pastor role presents an exciting opportunity for someone who is passionate about reaching youth for Christ, enjoys building things from the bottom

up, and is energized by the prospect of working in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic church setting and local neighborhood.

What is expected this role?

We seek to establish a ministry program that serves the needs of youth in our own church families *and* that is intentionally missional to reach youth and families in our neighborhood.

In addition, we both have cohorts of preteens who will soon transition to youth. We envisage this role building a program that creates a bridge for preteens into youth ministry and that adapts and grows with them through high school. Our desire is to form mature disciples whose identity is rooted in Christ, and whose faith carries them through school and into life beyond with all its challenges.

We want to set the successful candidate up for success and ensure they have a healthy work and life balance. Hence, the role will be part of Peace Mennonite's pastoral staff to enjoy the benefits of team support. It will also report to Peace's lead pastor to avoid undue expectations and a taxing workload from a dual reporting relationship while serving both congregations.

Education, experience and & skill set

- A love for Christ and a heart for youth and the local church.
- A minimum of a bachelor's degree in theology or pastoral ministry.
- Experience working with youth and preteens in a multi-cultural, urban context.
- A creative, self-starting orientation and an adaptable and resilient spirit.
- A missional mindset for the community and a good networker.
- Collaborative work style to motivate and lead sponsors and volunteers.
- Chinese-Canadian background a bonus, not a pre-requisite at all.

How to apply

Send a cover letter and resume to youthpastorsearch@peacemennonite.ca by 31st May 2020 (deadline extended due to pandemic response).