

Our Congregation

Grace Community Church (GCC) is a seven-year-old community of believers ministering in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Durham, North Carolina, a geographic area that is achievement-oriented, highly academic, and socially and politically progressive. We see our mission as worshiping God by proclaiming the good news that Jesus is Lord. For us, this means vibrant corporate worship, preaching of the gospel, weekly receiving the Lord's Supper, loving each other, loving our neighbor, and sharing the good news with non-believers. We see serving the poor, the widow, and the fatherless as central to our mission and strive to be involved in the process of healing our broken communities.

We are a theologically and politically diverse congregation with 100 regular attenders (80 of which are members). We seek to be explicitly grace-centered and to provide a safe place for broken people to struggle and to heal. GCC is more process and people oriented than program oriented. We value hospitality, opening our homes and our lives to each other and to our neighbors. We seek a deeper knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ, a deeper knowledge of Scripture and of the mission that God has given us.

Our Pastor

Grace Community Church seeks a Teaching Elder ordained in the PCA church with a command of Presbyterian polity and organizational process.

Our Pastor Will:

- A.** Demonstrate spiritual maturity and wisdom, particularly in the contexts of building community, supporting both married couples and singles, and confronting congregational sin. Specifically, the candidate should be:
 - 1. Gifted at practicing, teaching, and encouraging biblical hospitality
 - 2. Gifted at cultivating joy in a congregation that can frequently be disheartened by and focused on their sinfulness
 - 3. Able to maintain a calm, encouraging demeanor in counseling congregants
 - 4. Patient and prayerful when engaging in church discipline, always maintaining a desire for reconciliation
 - 5. Able to maintain his own spiritual health through the individual and corporate practice of spiritual disciplines

- B.** Be a man of gracious, humble orthodoxy, who is not easily offended, as evidenced by:
 - 1. The ability to encourage holiness without embracing legalism
 - 2. An openness to valuing diverse political opinions
 - 3. Hesitancy to embrace legalistic stances on cultural issues

- C.** Effectively equip members to carry out the church's mission with a talent and desire to:
 - 1. Build and lead a session
 - a. Recognize, encourage, and develop leaders
 - b. Establish effective systems to distribute the workload of spiritual care
 - 2. Build and lead a congregation
 - a. Work closely with and disciple the congregation
 - b. Empower and equip the congregation in their individual and collective "missions", including family life, work life, community life, and church life

Please submit your cover letter and resume to: Melanie Daryani, melanie@gracecommunitync.org OR Melanie Daryani; Pastoral Assistant; Grace Community Church; 209 Lloyd Street, Suite 290; Carrboro, NC 27510