



ASSISTANT PASTOR

Free Grace is a small, young church in a secular, rural micropolitan region in the northeast corner of the US that is looking to call an Assistant Pastor to come alongside the pastor and elders for three to five years.

The Assistant Pastor will be engaged in the full range of pastoral ministry in both the shepherding of the congregation and reaching the community as the church seeks the welfare of the city where God has brought it. The details of the Assistant Pastor's specific responsibilities and areas of ministry will be worked out based on the candidate's gifts, experience, and desires.

The Assistant Pastor will serve Free Grace for three to five years, during which the church will come alongside the Assistant Pastor to seek the next step in God's call for him – whether in church planting in Maine or elsewhere, pursuing another call, or continuing at Free Grace.

The Assistant Pastor will raise support to pay his expenses. The nature of the position as full-time or part-time and bivocational will be worked out by mutual agreement.

Philosophy of Ministry Assumptions

- Free Grace is driven by her vision. Differences in the pursuit of the vision are natural but are worked out in a genuine love for one another that flows from our fundamental unity in vision.
- Willingness to be part of a team. We understand that God has brought us together and given us each other. We need each other, for we are incomplete without each other.
- A strong sense of call to New England as evidenced by a growing understanding of both the struggles faced by New Englanders and an ever-deepening burden to be a part of the gospel as the answer.
- A personal understanding that the gospel is for the broken – beginning with ourselves and our deep brokenness in sin and the broken in our community, no matter how visible their brokenness.
- Grippled by God's call to his people to seek the welfare of the city where he has brought us. A willingness to live that out personally and corporately with the church through active engagement with the needs and dreams of our community.

Our Context

- The 2nd PCA church in Maine. We are 40 miles north of Portland and our mother church.
- In one of the least churched states in the US with approximately 3% of the population identifying as evangelical and over 80% openly non-religious.
- An old mill-town, Lewiston is the 2nd largest city in the most rural state in the US. Lewiston has a population of 36,000 and our twin city Auburn has an additional 23,000 people.
- The majority of the population are French Canadian in background.
- The church began worship in May of 2010. Currently there are about 50 in worship each week.
- Shepherded by one teaching elder and two ruling elders.

Expectations

COMMITMENT	3-5 years
HOURS	Full or Part-time possible
COMPENSATION	To be raised by the Assistant Pastor
KEY RESPONSIBILITIES	To be worked out together prior to a call

If interested

Contact the pastor, Per Almquist, to begin a conversation.
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