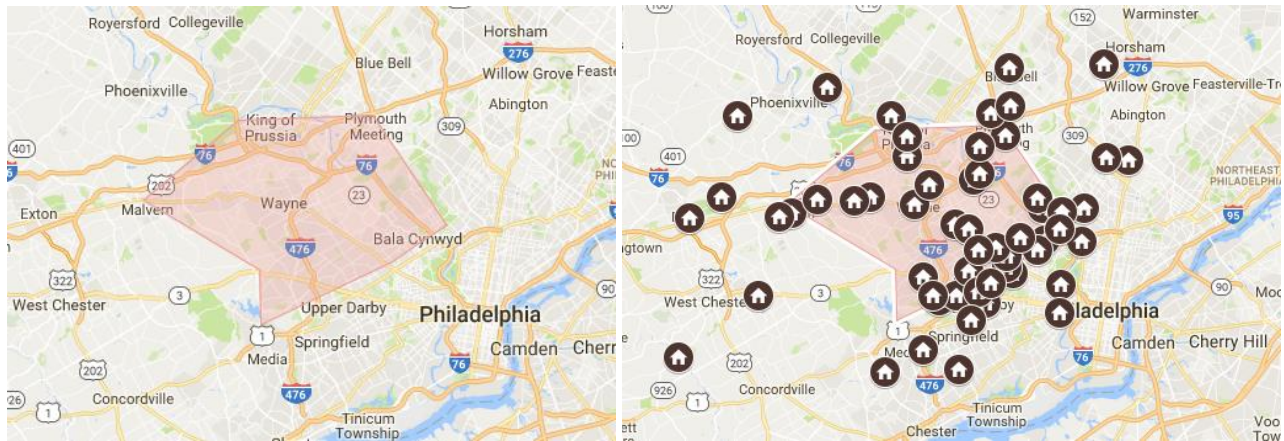




## RML Church Profile for Senior Pastor Pulpit Search

Renewal Presbyterian Church of the Main Line is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). We are an actively growing Christian community in the greater Philadelphia region. Renewal Main Line (RML) initially began as a suburban church plant out of our sister church, Renewal West Philly, with the name Renewal King of Prussia in 2010. The church relocated to Devon in 2012 where it grew a conviction to plant multiple, local congregations in the suburbs of Philadelphia. With this conviction, Renewal Devon joined like-minded brothers and sisters from the City Ave Parish of Renewal West Philly to begin Renewal Main Line in the fall of 2017. This new work began without a Senior Pastor, believing that it would be best for the new congregation to develop their identity and solidify their commitment for gospel propagation in the Main Line suburbs. In the meantime, Reverend Luke Woo, along with our newly established Session of four ruling elders, have been providing leadership with the intention of calling a Senior Pastor to join its staff.

Renewal Main Line is located in the [Philadelphia Main Line](#) with congregants representing Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties. Comprised of people from various backgrounds and ages, our congregation ranges from college students to families, with a growing number of children and youth. Our average Sunday service welcomes approximately 100 adult worshippers, 40 children, and 20 college students. Approximately 85 percent of our members are Asian American, however our desire is to grow both our leadership and congregation in diversity, to reflect our surrounding neighborhoods and workplaces by bringing them the beautiful message of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Our current staff consists of a full-time Assistant Pastor, as well as a Youth Group & College Pastor, Children's Ministry Director, and Administrative Assistant, the latter three serving in part-time positions. Through our staff and our many selfless leaders and volunteers, we have witnessed the growth and fruit of our various ministries at RML. In our short time together, God has established five regional community groups who meet bi-weekly for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. We have seen our prayers translate into our members graciously volunteering their time and efforts to



serve in our weekly ministries, as well as with outreach opportunities in our neighborhoods. We praise the Lord for how He has been working and providing for our growing congregation.

In addition to our adults and children, the Renewal College Fellowship (RCF) is our on-campus college ministry serving various schools along the Main Line including Villanova, Haverford, and Bryn Mawr. Led by our college pastor and student leaders, we hold weekly community group meetings and Friday night large group gatherings with other students from Renewal West Philly (University of Pennsylvania, Drexel, Temple, and University of the Sciences). Together, we spend time praising, hearing God's Word, and fellowshiping.

We look forward to seeing even more leaders raised up, both ordained and commissioned, to provide shepherding care, and to present the gospel in both Word and deed to our communities. It is our desire to establish a Diaconate that will spearhead our efforts to serve our communities in these gospel opportunities. We are also looking to form a Missions Community that will continually challenge our church to be intentional in advancing the gospel to the outer reaches of the world. Furthermore, we desire to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) through developing a culture of discipleship amongst all of our members. These are just some of the immediate ways we hope to fulfill our vision in conjunction with our Senior Pastor.

### **Our Mission**

To ignite a gospel-spreading movement through multiple, local congregations by making, maturing, equipping, and deploying followers of Jesus Christ, for the renewal of individuals, communities, and cultures.

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We are passionate about seeing the gospel transform lives all over our region for God's glory.
- **Through multiple, local congregations**  
We believe that the progress of the gospel is most effectively accomplished by God through the local church that incarnates the gospel to their neighboring contexts. As one church, we believe we can best spread the gospel throughout our region through multiple, local congregations (campuses).
- **In the surrounding suburbs of Philadelphia and the world.**  
Our prayer is to join God's mission of spreading the saving knowledge of Jesus throughout the world. We believe we are called to join His work both in our respective neighborhoods, cities, regions, and internationally through missions.
- **Individuals, communities, and cultures are renewed in Christ.**  
We see the gospel working in the lives of individuals and in turn forming counter-cultural communities. They then serve to renew their respective local neighborhoods and workplaces.

**Our Vision**

To establish a diverse, dynamic, and gospel-centered congregation that seeks to grow and plant new churches throughout the region and the world.

**Our Values**

Preaching the gospel, maturing believers, loving the surrounding community, and sending forth gospel equipped believers to share God's truth with their family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.



## **RML Desired Profile for Senior Pastor**

### **Introduction**

Renewal Presbyterian Church of the Main Line (RML) is seeking an ordained pastor equipped to work with our ministry staff and elders to lead a culturally diverse congregation in the western suburbs of Philadelphia. He must possess the traits of an elder found in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 and be sound in the Reformed faith as exhibited in the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. If called, he is to oversee the flock committed to his charge and be held accountable to the Renewal Main Line Session of elders and the Philadelphia Metro West Presbytery. The following profile is what is desired of our Senior Pastor:

### ***Preaching & Teaching***

*Proclamation of the Word* - The Senior Pastor will teach, proclaim, and preach fully the whole counsel of God, as contained in the Scriptures and understood in the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. The Word of God will be preached with urgency and conviction, with a high priority of the pastor's time placed on sermon preparation. He will assume the primary responsibility of weekly preaching while receiving assistance from the Assistant/Associate Pastor.

*Teaching* - Along with weekly preaching, the Senior Pastor will accept an active role in overseeing the teaching of the Scriptures for the Children, Youth, and College ministries by working with their respective pastors and ministry directors. He will also be involved in Adult Christian Education and Membership Classes.

### ***Ministerial & Pastoral Staff Leadership***

The Senior Pastor will be responsible for strategic planning and coordination with the pastoral and ministerial staff, to execute RML's vision and values. He will join a staff and will conduct weekly staff meetings to oversee weekly ministries and be responsible in assessing the spiritual health of the church in conjunction with RML's Session. He will prioritize the equipping of leaders spiritually and strategically, for building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12), both for its members and for those without saving knowledge of the gospel (Romans 15:20).

### ***Discipleship & Spiritual Development***

The Senior Pastor will provide and encourage the spiritual growth of individuals and groups regarding Christian understanding of the spiritual dimensions of life. This includes and is not limited to equipping married couples for the spiritual development of their families, and adults for a biblical understanding of work and faith. The Senior Pastor will share in members' lives and be an encouragement to grow in faith through RML's Community Groups and Discipleship Ministries. He will work with the Assistant/Associate Pastor to develop and encourage new lay leaders for continual shepherding care of RML's members.



### ***Evangelism & Mission In and Beyond the Local Community***

*Evangelism* - The Senior Pastor has a heart for intentionally obeying the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) in proclaiming, teaching, and making disciples of the gospel. He encourages the body to actively share the Good News of Jesus Christ with family members, neighbors, co-workers, fellow students, and other individuals outside the church.

*Overseas Missions* - The Senior Pastor has an awareness of the Church's worldwide mission to bring the gospel to the unreached, unengaged, and the unchurched by mobilizing the congregation for individual and congregational involvement in overseas missions.

### **Primary Roles & Responsibilities**

1. Preach the whole counsel of God contained in the Holy Scriptures, lead the congregation in worship, and effectively communicate the gospel-centered core values of Renewal Main Line.
2. Teach and disciple lay leaders, nurturing their spiritual formation and engaging them in the ministry of the church.
3. Equip congregants to develop and lead team ministries, involving care for all members of the congregation, as well as engage the surrounding community.
4. Strategically oversee a diverse congregation and leadership with a sensitivity to cultural issues.
5. Evangelize and have a heart for the local communities; outward focus for the surrounding neighborhoods around Renewal Main Line.

### **Preferred Experience**

- Masters of Divinity Degree or equivalent
- Ordained or able to be ordained in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
- At least three years or more of previous experience as an ordained pastor in a local church
- Experience in preaching and leading worship in a culturally diverse congregation, as well as the practical application of Scripture within an ethnically, culturally, and socioeconomically diverse setting
- Involvement and leadership in local evangelism and world missions

### **To Apply**

- Candidates can apply through our website: <http://www.renewalmainline.org/pc/> (Click on 'Apply to Senior Pastor Position').
- If you have any questions, please contact our Pulpit Search Committee at [search@renewalmainline.org](mailto:search@renewalmainline.org)