

Church Planting Residency

Summary

University Reformed Church (PCA) is seeking candidates for a Church Planting Resident who will receive valuable experience and mentorship assisting with its daughter church plant, [Fellowship Reformed Church \(PCA\), in Mount Pleasant, MI](#). Applicants should be in the process of obtaining an M.Div. from a rigorous seminary and be seeking ordination in the PCA. Ideal candidates will have an evident heart for Christ, for His Church, and for those who are lost and perishing. Ideal candidates will also be open to future involvement in church planting in the Great Lakes Presbytery.

Fellowship Reformed Church is a young PCA church plant in Mount Pleasant, MI operating under the oversight of University Reformed Church's Session. Mount Pleasant, MI is a university town, being the home of NCAA Division I Central Michigan University (10,000+ undergraduate students, 4000+ graduate students) and a well-attended local community college. Mount Pleasant, MI is also the home of the Saginaw-Chippewa Tribal Lands. Approximately 43,000 residents live in the Mount Pleasant zip code. We have a core group of seven families (~30 adults and children).

Qualifications

1. The candidate will meet the biblical requirements for elder found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9, and 1 Peter 5:1-4, maintaining a lifestyle of Christian integrity in humble dependence upon God's grace.
2. The candidate will be in the process of obtaining an M.Div. from a robust evangelical seminary.
3. The candidate will embrace the ordinary means of God's grace (Scripture, sacrament, prayer) in their personal Christian life and their philosophy of ministry, working well under the vision of the Lead Pastor and the provisional session.

Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be involved in many of the various tasks associated with the early and ongoing stages of planting a church. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Prayer for the church plant members and regular attenders
2. Gospel engagement (formal and informal), especially with local college campuses.
3. Sharing in preaching and teaching (at least 6 times each year)
4. Assisting in shepherding and home visitation
5. Hospitality and investment in discipleship meetings with other believers
6. Assist in worship and liturgy planning
7. Volunteer coordination & development of new ministries as the church plant grows

Compensation and Benefits

The term of the position will be three years, or as otherwise arranged. The church plant pledges to cover at least one third of the call package. The resident/fellow will be asked to raise the remaining funds to cover their remaining financial need (the package will vary depending on family status and experience). Package includes 2+ weeks paid time off, medical and dental insurance, and other benefits. The compensation package is appropriate for the cost of living in the Mount Pleasant, MI area. The candidate will receive coaching for raising financial support (if desired), and will be asked to raise full financial support prior to relocating to Mount Pleasant. Additional scholarship funds may be available for candidates still completing seminary.



Meet the Lead Church Planter

Devon Rossman was raised in central Michigan in a Christian home. In college he attended University Reformed church and was introduced to expository preaching and Reformed theology for the first time. After sensing a call to ministry, Devon attended seminary at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI and obtained his M.Div. while serving as a Church Planting Fellow at Good Shepherd PCA in Kalamazoo, MI. Devon is married to Taylor, and they have five children: Liesl, Dorothy, Adele, Edmund, and one on the way.

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