

Pastor of Community Outreach

Faith Community Church (PCA)

West Chicago, Illinois

www.faithchurchwc.org

Overview of Faith Community Church

Faith Community Church is an evangelical, Reformed congregation in the Presbyterian Church in America located in West Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of our church is to do all things *for the glory of Christ, the growth of his church, and the good of the community.*

Our *Called to Flourish* vision, initiated in the fall of 2022, aims to establish concrete ways in which our congregation will put into practice our purpose statement over the next three years. The first step on the “path to flourishing” is to see the gospel *advance* in our local community. In line with our church’s purpose statement and our Called to Flourish vision, *we aim to flourish both spiritually and numerically as a congregation.* A vital aspect of spiritual and numerical growth is purposively and proactively reaching our community and neighborhoods with the love of Christ and the message of the gospel.

Overview of Position

This is a three year, full-time pastoral position aimed at reaching our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ and helping our church grow numerically. Specifically, the Pastor of Community Outreach will focus upon doing the work of evangelism and outreach, training our congregation in evangelism and outreach, developing evangelistic and outreach initiatives, and connecting with new believers and attendees. The Pastor of Community Outreach is under the oversight of the head pastor and the session. The Pastor of Community Outreach and his family is provided with a parsonage on the church property.

Areas of Focus

Given our specific aims and particular needs as a congregation, the Pastor of Community Outreach will have four primary areas of focus. Each of these areas connect directly to our church’s purpose to be a congregation which seeks “the growth of his church, and the good of the community.”

- 1. Doing the work of evangelism and outreach:* This individual will be purposeful in regularly developing relationships in our community doing the work of evangelism and outreach. Examples would be showing hospitality in his own home to neighbors and church visitors, meeting with community members in local restaurants, and attending community events such as “coffee with the mayor.”
- 2. Discipling our congregation in evangelism and outreach:* The Pastor of Community Outreach will not only do the work of evangelism, but will also, through corporate teaching and personal discipleship, act as a trainer for our congregation in the areas of evangelism and outreach.
- 3. Spearheading evangelism and outreach initiatives:* The Pastor of Community Outreach will develop means of outreach for our church through various hospitality events and service initiatives. This will entail initiatives like starting a missional small group, leading our community outreach lunches, and developing outreach opportunities for our church to actively connect with and serve our local community.

4. *Connecting with and discipling new believers and attendees:* The Pastor of Community Outreach will also focus specifically upon developing relationships with and discipling new believers and new attendees of Faith Community Church.

Specific Objectives for the Position

1. The Pastor of Community Outreach will purposively and prayerfully do the work of evangelism in the local community on a weekly basis through the development of relationships with unchurched people and through developing avenues for gospel witness with the aim of seeing them connect to the ministry of Faith Community Church.
2. The Pastor of Community Outreach will train our congregation in personal evangelism through Sunday classes, small groups, and one-on-one discipleship.
3. The Pastor of Community Outreach will be responsible for spearheading specific evangelistic and outreach events and initiatives on a regular basis.
4. The Pastor of Community Outreach will be purposeful in following up with visitors and assist them in getting connected to the ministry of Faith Community Church.
5. The Pastor of Community Outreach will meet regularly with the head pastor for the purpose of prayer, encouragement, and planning.
6. The Pastor of Community Outreach will develop and lead the Evangelism and Outreach ministry team.
7. The Pastor of Community Outreach will learn and utilize MissionInsite software to better position FCC to serve and evangelize in our local area.
8. The Pastor of Community Outreach will serve Faith Community Church by preaching occasionally on Sunday mornings.

Requirements for the Position

Spiritual Requirements: The Pastor of Community Outreach meets the requirements for elders and overseers as detailed in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, and is ordained, licensed to preach, or currently seeking ordination in the PCA.

Spiritual Gifting: The Pastor of Community Outreach has the spiritual gift of evangelism, is able to teach, a competent communicator, and gifted in relating to people.

Ministry Skill Requirements: The Pastor of Community Outreach has a facility in teaching, evangelism, apologetics, and biblical studies and has extensive experience in having evangelistic conversations.

Education Requirement: The Pastor of Community Outreach either has an MDiv or an equivalent graduate degree.

To apply contact Pastor Rhett Austin at Rhett.Austin@faithchurchwc.org or call (630)231-8230.