



Central Presbyterian Church - 593 Park Avenue NY, NY

Pastor of Community and Care

Full-Time Position with Benefits; FLSA Exempt

Reports to the Executive Director/Pastor

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Purpose of Role

Central Presbyterian Church is seeking a relational and experienced pastor who is skilled in grace-based, biblical teaching from a Reformed perspective, gospel-centered community formation and pastoral care, and strategic missional outreach to the city to work under the direction of the Executive Director/Pastor. This role requires collaborative leadership and entrepreneurial initiative to develop and expand a growing number of ministry programs.

The Pastor of Community and Care will be given opportunities in biblical teaching and discipleship, community formation and pastoral care, Christian education and leadership development, evangelism, mission, service, and the integration of faith and vocation. In addition, the Pastor of Community and Care will be given occasional opportunities to preach and lead worship as needed.

Key Job Responsibilities

The Pastor of Community and Care is responsible for, but not limited to, the following.

Personal and Cultural

- Model a life of Christian faithfulness in reliance upon the Holy Spirit by cultivating one's own
- spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical life and by prioritizing relationships with one's family.
- Cultivate a warm, welcoming, strong, and supportive community across the breadth of the church that unites people across different ages, ethnicities, cultures, and backgrounds.
- Provide regular opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, prayer, fellowship, Scripture reading, and service to others.

Community Formation

- Help develop the Community Group strategy and oversee all Community Groups together with the Community Formation team.



- Recruit, train, and oversee Community Group leaders together with the Community Formation team.
- Help develop, promote, and execute a strategy for the multiplication of Community Groups.
- Oversee the creation of Community Group studies on a weekly basis together with the Community Formation team.
- Work in conjunction with the Community Formation team to cultivate an open and authentic community of people across different ages, ethnicities, cultures, and backgrounds.
- Visit each Community Group on a rotating schedule for evaluation and assessment together with the Community Formation team.
- Adapt Community Group curriculum and training materials as needed.
- Provide ongoing leadership training and assessment for all Community Group leaders.
- Provide direction and support to the Men's and Women's Bible Studies.

Christian Education and Discipleship

- Help develop and implement training that will encourage and equip Christians to share their faith and also support new believers as they strive to grow in grace.
- Help develop and implement a Christian Education program offering a regular catalog of courses on the Bible, theology, Church history, and practical skills, e.g., "How to Share One's Faith" or "How to Read the Bible."
- Help direct and support special lectures and events.
- Participate in preaching and worship-leading opportunities as needed.

Pastoral Care

- Provide pastoral care to those in need of prayer, guidance, and support.
- Help oversee counseling situations.
- Recruit, train, and oversee lay leaders seeking to provide biblical counsel to others.
- Mobilize members of the congregation to provide practical assistance and care to others.
- Officiate weddings and funerals and provide premarital counseling as needed.

Qualifications Required

- 7+ years of pastoral ministry experience in the context of the local church
- Master of Divinity from an accredited theological institution preferred; comparable theological education, training, or experience will be considered. Adheres to the qualifications of Biblical elder outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.
- A commitment to the basic tenants of Reformed theology as expressed in the Westminster Confession and Catechisms
- An understanding of and commitment to Central's vision and philosophy of ministry



- Professional demeanor and demonstrated Christian character
- An evangelistic heart and a passion for sharing the gospel with others
- Ability to teach and apply a Christ-centered approach to Scripture and the Christian life
- Strong interpersonal, administrative, and communication skills are necessary.
- High attention to detail and resourceful problem-solving abilities
- Self-motivated and intellectually curious with a desire to learn and improve
- Able to handle sensitive and confidential information

Expectations of All Central Staff

- A commitment to the vision and values of Central
- A personal and growing relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior, reliance upon his grace, and a commitment to the authority of Scripture
- A willingness to work within the church's leadership structure and procedures
- A teachable spirit, positive attitude, flexible nature, and a sense of humor
- A dedication to excellence, integrity, humility, and creativity for the glory of God
- Ability to work effectively and collaboratively with staff and volunteers

About Central Church and Resound Project

Central Presbyterian Church is a historic, 200-year-old congregation in the heart of New York City that has experienced significant renewal over the past 20 years and is currently home to a diverse body of seasoned leaders, many families, and a dynamic body of students, young professionals, and artists. Central launched Resound Project in 2021 with a vision to strengthen new and existing churches in light of the changing cultural context so that the gospel of Jesus Christ might resound to the next generation. Resound Project is constituted as an initiative housed within Central Church and under the oversight of Central's officers along with its own President and advisory board. It will remain deeply tied to Central through interlocking board appointments, the fact that Central's Senior Pastor is Resound Project's President, and also Central's role as a leading source of funding for the foreseeable future. The combined budgets of Central Church and Resound Project range between \$4 and \$5 million annually, with plans to scale both entities over time.

If you believe your qualifications and background align well with this role, please apply [here](#).

Questions? Please email info@centralchurchnyc.org and we will reply to you at our earliest convenience.