

Missio Dei Church of Manhattan, IL

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Position sought: Lead Pastor (full-time)

About Missio Dei – Missio Dei (MDC) is a smaller church in the Presbyterian Church in America denomination located in Manhattan, IL – a distant suburb of Chicago. Missio Dei was founded in 2007 and has been part of the Manhattan community since 2018. It is characterized by a demographic of younger families with several kids and youth and consists of life-long church goers who are accustomed to substantive convictions and Gospel-centered preaching. MDC is a close knit community and eager to welcome a new shepherd into the fold.

The MDC mission is to be a church with passionate faith in Jesus Christ that sacrificially loves, serves those in need, and draws people into an ever-deepening relationship with God. This mission stands on the belief that we exist to bring great glory to Jesus.

Responsibilities – The lead pastor will:

- Oversee and manage the health, identity, and direction of Missio Dei
- Guide, while also empowering, various ministry leaders in unified collaboration
 - ministries include children's/nursery, youth, hospitality, worship, men's/women's ministries and small groups
- Write and preach expository and Gospel-centered sermons on a weekly basis as well as overseeing the whole of the worship experience from liturgies and sung worship through to the benediction
- Participate in regular meetings with the session of elders and deacons
 - upholding offices and elections as outlined in the Book of Church Order
- Administer the sacraments of baptism, communion (weekly), officiate weddings & funerals
- Help develop and foster programs to encourage spiritual growth and community outreach
- Take breaks, go on vacations, and continue in education
- Generally take initiative and ownership of defining Missio Dei's character long-term while being an active, invested member of its community of believers

Suitabilities – The ideal candidate will be:

- Absolutely and passionately committed to Biblical authority and Gospel-centeredness
- Very family-friendly, unafraid to preach over baby coos and occasional upset toddlers
- Spiritually mature, grounded, possessing a deeply rooted, steady faith
- Warm, empathetic, approachable, available (within reason) and personal boundaries as a friend, demonstrating strong interpersonal skills.
- Flexibility to gracefully navigate the full spectrum of challenges ranging from volunteer shortages to congregation “growing pains”
- Assertive enough to push lifelong church-goers to new depths of faith (and works)
- Eager to embrace the big picture of vision-casting and make this church his own