

## **HSA-UWC Family Church of Connecticut is searching for a new pastor**

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### **Announcement of Position for Pastor Description and Qualifications**

The Family Church of Connecticut is currently seeking to hire a new pastor. The community is comprised of nearly ninety families living in Fairfield and New Haven counties, centering its activities in the city of Bridgeport. Originally, in the 1970's, the center was located in New Haven and since 1995 has been active in the area surrounding the University of Bridgeport. The community has a vibrant academic and cultural life, hosting from 50-70 young Unificationists who attend the University, about 50 who attend the Bridgeport International Academy, and another 30 attending the Bridgeport Hope elementary school.

The church is governed by an elected council and promotes broad educational and youth programs. Main activities include; the Sunday service and a Children's Ministry; Youth Ministry for middle and high school age; Young Adult Ministry for college age; and Young Couples Ministry. Also, various community groups are active including WFWP, BFD, Kodan, and other small groups devoted to marriage enrichment, witnessing, ACLC, and community sharing and care.

An expanding multi-generational community seeks new and inspired leadership to grow and develop the faith, life, and love within the community, the city, and the state. The community seeks further investment in education and training, in creating a culture of witnessing and outreach, and in developing a strategic outlook for accomplishing future goals.

### **Description of the Pastor's Responsibilities**

- 1) Conveys God's word to the congregation through substantive Principle-based inspiring, and engaging sermons at Sunday Service and Holy Day celebrations.
- 2) Oversees the spiritual well-being of Local Church members; families, singles, and youth. This includes exhibiting leadership in organizing, planning and supervising education, counseling, youth programs, worship services, small group ministries, camps, etc.
- 3) Promotes church growth by exhibiting leadership in organizing, planning and supervising outreach programs, witnessing teams, workshops, etc.
- 4) Encourages voluntary participation of church members in church activities, and service activities to the larger Bridgeport community.
- 5) Acts as the point of contact with the National Headquarters of the FFWPU. This involves representing the Local Church to National Headquarters or other associations.
- 6) Prepares Local Church plans and budgets to be approved by the Church Council.
- 7) Oversees and utilizes the church office, directs and supervises the church secretary, organizes and maintains the church records, membership lists, etc.

8) Participates as a member of the Church Council with the special position of spiritual advisor. The Pastor has the privilege of casting the final tie-breaking vote when necessary.

9) Administers pastoral functions such as those related to birth, membership, Il Shim education, engagement, marriage blessing and death.

10) The CT Family Church Pastor will also serve as or supervise the Unification Campus Minister at the University of Bridgeport. The UB Unification Campus Minister is expected to:

Establish cordial and harmonious relations within the unique setting of a university.

Relate effectively and knowledgeably as a respected peer/colleague with other priests, ministers, nuns, and imams who also minister to the spiritual needs of the students and other members of the university community.

Exhibit care and sensitivity in the methods of promoting Unificationist programs on the UB campus.

### **Desired Qualifications**

- 1) Three or more years of leadership experience in a spiritual or educational role.
- 2) A graduate degree (preferably MRE or MDiv from UTS) or the equivalent in experience.
- 3) Dedicated faith (with strong references to this effect), a solid foundation in Divine Principle/Unification Thought, ability to give meaningful and inclusive sermons and teach the Divine Principle.
- 4) Demonstrates the character qualities of enthusiasm, courtesy, flexibility, integrity, gratitude, kindness, self-control, perseverance and punctuality.

Compensation and benefits commensurate with experience.

**Please submit cover letter and resume to: [ctpastorsearch@gmail.com](mailto:ctpastorsearch@gmail.com)**