

# Parish House Minister

## Up to 3 Year Position

### Position Summary

Over the last fifteen years, the Newmarket Church of Christ has worked to build trust and friendships with our neighbours. The position of Parish House minister is an exciting opportunity to build upon the established ministries serving Newmarket Heights and surrounding neighbourhood, explore and implement new ministries as discerned, collaborate with local schools and various organizations serving Newmarket Heights and surrounding neighbourhoods, participate in the worship and life of the Newmarket Church of Christ. The Parish House minister will work closely and report to the senior minister. The Parish House minister will reside in the Newmarket Heights neighbourhood to serve as a conduit between the neighbourhood and the Newmarket Church of Christ.

### Expectations:

- A heart for building others up in Christ.
- Protecting the unity of the church body.
- Praying regularly for the church and those in the surrounding community.
- Demonstrating a fruitful life that results from dwelling daily in Christ.
- Attending weekly services and meetings.
- Reside in the accommodation provided by the Newmarket Church of Christ.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Through participation in the local community and active listening with the neighbours, identify and implement programs and practices which enable the Newmarket Church of Christ to live out the mission of God in the geographical area.
- Seek out opportunities for the church and neighbourhood to participate “together”. For example, youth related events will be for children associated with Newmarket Heights and youth of the church.
- Organize and participate in said programs, practices and opportunities.
- Expected to proactively connect with families and remain highly engaged in the community.
- Must be available evenings and weekends as required.
- Must be willing to share table fellowship with a wide range of individuals and families.
- Under the direction of the Minister, provide additional support for ministerial activities related to the Newmarket Church of Christ.
- To lead and/or co-lead the established ministries that serve both the church and neighbourhood (i.e., Summer Camp, Neighbourhood Meals, Food Boxes, etc.)
- Accountable to understand and articulate the needs of our local community to the congregations as required.
- Act on behalf of the Newmarket Church of Christ with other organizations and programs in the local community to foster “partnerships” with these organizations and to build trust in the local community.
- Able to efficiently utilize technology to support the mission of the church

## Qualifications

The ideal candidate will:

- Have a vibrant, committed relationship to Jesus Christ, a charismatic personality combined with and strong desire to serve.
- Be personable and loving towards all people.
- Be comfortable working with vulnerable persons / neighbourhoods.
- Be passionate about working towards social justice.
- Be strong and humble; able to lead and take direction.
- Place a high value on Scripture in all matters and be prayerful in decision making.
- Demonstrated ability to establish healthy boundaries in all areas of work and personal life.
- Must be comfortable with the practice of giving and receiving hospitality from strangers.
- Must possess or be willing to pursue a theological education from a recognized institution.
- Demonstrated experience working independently and as necessary as part of a team.
- Able to navigate issues without much direction or guidance.
- Have a professional demeanor and communication in all emails, conversations and forms of communication.
- Must be able to pass Vulnerable Sector screening and/or RCMP background check.
- Be comfortable public speaking and leading in formal Worship.
- Must have an understanding of doctrinal positions related to Churches of Christ
- Be able to meet the 'Qualifications of Membership' as set out in the Newmarket Church of Christ constitution.

The successful candidate will be aware of the changing cultural location of the local church (from Christendom to post-Christendom) and be able to converse on various implications this has for the local church. The candidate will be familiar and able to engage in conversation concerning the mission of God.

## Education and Experience

A mix of work experience and/or relevant education such as a college diploma or university degree. A theological education is an asset. If a theological education has not been received, the candidate must have the credentials to be accepted into a seminary that focuses on missional theology and leadership.

## General

The Newmarket Church of Christ is located at 230 Davis Drive in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada. Our building is located in the suburbs of Newmarket in close proximity to the downtown core. We are currently situated in immediate proximity to newly constructed high density living and adjacent to some of the most impoverished housing in Newmarket. We are a community of faith that finds its life

caught up in the on-going activity of God and through prayer and study, believe we are called to share the kingdom of God through friendship with our neighborhood. We understand that relocating to a new neighbourhood and then being called to be deeply embedded in that neighbourhood may be difficult and will take time. However, there is an expectation that the Parish House minister become known and trusted in the neighbourhood and as quickly as possible become the 'hands and feet' of Christ to those in our community of faith.

If you are a qualified candidate with a desire to seek, serve and become like Christ we encourage you to prayerfully consider this opportunity and to send us your resume / CV. Any questions related to this position should be directed to Dr. Nathan Pickard @ [newmarketcofc@gmail.com](mailto:newmarketcofc@gmail.com) or by phone at 905-895-6502. Successful applicants will be afforded an opportunity to join an individual zoom conversation.