

The following opportunity is available at St. Paul's. Please read through and contact the search committee if you sense a call to this role.

MINISTRY CO-ORDINATOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL/PAUL'S PEOPLE

The children and youth component will certainly form the bulk of this position. St. Paul's has a program for pre-school age children which is run by a separate person. Your responsibility will be kids of elementary and high school age. Currently we have 6 – 8 youth in the upper elementary grades and half a dozen high school age youth.

Your oversight of our youth programs will include selecting appropriate curricula, ensuring teachers are scheduled and properly supported, leading a class yourself, working alongside the minister planning ways to include and engage youth when they are in church for the full service (once a month), helping with milestones – celebrating graduations, birthdays etc., ordering and managing supplies, and being the point of contact representing youth to committees within the church.

Additionally, we would like to begin offering more than merely a Sunday morning program, especially for our older youth. We would like you to begin a weekly or bi-weekly youth night of some kind, look into retreats or conferences, or explore other avenues of engaging with youth and encouraging their faith development. An ability to connect through social media certainly is going to be an asset.

SINGLES MINISTRY

The second component of this calling will be a Singles ministry. We have a significant number of folks who are living on their own and would benefit from activities that provide them with opportunities for connection and companionship. This is a new ministry that would take form under your leadership.

The vision is to have a large monthly event – either in the church or offsite – and eventually as this ministry develops smaller interest-specific groups will form that would meet weekly or bi-weekly. This would be something that would have to grow organically; it can't be imposed or created all in one stroke, so your role would be primarily to organize the monthly events and then nurture and encourage the formation of the sub-groups by identifying interests and leaders and supporting them to launch on their own. You aren't expected to run these groups, but rather to cultivate them.

GRIEF MINISTRY

St. Paul and our wider community are home to many who have lost spouses, children, and others dear to them. The grief ministry will offer support to such people in a group setting.

Like the Singles ministry, this will be a new offering at St. Paul's. Your role will be to work alongside the minister to establish a weekly support group in which mutual sharing and prayer create a space in which people can experience healing and wholeness.

We are anticipating that the above will require between 20 and 25 hours per week, making this roughly a half-time position, and we are offering a \$25 000 one year contract, to be reviewed and renewed annually.

Obviously COVID is a complicating factor in all of this: as per requests from our county MOH we are not holding Sunday school classes; our building capacity is greatly reduced; large group gatherings are not occurring; youth retreats and conferences are certainly not an option; and much of our congregation are remaining largely isolated. This makes things difficult.

However, here at St. Paul's we are taking a long view of things. We recognize that the ministries that we hope to see flourishing here in the future will of course require an investment of time and energy. We need time for planning, time for prayer, time for roots to grow, and time for relationships to form.

This is why we are pursuing this initiative now instead of waiting. This moment of difficulty will pass, and when it does we want to already have momentum behind our efforts, enthusiasm in our hearts, and hope on our lips as the new day dawns.

If this is an opportunity that speaks to you, please send a C.V. or letter to our search committee through physical mail, or at lioninwinter@stpaulssimcoe.com.