

January 13, 2021

Stonebridge Church
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Position to fill: Pastor

Responsibilities:

1. Prepare and deliver Biblically based, Christ-centered sermons.
2. Love the congregation. As you relate to us help us grow in our faith, walk and outreach to those who need Jesus.
3. Plan and organize Sunday worship that is God-centered and moves the congregation to worship.
4. Lead us in sharing the gospel with our neighbors and in our communities.
5. Help us grow by attracting younger families and young adults.
6. Engage with the Presbytery of the Midwest.
7. Encourage and nurture existing teachers, leaders and diaconal servants in the congregation.

Qualifications:

1. Masters of Divinity, or in process.
2. Ordained or actively seeking ordination in the EPC.
3. Solidly reformed in theological understanding.

We, the Stonebridge Congregation, are not quite sure who or what is next in God's sovereign plan for Stonebridge Church. It might include you!

We have been without a pastor for five years now. In God's providence we have learned much about ourselves and our need to depend on him. As we look forward to 2021 and beyond, we can see several possible ways God might lead us.

Should God send us a *full-time* pastor to nurture us in our faith and mission we would be so pleased. Despite not having this situation the past five years, we believe a long-term pastoral relationship is normal for the local church.

That long-term relationship might not be apparent immediately. Perhaps God would move a pastor to live, work and minister with us for a year or so; helping Stonebridge be better prepared for that full-time pastor, while providing him opportunities to use his gifts or to grow in areas God wants. As the year progresses the relationship may develop into something long-term, but the premise at the onset would be a one-year commitment on the side of both of the pastor and Stonebridge.

We can also picture Stonebridge providing an opportunity for a pastoral intern [or church planter]. We are a small congregation. While our expectations are few we believe they are important: Biblically based sermons, meaningful worship, training or teaching that aligns with reformed doctrine. We clearly understand that many interns may likely not be as skilled in these areas as a seasoned pastor but providing the intern the opportunity to practice these things would be one of our contributions to the relationship. Regrettably, there would be no "on site" senior pastor as mentor, but our moderator, Aaron Carr (First Pres of Trenton, MI) is one short hour north and willing to provide guidance. Our two active elders are

retired and so have more time to contribute to supporting an intern [or pastor]. (The elders have been shouldering most of the church/congregational care, support and nurturing the past five years.)

Our financial position is better than average; we are willing to pay more than a "living wage" for any of the situations described above.

If you are just a little bit curious, or if the Holy Spirit nudges you to, we will enjoy an opportunity to talk with you. If we have learned one thing these past five years, it is that we do not have every perspective or every solution in our thinking. You may have insight we need. Or perhaps know of someone whom we might approach. Give one of our elders a call. No obligation. We would be happy to discuss your reaction or thoughts about Stonebridge's future with you. Inquiries will be fully confidential.

Please email your **PIF**, links to sermons preached, and whatever else you feel would help us get to know you to Martin Rossol: martin@stonebridge-epc.org or mrrossol@yahoo.com

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