

Church Planting Intern Job Description

The leadership of Faith Presbyterian Church [FPC] in Covington, Louisiana, has prayerfully chosen to hire an intern of church planting to help our efforts in planting a Portuguese-speaking church. Our aim is for this person to join our staff in early 2022. The information below should be considered by anyone interested in applying.

Characteristics of Future Employees

All future employees of Faith Presbyterian Church should have the following characteristics:

Spiritual

- Has a loving and vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ
- Is an active member in good standing at an evangelical Christian church
- Engaged in personal accountability and discipleship with other Christians
- Regularly serves the people of God inside and outside the Church
- Willing to support a Reformed evangelical view of God, Scripture, and the Gospel, including the Constitution of the EPC, as well as the By-Laws, Policies, and Position Papers of Faith Presbyterian Church

Personal

- A passion for spreading the Gospel and growing the Church
- A self-starter, who is willing to try new things
- Communicates well to a broad spectrum of people
 - Naturally intuitive and self-educating
 - Open to teaching and direction
 - Trustworthy and known for integrity, able to keep confidence

Occupational

- Comfortable working in a ministry setting
- Able to work on teams where conflict and consensus are cultivated
- Effectively maintains good boundaries between work life and home/personal life
- Enjoys a work environment that can be driven and focused at times, while casual and spirited at other times
- Able to work with people of multiple generations, perspectives, and backgrounds

Job Description: Portuguese Speaking Church Planter

Our church plant project is almost three years old. Our church planter, Rev. Glauber Becker, has had great difficulty with the immigration process during 2020-2021. Despite that, he has begun evangelizing and discipling a core group via Zoom. We are now at a place where we need to meet in-person, but he is unable to facilitate that whole process. In short, this intern will be his eyes and ears, hands and feet on the ground.

The purpose of this position is to:

- a) Assist our current church planter with on-the-ground ministry execution
- b) Be present at our weekly group meetings with the group, connecting with people and helping with setup/breakdown
- c) Make connections with Brazilian families in the region with whom we are not yet connected
- d) Assist the church planter with pastoral and discipleship needs in the body
- e) Meet weekly for discipleship with a pastor and learn more about the vision of FPC and the church plant

Other Requirements:

- 1) discreet with regard to confidential information.

Our Community

The Brazilian community in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana is different from other cities and regions in the US, where you might find neighborhoods with Brazilian churches, markets, and restaurants. While we estimate that there are 1,500 Brazilians in our area, they live separately from one another and do not have much contact with one another. While that seems like a setback, it's actually a boon. The mere fact that we have been gathering together as Brazilians in St. Tammany, people (believing and unbelieving) want to be a part of it! Because they are immigrants, far from family, they are looking for relationships, so even with the non Christians it is not difficult to get a relationship with.

We already have a relationship with over 20 families, willing to be involved in the church plant, and at least 7 families who are committed to a weekly Bible study on Zoom. We intend for that Bible study to move back to in-person in January 2022.

Contact

If this position interests you—or if you have any questions—Beth Bowles at beth@faithpreschurch.org