

Junior High Ministry Director Role Description

Why does this role exist?

This role exists to partner with families, and with adult and student leaders, to provide an environment where junior high students (grades 6-8) can *Know Jesus, Grow with His People and God to the World*. This leader will “plant and water” in order to encourage junior high students to grow as followers of Christ, facilitating opportunities for them to understand their identity in Christ, building relationships with other followers of Christ, and serving and reaching out to others.

Key areas of accountability:

- **Pray with and for students, families, and volunteer leaders.**
- **Reach students for Christ and minister directly to the Next Generation** by providing **discipleship, community life, and outreach** opportunities unique to them.
 - Discipleship:** Reach and equip each student to develop a deepening personal relationship with Christ.
 - Community Life:** Offer consistent group settings for the junior high students to encourage one another, worship together, and pray with one another apart from the larger church body. Also provide opportunities for the students to develop and use leadership skills and other gifts within their own generation.
 - Outreach:** Equip students to reach out to one another, their families, their peers and others outside of a relationship with Christ.
- **Collaborate with Senior High Ministry and Children’s Ministry** as appropriate.
- **Equip parents** to reach and disciple their children as the primary faithful-forming centers of the Next Generation. Initiate personal touches with parents to encourage, assess spiritual health, and equip them as needed.
- **Provide regular opportunities for families to grow, serve and reach out together** in order to support the family as the primary faith-forming center of the Next Generation.
- **Integrate with the congregation:** Next Gen Ministry expects and counts on all ministry leaders to invite students to serve within their ministries and will look for ways to engage with the larger body on a regular basis. Equip (older) mentors to develop relationships with student leaders, meeting students where they are and encouraging them in their faith.

Qualities experience and skill required to fulfill this role:

- ✓ Vibrant relationship with Christ
- ✓ Servant leadership
- ✓ Purposeful leadership
- ✓ Building commitment
- ✓ Provide ministry encouragement/exhortation
- ✓ Teaching/equipping
- ✓ Planning and administration
- ✓ Solid interpersonal skills and relationship health and maturity

Education: Bachelor’s degree in Student Ministry or Christian Education. Two years of direct experience leading and discipling students preferred.

Overview

Covenant Church, a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, is a Christ-centered and Biblically-based community. The Church views its mission and calling, to Know Jesus, Grow with His People, and Go to the World, as an expression of the community's constant process of growing up as followers of Christ.

Covenant's expression of faith is in its identity statement: Covenant Church...His people. His kingdom. His glory.

The church community is made up of approximately 800 people and is situated near the campus of Purdue University and includes members and participants with a very diverse heritage and intellectual backgrounds. The Church places ministry emphases on its corporate worship, discipleship (intentional spiritual formation), evangelism and a strong sense of community/relationship among its people.

To apply: Submit a cover letter and resume to Jennie Jones, Ministry Assistant For Senior Pastor, jjones@covenantpc.org.