



**new hope**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Connecting people to Jesus, one another, and ministry.



OPPORTUNITY PROFILE  
**STUDENT MINISTRY DIRECTOR**



## NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | KENT, WA

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New Hope Presbyterian Church of Kent, Washington is seeking a new Director of Student Ministry.

Are you someone who loves students and would thrive in the context of our nation's 10th most diverse community? Are you passionate about seeing kids grow into servants and leaders in the context of a gospel-centered, eclectic local church?

The ideal candidate for this role will desire to be a part of an outwardly-faced ministry team focused on reaching the students and young families in the surrounding community. The church has a history of strong student ministry and is seeking a leader who will bring vision, passion, and theological depth to this vital ministry area.

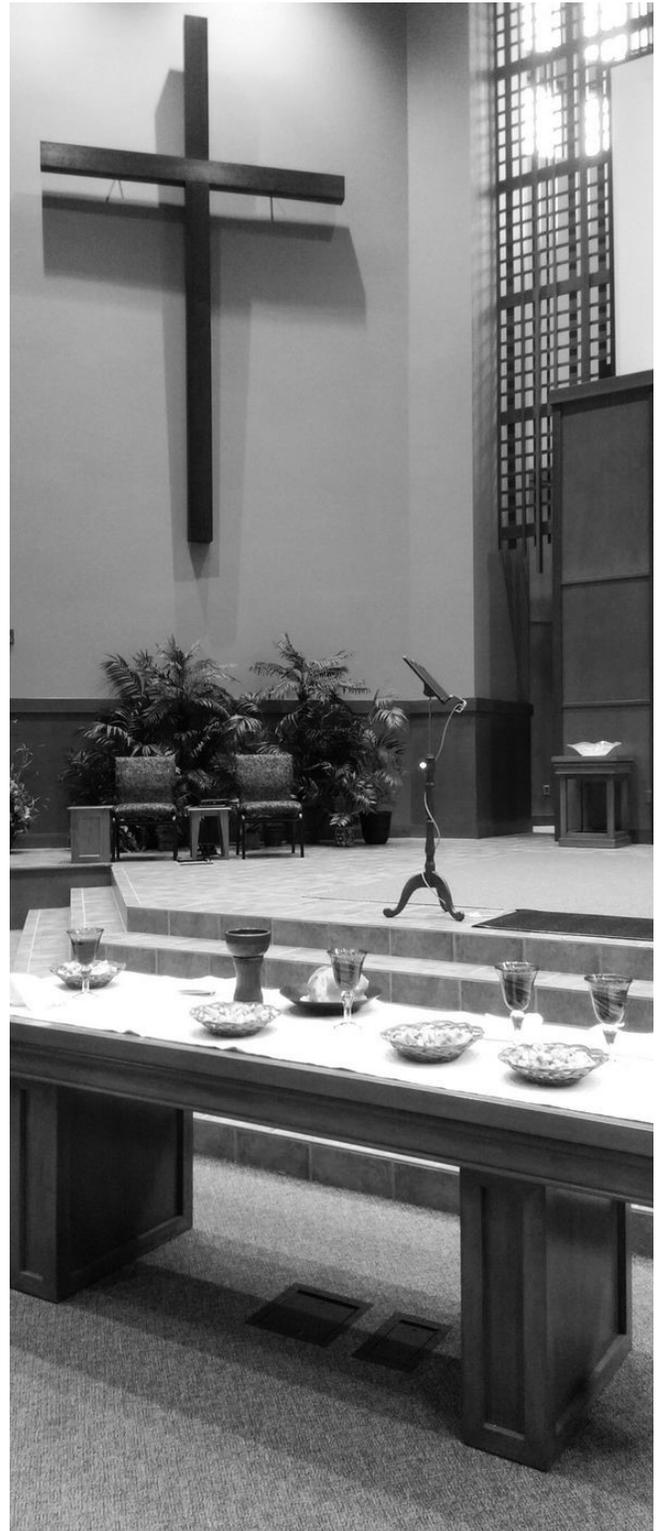
## ABOUT THE CHURCH

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With roots all the way back to 1885, our church became part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in 1988, our name then was simply First EPC. At that time, the neighborhood surrounding our church was nearly 100% Anglo-American. In the next twenty years or so, the neighborhood would become one of the most diverse in the United States boasting, among other things, a school system represented by 138 languages.

While our church has made significant progress in reflecting the diversity of our community, there is still much room to grow. For example, while our worship services are still predominantly composed of Anglo-Americans, nearly half of our leadership are minorities. Added to this, we have received nearly twice as many people of color into membership in 2019 as we have others. More important than either of these facts is that we have seen many people come to put their faith in Jesus. We rejoice as more and more in our community come to know Jesus Christ for the first time.

Our purpose is to be a blessing to our neighbors and to the world by connecting people with Jesus, to each other, and to ministry. By God's grace, we are seeing these things happen and are praying for the next person to lead our students to this same end.



## KENT, WASHINGTON + THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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Located midway between Seattle and Tacoma, Kent is the sixth largest city in Washington state. It currently has a population of 125,000, including a culturally diverse mix of residents from around the globe. The diverse population is well represented in the Kent School District where more than 138 native languages are spoken.



The city is approximately 34 square miles in size and is known for its rolling hills, lush valleys, fertile Green River, stunning Lake Meridian, and inspiring views of Mt. Rainier. Kent retains its agricultural roots while also serving as an industry hub to companies including Boeing, Blue Origin, Oberto Sausage Company, Flow International, OMAX Corporation, and Amazon Fulfillment.



Proud of its local sports programs, the City of Kent has been named "Sportstown USA" by Sports Illustrated, due to the many sports and recreation programs offered by the city. In addition to numerous outdoor ball fields and award-winning parks, Kent also features the Valley Ice Centre, Kent Commons Sports and Community Center, the Riverbend Golf Complex and the 6,500-seat, multi-purpose ShoWare Center arena, home to the Seattle Thunderbirds Hockey and Tacoma Stars Soccer teams as well as world class concerts and other events.



In addition to its lush landscape and sports & recreation opportunities, the City of Kent offers a wide variety of shopping, dining and cultural options. Highlights include Kent's historic district with local bakeries and shops, Kent Station with well known and local restaurants, stores, and a multiplex movie theater. Foodies and gourmets in particular, will love our abundant selection of international grocery stores and merchants including Hong Kong Market, La Huerta, Sunny Supermarket, Taste of Europe, Asian Pacific, Trader Joe's, and the nearby 88 Ranch Marketplace, just to name a few.



There is never a shortage of things to do here. In the summer, the Saturday Public Market is a must-do. Kent's annual Cornucopia Days festival and street fair is also amazing. World class winter sports are just an hour's drive to the east and the beautiful Pacific Ocean is less than three hours drive to the west. The greater Kent region is also home to several fresh water lakes, countless trails and mountains and the Puget Sound waterfront. Hop aboard the commuter train in downtown Kent and within minutes all that Tacoma and Seattle have to offer is yours.



We are blessed that the world's mission field truly has made a home right here in Kent!

# THE POSITION

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## Responsibilities

- Model an ethos that is gospel-driven, outwardly-faced, and relationally-focused
- Lead all student ministry programs including worship, education, spiritual development, service, fellowship, and outreach
- Develop processes to:
  - Introduce students to Jesus
  - Enable and encourage students to integrate into the life of the church and deepen their walk with Christ through large group, small group, and discipleship situations
  - Support parents in the nurture and spiritual growth of their families
- Recruit, train, and guide volunteers to work as partners, mentors, and teachers in Student Ministry
- Plan and direct student special events such as retreats, lock-ins, seminars, out-of-town excursions, and student mission trips
- Attend weekly staff meetings
- Communicate, coordinate, and review class and event calendars with other ministry leaders
- Additional duties as assigned by the Pastor

## Qualifications

As ministry staff it is important that the Student Ministry Director has an abiding relationship with Jesus Christ, affirms the essentials of our faith (visit <https://www.newhopekent.org/beliefs>), and be an integral part of this community of faith. They should be highly relational, able to connect with students, work well with the Kids' Ministries Director, and be highly skilled in recruiting volunteers. The Director should have at least three years of experience in student ministry responsibilities for organizing and planning.

For further details regarding this position please contact:

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