



Applications invited for the position of Minister

Rory Spence completes a 16-year season with us at the end of December 2018, and we are inviting applications from ordained and experienced ministers of the UPCSA and UCCSA who believe God may be calling them to enable the future ministry of this Congregation, a constituent member of both the UPCSA and UCCSA.

As part of the family of Reformed Churches, we hold to the centrality of Grace, Faith and Scripture in the way we understand the Gospel. We describe our family ethos as “a church where everybody knows your name” in which people can feel safe enough to be real, open enough to discover what Christ has done for us, and free enough to move beyond the past to become all that God designed them to be.

Our vision of the church God has called us to be:

We are committed to becoming a church family that knows Christ and makes Him known.

Our core values which govern our decisions and actions:

- A heart for Jesus;
- Encounter with God is central to our life and ministry;
- Valuing all people is a key demonstration of God’s unconditional love;
- Development is vital in discipleship and community transformation.

Greenacres Presbyterian Church (GAP) is 112 years old and currently has over 300 active members. We gather for worship twice on Sunday, at 08h00 and 09h30, which is enhanced by our dynamic worship teams. There are 10 Home Groups which facilitate discipleship; Young Adults, Youth and Children’s ministries; a pastoral care group; prayer groups; outreach projects and serving ministries. Oversight is exercised by the Church Session comprised of 15 Elders, the Session Clerk and the Minister.

The day to day ministry of the Congregation is facilitated by a staff team and volunteers, and the premises are well-developed and fully utilized.

Further information about our church and its activities can be found on our website www.gapchurch.co.za or our Facebook Page.

Applicants should demonstrate:

- A deep spirituality, with a confident humility;
- Competence as a Reformed theologian, and effectiveness as a preacher and teacher, to deepen our understanding of the Scriptures and highlight their applications to life;
- A commitment to the foundational convictions of our Vision and Values, and a strong desire to reach the next generation with the Gospel;

- An understanding of the centrality of Grace in the Gospel, and an ability to sensitively meet people where they are, without judgement, and draw them into faith and community;
- A proven ability to lead from the front with enthusiasm and energy with a passion for church growth;
- A willingness to share and delegate ministry by motivating and equipping staff and volunteers to serve according to their passion, gifting and personal style, and equipping members to share their faith in the contexts in which they live;
- A keen interest and enthusiasm in a dynamic music ministry;
- Sound organisational and management skills, with an ability to follow through to completion on goals – work experience in the secular arena would be an advantage;
- A willingness to continue and nurture the cross-cultural ethos already established at GAP which includes all God's people;
- A willingness and ability to listen carefully and reflect deeply, with genuine pastoral sensitivity to the needs of a congregation and wider community which is economically, culturally and generationally diverse;
- Secure in their own being with a good self-awareness of their own strengths and weaknesses;
- Have strong and stable family relationships;
- Age group – Mid 30s to late 40s.

If you're sensing that God may be calling you, please email a **motivated letter of application**, explaining why you are persuaded that God may be calling you to lead and facilitate the ministry of GAP Church and outlining how you match the criteria outlined above.

Your letter of application should be accompanied by:

- A comprehensive **Curriculum Vitae** with relevant **supporting documentation**;
- The names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of at least **two relevant contactable referees** who know you well and have experience of your ministry.

Applications should be emailed to the Session Clerk, Mr Brian Paddey at admin@gapchurch.co.za

Applications must be received no later than 31 October 2018.