



The Branch Community Church
6125 W. Foster Avenue
Chicago, IL 60630

Branch Church Position Announcement

Position Title: Connections Pastor

Reports to: Lead Pastor

Employee Type: Full-Time Exempt

Overview

The Connections Pastor (CP) is a highly relational leader who loves God above all else, inspires others to follow Jesus day-by-day, and connects people to the mission and work of the church. The CP leads the ministry and strategies that facilitate connection and ongoing discipleship of visitors and partners of Branch Church. The CP is a prominent pastoral presence in the Branch Church community, primarily helping people take their next step of engagement and growth. The CP oversees Branch Church's connection pathways and facilitates the regular gatherings and events that lead individuals along those pathways, particularly into serving and discipleship roles.

Responsibilities

- Oversee the discipleship ministries, strategies, timelines, and events of Branch Church, including community groups, discipleship program, men's and women's ministries, and assimilation and next steps
- Lead, develop, inspire, and empower volunteers and potential volunteers and assist them in getting plugged into the ministries that align with their gifting
- Lead the connection pathways that help an individual grow from first-time visitor to fully engaged partner at Branch Church
- Lead our Hospitality Team in fostering environments of connection and belonging and provide ongoing direction and training for volunteers
- Develop and facilitate regular "next step" gatherings that provide a clear understanding of the community life of Branch Church
- Serve as the primary staff lead on our connection and engagement events
- Respond to strategic opportunities to develop and implement new connection and engagement strategies and events
- Provide leadership and support in the Care ministries of Branch Church, including counseling, visitation, and officiating weddings and funerals
- Preach and teach at Sunday services as directed by the Lead Pastor



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Qualifications:

- Committed follower of Jesus living a bold and growing faith that points others to Christ
- Passion and love for the local church with a desire to see the body of Christ grow, mature, and fulfill the Great Commission
- Deep and growing knowledge of God's Word and its application to everyday life
- Highly relational and pastoral abilities that spur connection and care
- Demonstrated ability to recruit, equip, and mobilize high-capacity leaders and volunteers
- Effective systems development and management
- Excellent work ethic and organization and execution of priorities and responsibilities
- Discernment of people's gifts and abilities
- Demonstrated ability to inspire commitment, engagement, and follow-through
- Creative, clear, and effective communication abilities, both written and verbal
- Ability to effectively engage and teach large groups in a variety of public speaking formats such as preaching, teaching, presentation, and training

Compensation:

A comprehensive benefits package including a competitive salary, medical and dental insurance, retirement match, paid time off, and the potential for parsonage housing.

How to Apply:

Send a cover letter and résumé via email to jobs@brch.org with the subject line "Connections Pastor."