



Community Outreach Minister Job Description

Full time

Bachelor's Degree in Social Services, Bible, Education, or other related degree or equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills or abilities for this position. A successful candidate must have a minimum of 1-2 years of relevant experience.

The urban ministry strategy of outreach addresses reaching out into the community to connect with people and meet spiritual, physical and other needs. It is hard to connect someone to a church who is struggling with the daily concern of having their necessities met. The rhetorical question asked by James the brother of Jesus sheds light on this, *"Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?"* (James 2:15-16 NIV)

Addressing poverty is extremely complex because there are so many interrelated issues. There are nineteen areas of life that must be considered when helping people living in poverty. The nineteen areas of life are: spiritual needs, addiction, crime, employment, education (childcare, children/youth, adult), financial, food, healthcare, mental health, housing, identification, immigration, legal, possessions, family relationships, parenting skills, recreation, security, and transportation.

The Community Outreach Minister is responsible for helping to lead our Compassionate Ministries that address these areas of life and have a goal of poverty reduction. Compassionate Ministries Include: Acts 2 Generation, Mid-South Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance, MANNA Food Distribution Center, United Way of the Mid-South Driving the Dream, At Risk Youth Food Program, School Store, Turkey Store, and Christmas Store.

Each individual must be assessed to determine what assistance they need in the crucial areas of life. The Community Outreach Minister will facilitate the assessment utilizing intake through our computer database system, CoactionNet and/or other computer systems.

The Community Outreach Minister will serve the whole family in our Acts 2 Generation approach based on Acts 2 in Scripture. The Community Outreach Minister must be a Christian and is required to become a part of the Raleigh Community Church of Christ fellowship and have a heart for providing resources to a diverse group of families including some living in poverty. You must be able to work in a culturally diverse and predominantly African American

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and contemporary church environment. You must be able to work as an integral part of a ministry team in an urban context serving the poor.

The Community Outreach Minister must be able to conduct home and hospital visits with families as needed. This includes going to the home to complete an assessment and visiting members and nonmembers in the hospital who are sick.

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