

Las Cruces Church of Christ – Open Minister Position

Summary of the Position: We seek a full-time minister to work alongside Church members while sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Las Cruces and beyond. Our hope is to accomplish this task through teaching, preaching and weekly worship but most importantly by “*being Jesus*” to those living in the nearby communities. Our members here at the Las Cruces Church take scripture seriously and would expect a prospective minister to be thoroughly equipped to engage with God’s Word to help facilitate our collective efforts to know God and his will for our lives. We view each gathering as yet another opportunity to better prepare ourselves to serve God and promote his kingdom while each one of us interacts with the greater community.

About the Church in Las Cruces: We are a community of believers committed to the Gospel of Jesus and all its implications for our lives as we engage with our neighbors from surrounding communities. We regard our neighbors as important because God continually shapes us to love first. We see ourselves as part of a larger kingdom inclusive of believers from around the world who acknowledge Jesus as Lord and King. In addition to meeting for prayer, study and worship at a formal building on Valley Drive, we also meet in small groups to promote greater involvement in each other’s lives and provide a welcoming space for guests to explore what God has in store for them.

Key Attributes of the Prospective Minister:

- Compelled by God’s Word to explore scripture and unpack its message for others.
- Enjoys engaging with people, and has a heart for those who are lost and struggling.
- A good listener, able to convey to others that they are valued.
- Considers the Las Cruces Church as an extended family for all members.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Preach a Bible-based lesson on Sundays, with occasional member support.
- Assist with the development of curricula for Sunday morning Bible classes.
- Plan to teach an adult or youth class on Sundays, with occasional member support.
- Encourage fellowship through group activities, and study within our small groups.
- Visit our various small groups on a regular basis, looking for areas of improvement.
- Be available for one-on-one study with members and our community neighbors.

Preferred Qualifications Include:

- A college degree (or equivalent) and at least five years of ministerial experience.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills – able to listen and offer spiritual insight.
- An ability to facilitate outreach in ways that are natural and comfortable to those new to the Christian faith – live in our community so that others are drawn to you because of Christ.
- Experience with teaching others about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Able to innovate and explore ways to embrace people coming from diverse backgrounds.
- Bilingual ability would be an added benefit, given that Las Cruces is ~60% hispanic.

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, resume, statement of ministry philosophy, a list of at least three references and access to preaching videos to search@lascruceschurchofchrist.org , with “Minister” appearing in the subject line. Start date is negotiable.