

Christ the King, Edmonton – Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC)

Outreach Pastor (Evangelist) Profile 2022

Introduction

Writing a profile for an Outreach Pastor ('evangelist') can seem somewhat bold, even idealistic, like a child's eager listing of desired birthday gifts. That said, Christ the King, Edmonton (CtK) is firmly of the mind that God is calling it to pursue the growth of the Kingdom more actively and with more commitment.

In other terms: CtK is sticking its neck out wanting to break new ground, build up the Kingdom and be a parish committed to Church growth.

Therefore, God has just the right person, with just the right 'portfolio,' to work at CtK to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

With this conviction in mind, this document sets out the beliefs, faith, gifts, qualities, characteristics and attitudes to be possessed by such a person.

Fundamentals of Belief and Life:

Candidates are expected to work within the overall ministry philosophy of ANiC and Christ the King which is a balance of evangelical, charismatic and sacramental.

As a member parish of the Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC), Christ the King, Edmonton, (CtK) has formal and fundamental requirements for candidates seeking this position. Candidates must agree with and support ANiC's *Constitution, Canons and By-Laws*.

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In specific terms, article 1.1 (a – d) of the Constitution expresses the faith of ANiC which candidates must hold and profess. Candidates must also possess the qualities of character and life taught in scripture (1 Timothy and Titus) and set forth in the ANiC *Canons, section 1*, article 9, particularly sections 1.9.4 and 1.9.5.

As such, candidates profess and proclaim faith in the good news of Jesus Christ for salvation, pursuing a deepening personal relationship with Christ, and demonstrating through lifestyle, choices, words and practice, a life in submission to Christ.

Qualifications:

Candidates can be either a clergy person or lay person of any denomination.

Experience of doing the work of an Outreach Pastor (evangelist) and/or a church planter, either as a lay leader or clergy person, is *essential*. Some preaching experience would be valuable. Work experience outside of the church would also be advantageous, but is not essential.

Gifts, Qualities, Characteristics and Attitudes

The single most important aspect or characteristic of an outreach pastor is a deep, real and enduring knowledge of and communion with Jesus Christ, and a conviction that only in Christ and through the

work of the Holy Spirit – not by human endeavour – is the Kingdom advanced. In other words, the Outreach Pastor (evangelist) must know through personal experience that only in Jesus are help, strength, guidance, comfort, peace, and inspiration to be found. And, likewise, the Outreach Pastor (evangelist) must know, trust, seek after, and be sensitive to the prompting, working, and power of the Holy Spirit. These points mean that the Outreach Pastor (evangelist) by conviction and by habit be someone who prays – in season and out of season. From these foundations an Outreach Pastor (evangelist) must know, feel, and experience the conviction of being blessed by God with the spiritual gift of being an evangelist.

We appreciate God has made each one of us as unique beings, each with our own characteristics, personalities, attitudes, abilities, weaknesses, and strengths – and with our own backgrounds and experiences of life. Having said that, there are personalities, characteristics etc. which enable, the work of being an Outreach Pastor (evangelist). Here are some which we believe are necessary for the individual to be successful in the position:

- having a strong sense of God's call to full-time outreach or evangelistic ministry;
- being enthusiastic, lively and well-spoken and warm in manner, easily meeting new people with a genuine interest in engaging them;
- possessing the ability to build strong relationships, influence others and build bridges of both heart and head;
- enjoying a broad range of daily activities and not being 'flustered' by unforeseen changes while also capable of effectively handling a degree of routine tasks;
- being bold by nature, willing to risk, to 'set forth' even though there be giants in the land;
- feeling comfortable in a role which requires some degree of directing and organizing other people;
- being unalarmed by change or its prospect – indeed, keen to evaluate and to assess a potential for change and naturally motivated to reach goals and meet schedules;
- being empathetic, that is, conveying a genuine sense of another person's experience and need;
- being self-confident and comfortable with initiatives that provide some opportunity for independent decision-making, rather than being anxious, because the mighty power of God which brought back Jesus from the dead is at work within us;
- being stable and grounded in personality so that differences of approach, of attitude, of opinion or conviction are grounds and reasons for engaging with someone, not resisting or retreating in wounded umbrage;
- being mature enough to willingly consider honest correction and, if warranted, accept it; and
- having the courage to seek counsel and advice.

Ministry Focus:

The intent of this section of the profile is not to 'tell' the successful candidate how to implement the Great Commission. The 'what' and 'how' of the job will depend on the successful candidate's experience, spiritual gifts, and characteristics. It will also be influenced by the Outreach Pastor's (evangelist) analysis of the surrounding community demographics and parish's culture. The rector will assist the worker with his valuable perspectives.

The questions to be answered:

- How best can God's calling of CtK to the Great Commission be translated into measurable actions?
- What role should be played by CtK members? Supportive or actively engaged?
- What growth model will best suit the cultural and demographic reality of CtK and its community? Might it be organic growth into the parish, establishing a 'daughter' church, or an entirely new church venture financially supported in part by CtK or some combination thereof?

Potential candidates will not be surprised to know that CtK leadership, during the preparation of this profile, has been brainstorming what activities might be done to carry out God's calling of the Great Commission. We are excited to hear what candidates have done in the past: What worked? What did not work? What were the reasons that activities worked or did not work? What might you do differently in future situations?

The chief component of this position is evangelizing. It is very much the goal of CtK to allow the time and 'space' for this work. There is no desire to encumber this calling with what, for lack of a better term, is often called 'parish work'. Yet, being a member of CtK and on staff will naturally involve actively contributing to the life of CtK.

A final point which candidates will find helpful: it is important for the Outreach Pastor (evangelist) to connect with those across Canada who are in the same role, for fellowship, advice and support, including those of other denominations.

The effective undertaking of these responsibilities is only possible with the attitude of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to serve not to be served.

"Above all, clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ" Rom. 13:24