

Job Posting for Children's Ministry Associate

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church (YPBC) is a large urban church serving a diverse community and a member of the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec. YPBC is "committed to being a people who love and glorify God as we grow together in Christ, love our neighbours as we love one another, and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our world".

YPBC's children's ministry seeks to: *"... partner with families to nurture children and youth in life-long discipleship to Jesus Christ"*. Our vision for the children's ministry incorporates four desired outcomes:

- Children have personal experiences of God
- Parents are engaged in their [childrens'] spiritual development and on a spiritual journey themselves
- Children are exposed to empowered teaching
- Children are involved in dynamic community

YPBC is looking for a part-time children's ministry associate to support the Director of Family Ministries in working with children and their parents and encouraging intergenerational connection within the church.

Purpose: to assist the Director of Family Ministries to minister to children and their families.

Reports to: Director of Family Ministries

Time: 15 hours a week, divided as needed. Must be consistently available on Sunday mornings

Duration: Initial 12-month contract with possible extension to permanent part-time position.

Qualifications:

- Active and growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ, evidenced by action, attitude and behavior
- Fully embraces the mission, vision and values of YPBC
- A heart for children's ministry and enthusiasm to inspire and encourage children in their lives of faith
- Demonstrated ability to relate to children from birth through Grade 5 and communicate effectively with parents/caregivers and volunteer leaders
- Ability to lead a dynamic children's worship time and teach children in small group settings
- A team player who is capable of working independently when necessary
- Dependable in following through on commitments
- A teachable heart (eagerness to learn and grow in faith)

- Organized, responsible and relational
- Minimum two years of experience leading children's programs, gained in church, camp, or equivalent settings, including as a volunteer, intern, or paid staff
- Facility with technology, AV systems and social media is desirable
- Musical ability is an asset

Specific duties:

- Set up for Sunday morning children's program and coordinate sign-in process
- Prepare for and lead elementary school age children in "large group" worship and teaching session on Sunday mornings; assemble/prepare materials for pre-school and elementary age small groups
- Schedule and coordinate with volunteer leaders and classroom assistants
- Be available and approachable in developing relationships with the children and their families; assist in maintaining regular communication
- Support Director of Family Ministries with long term planning for teaching and events and with volunteer training and appreciation initiatives
- Work closely with Youth Ministry Associate
- Help organize, set up, and run special events for children and families
- Participate in sanctuary service with children on a regular basis
- Work on teams to plan and lead summer Vacation Bible School (not offered in 2019, but anticipated in 2020) and offsite week-long summer day camp at a First Nations reserve
- Assist in organizing and running intergenerational events (e.g., "Bethlehem on Yonge") and other initiatives to foster dynamic community

Contact Information and Application Deadline: Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume to employment@yorkminsterpark.com no later than May 27, 2019. It is desirable that the successful candidate could start by early June.

We thank all applicants for their interest. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.