# CANADIAN BAPTISTS OF ATLANTIC CANADA

MINISTRY OPENING

### CHURCH

### Life Branch Church

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia lifebranch.ca

### MINISTRY POSITION

Associate Pastor (Youth Ministry)

# **AVG SUNDAY ATTENDANCE** 200 or above

FULL TIME / PART TIME Full Time

### REQUESTED CREDENTIALS

Any of the following:

- Ordained with CBAC or affiliate
- Candidate for ordained pastoral ministry
- Recognized CBAC lay pastor

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

Title: Associate Pastor (Youth Ministry) – Immediate opportunity to build a youth ministry from the ground up while being supported by a strong team of staff and volunteers who value individual gifts and ideas, and mentored by an experienced pastor who supports growth in all areas of ministry.

Church intro: Life Branch Church, formerly First Baptist Church Dartmouth, is a fast-growing church in Dartmouth, NS. Our congregation is a mix of long-standing and new members, from various backgrounds and geographic areas, resulting in cultural, ethnic, socio-economic, and generational diversity. A ministry partner of the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada, we are a Christ-centred family empowered by His Spirit as we serve our neighbours and experience transformation in our lives and in our world.

Job description: Life Branch Church is seeking a full-time Associate Pastor with primary responsibility for youth ministry. It is our goal to lay a foundation that will keep



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youth not only interested in coming to church but will develop a lifelong understanding of what it means to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. The successful candidate will also have secondary responsibility for another ministry, to be decided according to that person's gifts, skills, and experience. In addition to having a passion for working with youth, the Associate Pastor (Youth Ministry) must have a lifestyle that demonstrates continual spiritual formation, giving youth good examples of how to grow in Christ and be a leader who can connect relationally with people of varying ethnicities, socio-economic levels, and generations.

Top benefits or perks: As a pastor at Life Branch Church, you will enjoy:

- Competitive salary.
- Comprehensive benefits package, including health, dental, vision, and life insurance.
- Mileage allowance and a cell phone plan.
- Pension plan.

Location: Life Branch Church is located in Lancaster Ridge, a subdivision in the north end of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. This is a new building in a residential area with easy access to the ferry terminal and both bridges going to Halifax city. Mic Mac Mall is within walking distance and there is an easy commute to Dartmouth Crossing, a large open-air mall with stores, restaurants, and a multiplex cinema, as well as to Burnside Industrial Park. There is a golf course, lakes, and many amenities close by.

Contact / application information: Please submit your resume and cover letter by Friday, August 25, 2024, to jobs@lifebranch.ca.

**POSITION CLOSING:** Flexible: open for applications until the position is filled SEND RESUME / CV TO: jobs@lifebranch.ca





# Associate Pastor (Youth Ministry)

**JOB TITLE**: Associate Pastor

TYPE OF POSITION: Staff, Full Time

**ROLE:** The Associate Pastor has primary responsibility for planning, developing, implementing, and coordinating the youth ministry at Life Branch Church (LBC). The position also has responsibility for assisting the Lead Pastor in other pastoral and ministry responsibilities, as assigned.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**:

- Establishing a long-term vision for the church's engagement of youth that is consistent with the overall vision of LBC.
- Developing and executing a strategic plan for the youth ministry.
- Training youths on how to be future faith-filled leaders and setting up opportunities to facilitate their spiritual growth.
- Administering and planning youth initiatives and activities.
- Recruiting and training volunteers for working with, and supporting, youth.
- Advising youths and helping them realize their individual goals.
- Coordinating with parents of youth regarding their children's involvement and participation in the church.
- Leading efforts to minister to the parenting needs of the church body.
- Working co-operatively with other staff and church leaders to find ministry opportunities for youth in the broader church family.
- Supervising the children's ministry coordinator.
- Chairing the church leadership team responsible for children's and youth ministry.
- Developing and maintaining strong working relationships with various leaders in the community for purposes of outreach.
- Participating and contributing to staff and church meetings.

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- Developing an annual budget for the youth ministry, in consultation with the church's ministry representative team and financial advisory team, while operating within the constraints of that budget.
- Assisting in pastoral duties, as arranged with the Lead Pastor, which may include, but not be limited to, preaching, visitation, counselling, bereavement response, weddings, baptisms, and child dedications.

### SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Passionately committed to discipling youth.
- Strong ability to lead people of varying ethnicities, socio-economic levels, and generations.
- Ability to connect with youth relationally and to foster healthy interpersonal relationships among the youth.
- A desire to teach and mentor youth in spiritual formation, by being a competent teacher of the Bible and the foundations of the Christian faith.
- A lifestyle that demonstrates continual spiritual formation, giving youth good examples of how to grow in Christ.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Effective organizational planning and timely follow-through.
- Ability to think creatively and strategically.
- Post-Secondary training in pastoral ministry.
- Experience in ministering to youth and shepherding youth ministry volunteers an asset.
- Experience in church leadership an asset.

### **REPORTING RELATIONSHIP: Lead Pastor**

### LAST UPDATED: July 2024