

WestRock Family Church is seeking a new Pastor in Tarrytown, NY

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WestRock is situated in the beautiful Hudson Valley about 25 miles north of New York City, New York. We are a Local Church of the Family Federation for World Peace and most of our members reside in the counties of Westchester, Rockland and Orange in New York.

Our community of about 150 families is a colorful cross-section of Unificationists embracing the usual wide range of ages, nationalities and cultures – and with Belvedere and East Garden in our midst and UTS just 90 minutes to the north, we have inherited and have contributed to an exceedingly rich history.

We are seeking a pastor who wants to be a part of a vibrant, engaged community; A pastor who will be committed to the members, and help us grow beyond what we have been able to do thus far.

Our Vision Statement

Our vision is to build an expanding community of families that comfort the Heart of God and fulfill the ideal of “Cheon Il Guk,” (Kingdom of Heaven) where “Two Become One” between mind and body, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, parents and children and families and neighbors.

Benefits:

- Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- Health insurance, dental insurance, and life insurance.
- 403b retirement plan with match.
- Congregation-subsidized housing for Pastor and family (Irvington, NY school district).

If you would like to be the pastor for such a community, we encourage you to apply! The application instructions and job description are below. Additionally, here is the link to the WestRock Family Church Charter: <http://www.westrockfamily.com/WRCharter.pdf>

We are accepting applications through the month of July, 2015.

Sincerely,

WestRock Pastor Search Committee 2015
Susan Bouachri -Chair, Steve Honey, David Okamoto, Jessica Sattinger, Lynn Walsh, Kester Wilkening

Application Instructions

We are accepting applications on a rolling basis through the month of July, 2015. Please submit your application as soon as you can, and no later than July 31st, 2015. To apply, submit the following documents as attachments in an email to: pastorsearch@westrockfamily.com.

Please send any questions to the same email address.

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Three (3) letters of recommendation

P.S. As you read through the job description, if you feel called to the position but you also feel that you are not yet qualified in some way, please keep this thought in mind. We realize that one doesn't become a pastor overnight. Therefore we did decide to be open to the possibility of someone “growing into” the position. In other words, even if you're not qualified yet, if you believe that you could become qualified within a certain time frame, which we would have to agree upon, we encourage you to apply!

Job Description for – Pastor of the WestRock Family Church

Pastoral Mission Statement:

The Pastor feels called, by God, to be an authentic and inspirational preacher. He/she builds and leads an expanding community of families that comforts the Heart of God and fulfills the ideal of “Cheon Il Guk,” based on the seven principles outlined in the WestRock Family Church Charter. (* see link to Charter below)

The Pastor is responsible for conveying God's word to the congregation, overseeing the spiritual well being of WestRock Family Church members, promoting church growth through outreach and witnessing and encouraging service to and involvement in the local community. The Pastor is also the point of contact with, and accountable to, the District Leader and the national headquarters of the Family Federation for World Peace and participates as a member of the WestRock Council with the special position of spiritual advisor. In addition, the Pastor oversees the church office and administration.

Responsibilities:

▪ Church Community

1. Serve as the spiritual leader for the community.
2. Give weekly, bi-weekly or monthly sermons and work with the Sunday Service committee to develop other participatory worship service strategies.
3. Oversee spiritual well-being of the members through various educational, counseling and supportive activities utilizing resources within and outside the WestRock community.
4. Encourage and understand the small group model for ministries.
5. Understand the developing needs of the WestRock community and address them with the help of the established WestRock infrastructure.
6. Identify and take advantage of new opportunities to strengthen and encourage WestRock's members and families through intergenerational teamwork and innovative thinking.

▪ Outreach/Local Community

1. Develop and raise awareness about family values, Divine Principle and the need for Interfaith cooperation through being involved in the local community.
2. Develop working relationships with community and faith-based organizations.
3. Facilitate and encourage development of new outreach activities such as the use of media or other innovative ideas.

▪ Management

1. Share, encourage, and delegate leadership responsibilities to the diverse and capable people in the congregation.
2. Work with the WestRock Council to oversee all church departments.
3. Oversee budget in collaboration with the WestRock Council.
4. Increase church community tithing.
5. Communicate information to and from the District Leader and National leadership.

▪ Strategic Planning

1. Plan for WestRock's implementation of providential directives including "Vision 2020"
2. Plan for WestRock's growth and expansion.
3. Plan to empower WestRock's youth, working professionals, and families with young children.

▪ Time commitment: This is a full-time salaried position. It is reasonable to expect work hours of 40-50 hours/week, depending on the week and time management of the

Qualifications:

▪ Minimum requirements

1. US Citizen or Permanent Resident

2. High School graduate, GED or equivalent
3. Fluency in the English language
4. A Church member in good standing.

- Preferred requirements

1. Blessed
2. College and/or Seminary graduate
3. Computer, communication and management skills
4. Experience leading a UC ministry or project.

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