

Position Description First Friends Whittier

• PASTOR •

First Friends Whittier seeks a pastor who, first and foremost, feels called by God to serve the pastoral needs of our close community of Friends, and whose calling and ministry is a reflection of the Love that can be shared together. Our assumption is that each of us has a ministry, and that, as ministers, we differ not in status, but function. Each ministers according to the gifts and call God has given us through our shared Light.

Job Responsibilities

Worship Leadership Planning and conducting the Meetings for Worship in concert with the Spiritual Life Board and staff. Leading special programs and events, such as memorials, weddings, and other worship services as requested. This encompasses message preparation and coordinating with others who participate and share in our corporate worship.

Pastoral Care and Counseling Regular calling upon Meeting members with particular attention to – but not limited to -- those in hospital, in bereavement, or facing personal crises.

Meetings Attending board and committee meetings including Ministry & Oversight, Monthly Meeting, Spiritual Life, Pastoral Committee, and selected other meetings as requested, to provide counsel, guidance, suggestions, inspiration, and to participate in the process of seeking God's Leadings.

Administration Serving along with other Friends as one of the leaders in the Meeting and assisting in the supervision or coordination of church staff with the Personnel Board.

Community Outreach Encouraging ministries to those within and outside our church. Bringing a Quaker presence and voice to the community reflecting Quaker testimonies.

“Leading Among Leaders” and Enabling. Serving with the Meeting's leadership in our Friends community. Helping others to identify their own special callings and enabling them to respond.

*Other duties as assigned.

Preferred Qualifications

- A Quaker
- A Calling to pastoral ministry
- Seminary-training (or equivalent academic course of study)
- Excellent communication and preaching skills
- Counseling skills as an extension of, or inspired by, God's care
- Small group facilitation skills
- Extensive knowledge of Friends heritage and practice or deep commitment to learn
- Value for divergent perspectives
- Spiritually inspired, yet pragmatic, committed, and energetic
- Ability to organize and oversee Christian education and life long learning programs
- Comfort in representing Quakers in the greater Whittier community