



Position Description:

Missions and College Coordinator, Lake Forest Church – Davidson

- Would you enjoy relationally connecting with ministries (both locally and abroad), supporting their work, and inviting others to do the same?
- Do you have a track record of shepherding college students and helping them integrate into the life of the church?
- Do you take God seriously and yourself not-so-seriously?
- Can you confidently and successfully work with a church that includes people who are skeptical about faith, longtime believers...and everywhere in between?

An emphatic “Yes” to all four? If so, we would like for you to keep reading and consider joining our team. Lake Forest Church is seeking a Missions and College Coordinator for its Davidson worship community. This person will love a growing group of imperfect people and help them discover and live out their role in God’s story.

Before we get to the real job description, here’s a little more about us:

Lake Forest Church is a vibrant family of churches, in total 1,800 - 2,000 people spread across three locations in the North Charlotte/Lake Norman, NC-area, specifically Huntersville, Davidson and Denver.

Started in 1998, LFC is a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). The laser beam vision of LFC is reaching people who have ‘given up on church but not on God’ through a clear and engaging focus on Jesus, spiritual growth in small groups, and intentional deployment outward in mission.

Lake Forest Church – Davidson (LFC-D) began on August 21, 2011 thanks to the visionary leadership of Lake Forest Church and the sacrificial commitment of a 50-person Launch Team. While benefiting from the connections and resources of the family of Lake Forest Church, LFC-D is also cultivating its vibe as an authentic, simple church where Jesus Christ can change all kinds of Davidson-area people.

LFC-D worships on Sunday at Davidson Elementary School with an average attendance of 500-600 people, about 1/6 of those people being students from nearby Davidson College. Our people are all over the map spiritually - from those with totally secular upbringings to mature believers with 50+ years following Jesus. We have also just finished our third consecutive year of 15% attendance growth; this trend has resulted in equal parts excitement and growing pains.

Lake Forest lives by the mission and passions that God has given us (<http://lakeforest.org/our-story/mission-and-passions/>). We expect every staff member to be a 100% DNA match, meaning that she/he resonates deeply with our mission and passions.

About the Role:

Our Missions and College Coordinator will wear two hats that are interconnected in our church context. As the Missions Coordinator, he/she will lead our LFC-D *missio Dei* Team. (*missio Dei* – meaning *mission of God* in Latin – is our internal speak for mission work.) This team oversees Lake Forest Davidson’s global and regional and local missions engagement. Service opportunities, cross-cultural trips, and support of long-term missionaries all fall under the oversight of this staff member and the *missio Dei* team. We are currently working to integrate *missio Dei* into the existing pockets of community in the church, thus making mission work an important component of how we do life together. We have passed the stage in the life of our church where every mission opportunity can garner church-wide focus. (Fun facts: every Lake Forest campus currently gives 10% of its annual offering to missions. There are also a few missionaries and mission opportunities shared by all of the Lake Forest locations.)

Currently, our congregation has a number of partnerships including Gethsemane Baptist Church, Ada Jenkins Center, Access 2 Success, Charlotte Rescue Mission, Christmas Village Toy Store, and campus ministries at Davidson College. We try to maintain a good relationship with all Christian ministries/ministers on campus and have cultivated our closest relationships with Reformed University Fellowship (leader: Rev. Sid Druen) and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (leader: Hanna Halteman, a Ministry Partner at LFC-D). [*Note: Ministry Partner is our language for “member.”*]

Thus, Davidson College students are not only an active part of our congregation. They are central to why we believe God has placed us where he has. Davidson students are very driven and intelligent, often making disproportionate impact in the world after graduation. We hope to encourage them to do so in a way that centers on Jesus Christ. Thus, we want this person, as our College Coordinator, to focus his/her pastoral energies on Davidson students, in such a way that he/she can integrate others at LFC-D into this work.

At current, we do not believe this means starting an additional campus ministry, for Davidson already has a number of these. We believe it looks like partnering with existing ministries in their evangelism/discipleship work, personally shepherding individual students, and integrating students into the life of the church. This last piece could take a number of forms, as students join volunteer Share Teams and Community Groups and missio Dei opportunities. We are certainly open to starting some Community Groups for college students, if desired. Last fall, we also started the Adopt-a-Cat program which partners families and Davidson students to give students a home-away-from-home.

Reporting Relationships:

This person will report to the LFC-D Community Pastor Dr. Bud Brainerd. This reporting relationship is designed to insure that Community Groups (which Dr Bud oversees) are a primary vehicle through which people at LFC-D engage in mission work. It is also designed to integrate mission work into our Children's and Youth Ministries, as these staff members also report to Dr. Bud. Additionally, the Mission and College Coordinator will work closely with a number of LFC-D and LFC staff members to whom he/she has no direct reporting line. A collegial spirit is a must!

Hours/Compensation:

This staff position is a full-time position, qualifying for salary and benefits. The salary is in keeping with regional salaries for similar roles in churches of our size.

Requirements:

- Growing faith in Jesus Christ
- Record of working well on a team
- History of being a self-starter who shepherds people (esp. college students) well
- Eagerness to wear multiple hats and (thus) ability to prioritize
- *Added Benefit: Previous exposure to LFC, and LFC-D specifically*
- *Added Benefit: EPC Ordination*
- *Added Benefit: Desire and Skill for some occasional preaching or teaching*