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Pastoral Vacancy Announcement

The Call:

The Third Baptist Church of Chicago, IL is prayerfully seeking an ordained minister to lead our congregation as a full-time Senior Pastor. A qualified candidate will: have pastoral experience, understand life in the city both spiritually and theologically, possess strong administrative and interpersonal skills, and be committed to building intergenerational relationships within and beyond the church building.

We are currently accepting applications. To download the application form, go to www.thirdbaptistchicago.org/pastoralsearch For fullest consideration, submit complete application by **September 1, 2018**.

Who We Are:

Third Baptist Church of Chicago (TBCoC) was organized by founding Pastor Rev. Elmer L. Fowler on March 8, 1963 in the home of Sister Lelia Kennerson along with a small band of charter members. The first worship service was held Easter Sunday 1963 at John Foster Dulles School. Rev. Fowler selected the symbol of the "Holy Rood" for the church, which represents the three Crosses of Calvary in the Christian faith. As a congregation of the Universal Church of Jesus Christ in the Baptist tradition, TBCoC is to be the Lord's Great House, living out the Greatest Commandment and fulfilling the Great Commission. (2 Timothy 2:20-21; Matthew 22:36-40; Matthew 28:18-20) The Third Baptist Church campus includes several handicap accessible facilities that are used for church and community activities and also are available for rental, including the Heritage Plaza Banquet and Meeting Center, the TBCoC sanctuary, the Elmer L. Fowler Chapel, and the four-story TBCoC Life Center which is equipped with a gym, meeting rooms and classrooms of various sizes and is outfitted with state-of-the-art teleconferencing capabilities. As we fulfill our mission, TBCoC will enhance God's Kingdom in these ways: Increasing in souls added through evangelism; Developing new disciples, learning the faith; Expanding its ministry to serve local and global communities; Growing servant-leaders for the servant ministries of the church; Working for biblical justice through advocacy and activism.

Our Next Senior Pastor:

We are a church of approximately 850 active members with a significant "Seasoned Saints" population. Our next pastor, therefore, must be gifted in the following areas of pastoral ministry:

- Be an authentic person who knows the importance of pastoral care and counseling
 - Be a caregiver at all stages of the life cycle (baby dedications through committal to the ground)
- Be a preacher committed to the Gospel as Good News as well as an interpreter of local, regional, and national crises
- Be actively engaged in community and social justice concerns

- Be excited about equipping the saints for ministry
 - Teach Bible and other life enriching studies that support spiritual growth and social transformation
 - Leadership development
 - Evangelism and Discipleship classes to equip believers and nourish the Body of Christ
- Be a sound administrator who follows best practices
- Be passionate about evangelism among young adults and youth
- Be visionary by developing short-range and long-range strategic plans

- Be a person of integrity. Recognizing the high visibility of this calling, avoid the appearance of evil (Romans 14:1-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:7-9)

The list above is intended to describe the general nature and character of the Senior Pastor and is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of duties, skills and responsibilities.

Qualifications:

- Believers baptism by immersion, ordained Baptist (or willing to have ordination recognized by the ABCMetro Chicago), and willing to covenant with the American Baptist Churches in the USA and the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.
- Education – Masters of Divinity (MDiv) degree is required. Degree must be from a seminary or divinity school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools.
- Clinical Pastoral Education not required but will be beneficial
- Pastoral Experience – A minimum of 5 years as a Pastor or Assistant Pastor is preferred as evidence of administrative and leadership abilities
- Affirms God’s anointing upon women and men as called preachers and pastors

How to Apply:

All qualified persons interested in being considered for the office of Senior Pastor of TBCoC are invited to submit an application consisting of the following documents:

- Cover Letter expressing your interest and experience
- TBCoC Senior Pastor Application Form
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Current Color Photograph, no larger than 5x7, professional headshot preferred
- A recent video recorded sermon submitted by DVD, MP4, or YouTube (high quality, HD preferred)
- Submit names of three (3) persons able to write letters of reference. One person from each of the following categories: Pastor who is a mentor/supervisor, Professional Community, and Church Layperson. Provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email address for each referee.

Send inquiries to the Third Baptist Church of Chicago Pastoral Nominating Committee:

TBCoCPastorNominating@thirdbaptistchicago.org



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Senior Pastor Application Checklist

Applications must be typed. Applications submitted after the deadline **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

- Cover Letter
- A completed and signed TBCoC Senior Pastor Application Form which includes a Statement of Christian Faith
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae, maximum of five (5) pages, size 12 font
- Current Color Photograph, no larger than 5x7, professional headshot preferred
- A recent video recorded sermon submitted by DVD, MP4, or YouTube (high quality, HD preferred)
- List of three (3) persons able to write letters of reference. One person from each of the following categories: Pastor who is a mentor/supervisor, Professional Community, and Church Layperson. Provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email address for each referee.

Please submit your application via email to: TBCoCPastorNominating@thirdbaptistchicago.org
If you prefer to submit your application via USPS, please mail your application using USPS Priority Mail to:

Pastoral Nominating Committee
Third Baptist Church of Chicago
1551 West 95th Street
Chicago, IL 60643

Your application will be treated as CONFIDENTIAL.
Incomplete applications will not be considered. Additional information may be requested.
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.



THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Senior Pastor Application Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Last _____ *First* _____ *M.I.* _____

Address: _____

Street Address _____ *Apartment/Unit #* _____

City _____ *State* _____ *ZIP Code* _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Date Available: _____ Social Security No.: _____ Desired Salary: \$ _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? YES NO

Have you preached at TBCoC? YES NO If yes, when? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor? YES NO

If yes, explain: _____

Education

High School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Diploma: _____

College: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

Seminary: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Diploma: _____

Graduate: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Diploma: _____

CPE: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you complete? YES NO Certificate: _____

Statement of Christian Faith

Write an essay that shares your basic Christian beliefs. This may take the form of a spiritual autobiography or a credo.

Pastoral Experience

Church: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Ministry _____
Ministry _____ Focus: _____
Title: _____ Starting Salary:\$ _____ Ending Salary:\$ _____
From: _____ To: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

Accomplishments:

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Employment History

Please complete in full, even if attaching a resume. Provide information about all of your employers for at least the past 7 years, beginning with your most recent position. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

1. Your Job Title:	Dates of Employment:	Hours Worked Weekly:
Employer Name and Address:		Telephone: ()
Supervisor's Name and Title:		
Duties:		
Reason for Leaving:		
2. Your Job Title:	Dates of Employment:	Hours Worked Weekly:
Employer Name and Address:		Telephone: ()
Supervisor's Name and Title:		
Duties:		
Reason for Leaving:		

References

Please list three references. One Pastor, one Professional Community, one Church Layperson.

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Church: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Company: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Church: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Military Service

Branch: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Rank at Discharge: _____ Type of Discharge: _____

If other than honorable,
explain:

Disclaimer and Signature

My signature is my consent to the following:

Criminal background check, drug test, and credit and financial history review.

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to a call, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By typing your name, you give consent that your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual signature.