

NEXT GENERATION PASTOR

About the Organization:

On Easter Sunday 1952, two Bethel College students began holding services in an old brickhouse near Edwardsburg, MI. Over the next several decades, Granger MC grew steadily from a “basement church” of a few dozen, to well over 500 in a beautiful Family Life Center in the late nineties. Following a few leadership changes, the church is now climbing through an average attendance of more than 200 weekly with an increasing multi-generational and multi-ethnic congregation. Throughout this time, Granger MC has maintained its gospel-centered, family-driven ministries in an ever-growing community.

Granger MC holds to the beliefs and practices of the Missionary Church USA with the specific mission to *glorify God by making disciples through gospel-centered worship, community, service, and multiplication*. The church makes this possible by walking together to take the next step in a Jesus-first life.

Snapshot:

- Weekly Attendance: 225
- Location: Granger, Indiana
- Denomination: Missionary Church USA

About the Position:

The NextGen Pastor at Granger MC will provide full-time leadership and oversight to both Children's and Student Ministries teams. The vision of this position is for the individual assuming the role to provide 'hands on' ministry to the Junior and Senior High Students, help pastor the various Children's Ministries, provide guidance to each ministry, and to be a resource for all Children's and Student Ministries and the teams that serve them.

What We Are Searching For / Qualifications:

The following describes many of the characteristics of the ideal candidate for the NextGen Pastor:

Education:

A bachelor's degree preferably in a related field

A desire to continue education related to the position

Experience:

The successful candidate will have a proven track record of working in a ministry setting. The candidate will have had experience working as an effective leader with the responsibility of providing vision and discipleship of a ministry team in a mid-size church. The successful NextGen Pastor candidate will be a 'magnet' for students and a partner to parents, able to connect the ministries of oversight to Granger MC's discipleship process of Connect, Grow, Serve, and Go. They will be able to start and sustain new ministries, foster intergenerational relationships, and create collaboration and synergy between the ministries of oversight. The ideal candidate for this position will be able to provide the leadership, vision, and direction necessary to create lasting discipleship impact in the lives of both students and children.

- Knowledgeable in current youth and children culture and ministry.
- Skilled in identifying, attracting and recruiting new mentors.
- Experience in empowering people and leading teams of staff and volunteers.
- Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Able to administer and organize budgets, events and ministry communications.
- Willing to risk and utilize out-of-the-box strategies for ministry advancement.

ABOUT THE LOCATION:

Granger has a population of more than 30,000 and is located along the northern-most border of Indiana only ten miles north east of South Bend, which is best known as the home of Notre Dame University. In addition, Granger is less than an hour's drive from the beautiful dunes and beaches of Lake Michigan and is within two hours of the city of Chicago or the nature of "Pure Michigan." Because of this, Granger is within reach of a large demographic with Granger itself being mostly composed of educated suburban families.