

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST CHURCH
Punta Gorda, Florida

POSITION: ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Full Time - Direct report to the Lead Pastor.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

New Life in Christ Church of Punta Gorda, FL, is an independent church in the Wesleyan-Methodist tradition seeking a full-time Associate Pastor. Our mission is to offer new life in Christ as we seek, shape, and send disciples.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist the Lead Pastor in leading worship by 1) worship planning, 2) preaching 10-12 times each year, 3) administering the sacraments, and 4) assisting in other worship-related activities.
- Oversee "Seek Ministries," which includes recruiting, training, coordinating, overseeing, and developing ministries that 1) welcome people, 2) follow-up with guests, 3) integrate new people into New Life Church, and 4) coordinate ministry volunteers.
- Officiate weddings and funerals, teach, and visit sick and homebound members, all as needed in cooperation with the Lead Pastor.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Participate in staff meetings, regular one on ones with the Lead Pastor, and relevant committee meetings.
- Participate in The Sanctification Network, including a weekly cohort meeting, monthly coaching, biannual retreats; and embrace its methods of ministry.
- Embrace a ministry culture that thrives on teamwork, spiritual vitality, and willingness to experiment with new ways of realizing our mission.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Master of Divinity degree or equivalent from an accredited seminary, preferably from a seminary in the Wesleyan-Methodist tradition.
- Manifest a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, a strong commitment to the Christian faith, and support the Christian faith through a Wesleyan understanding of both doctrines and discipline.
- Clear sense of call to ministry and affirmation of call by previous church(es).
- Robust attention to one's own spiritual formation by practicing the means of grace.
- Track record of fruitful ministry in the local church or parachurch ministry.
- Wholeheartedly embrace the mission, vision, values, structure, and theology of New Life Church.
- Ordination in a Protestant denomination (Wesleyan/Methodist heritage preferred), or ready for New Life Church's ordination process.
- Must successfully pass a church-specific criminal background check.