## **Pastoral Position Available**

## Oak Ridges Church (Be In Christ) Richmond Hill, ON



Oak Ridges Church (<a href="www.oakridgeschurch.ca">www.oakridgeschurch.ca</a>) is currently seeking a full-time Pastor who can shepherd our congregation, building on what has been established over the 70+ years of the church's ministry. Our previous Pastor retired at the end of 2023. We are a caring, family-oriented church located in the heart of York Region just off Yonge Street in the community of Oak Ridges (<a href="www.neighbourhoodguide.com/york/richmond-hill/oak-ridges/">www.neighbourhoodguide.com/york/richmond-hill/oak-ridges/</a>). As part of the Be In Christ denomination (beinchrist.ca) we value our Anabaptist heritage, seeking to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.

Over the years, the area we serve has experienced tremendous population growth accompanied by increasing multicultural diversity. In the midst of these changes, however, our mission and values have not changed. Our heart is still to reach people with the good news of Jesus and build a loving community of faith. We are "leaning in" to being a community where people can experience the things of life that bring meaning – faith, family, time well spent with friends, caring for others, celebrating the seasons, and worshipping together. Our congregation is a mix of all ages with Sunday morning gatherings averaging around 55. Our worship style blends hymns and contemporary music. We have a very functional, well-maintained building with a large property. In recent years we have worked to provide programs like conversational ESL to help meet the needs of new Canadians.

We are searching for a Pastor who has a deep personal walk with Jesus and leads out of that experience. Our ideal candidate would be personable, approachable, and welcoming to people of various cultural backgrounds. We are looking for someone with a demonstrated ability to teach God's Word effectively, energy, a heart for pastoral care, and experience in helping a congregation integrate new people and build community. Requirements for the position also include: 1. The candidate have completed an undergraduate degree in Biblical Studies; 2. The candidate be able and willing to credentialed for ministry with our denomination.

Benefits, pension and expenses are provided in addition to salary. A church-owned home located next door to the church building is available as part of a salary package.

Please submit resumes to: Rev. Charles Mashinter (<a href="mashinter@beinchrist.ca">charles mashinter@beinchrist.ca</a>).

Deadline for submissions is midnight of March 31, 2024.