

**Central Baptist Church  
Jamestown, Rhode Island**

*Open Doors - Open Minds - Open Hearts*

Make us an offer! We are searching for part-time leadership. Our congregation has been without a pastor for more than a year, which has led us to rely more on each other and embrace new roles. We know that we will benefit from additional leadership -- but now realize that it can come in many forms!

Are you a retired pastor looking to supplement your income? Gain meaningful connections without sacrificing your leisure time? Or maybe you already have a part-time pastoral position and want to explore partnering with one or more additional churches?

While the ideal leader should be familiar with American Baptist traditions, we are open to interest from applicants from other denominations.

Our congregation comprises members and participants from many different denominations and traditions, and our emphasis on soul liberty allows for individuals to understand God in their own way. Central Baptist Church (CBC) was founded in Jamestown in 1867 to serve both as a place of worship and as a unifying influence within the community. A century and a half later, we remain committed to these dual purposes despite declining numbers as our congregation ages. Today, we are a faith community numbering 72, with an average weekly worship service attendance of 40. *We may be aging, but we are not stuck in our ways, We seek a part-time leader who is creative and flexible.*

Position Responsibilities and Requirements

Worship:

- Deliver engaging sermons that are meaningful for the wide variety of religious backgrounds in our congregation. Sermons should not only draw upon the scripture lessons but interpret them in ways that apply broadly to the world we live in, and specifically to our daily lives.
- Lead communion service once a month.
- Lead special worship services, including Holy Week and Christmas Eve.

Pastoral Care:

- Collaborate with the Deacons to provide pastoral care through visitation, counseling, and prayer. Officiate at special services, such as weddings and funerals.

Administration:

- Serve as the church's spiritual and administrative leader.
- Supervise and work in close communication with the church secretary.
- Participate in regular meetings of the Trustees and Deacons to facilitate communication and maintain a working knowledge of the church budget.

Qualifications:

- A graduate degree from an accredited seminary or divinity school and experience in a ministry position is preferred but not required.
- Exceptional written and oral communication skills.
- An open mind and heart toward diversity of all types.

Compensation:

- Compensation and other arrangements to be negotiated depending on the applicant's experience and schedule constraints.

To apply for this position, please submit your resume and a cover letter to:

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