

MANITOBA NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO SYNOD  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

seeks a

**Mission researcher/developer**

The Sage Creek area in south-east Winnipeg, eventually expected to be home to 13,000 people, has been identified as a site for the possible development of a new faith community. This is a joint Lutheran/Anglican venture, in which the MNO Synod is asked to give primary leadership.

The Mission researcher/developer will assist us to create a personal presence within the Sage Creek community, better identify needs, opportunities and resources in the community, work with the four sponsoring congregations in developing mission-mindedness and mission resources for themselves locally and for Sage Creek, and gather together residents of Sage Creek and Island Lakes with the goal of developing a self-sustaining faith community.

***Description of Ministry***

**The Mission Researcher/Developer would have the following responsibilities:**

- To develop and implement a strategy for canvassing the pertinent neighborhoods.
- To work with a management team to identify, train, send, supervise and celebrate volunteers from the four sponsoring congregations.
- To assure for the preparation and implementation of an actual plan, strategy and timeline for visitation and small group ministry.
- To do personal door knocking and follow-up (making an agreed upon number of cold calls each week) to residents in Sage Creek and Island Lakes (evenings, Saturdays and Sundays).
- To assure that records are kept of all visits, personal and by volunteers, and to coordinate appropriate referrals for ministry by and with the four sponsoring congregations and the Sage Creek congregation to be birthed.
- Initially, to be physically present on Sundays (2 Sundays a month) in each of the four sponsoring congregations on a rotating basis for worship, study, conversation, problem solving, community building. Later, as Sage Creek begins to take shape, Sunday commitments may naturally shift to that community.
- To identify and implement caring, learning, serving and worshipping ministries appropriate to the neighborhoods' needs and resources within six months of start date.
- To provide short training opportunities and a written report to the Management Team (monthly) and to the MNO Synod and the Diocese of Rupert's Land no more than twice a year.

- To plan/discern along with the Management Team and the partners (MNO Synod and Diocese of Rupert's Land) the feasibility and how to proceed as this term position comes to completion

***TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:***

This is a half time position for a three year period, renewable, open to lay or rostered.

***QUALIFICATIONS & SPECIAL SKILLS:***

- A personal commitment to Christ and Christ's mission in the world
- Ability to meet people easily and listen well
- Ability to inspire, nurture, and hand over leadership
- Ability to set goals, organize and implement the plan
- Ability to focus on the positive

***COMPENSATION:*** according to Synod guidelines and/or experience.

***RESPONSIBLE TO:*** MNO Synod Staff

***APPLICATION DEADLINE:*** August 10, 2010

***Please direct all ELCIC/ELCA mobility papers or your resumes to:***

**Rev. Larry Ulrich, Assistant to the Bishop  
MNO Synod  
201-3657 Roblin Blvd.  
Winnipeg, MB R3R 0E2**

**\*\*If you are applying for the Half-time Young Adult Ministry position as well, please indicate this in your covering letter**

***QUESTIONS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:***

Contact the Synod Office at (204) 889-3760. Synod staff will not be available July 26-August 6.