

# the meeting house

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## Lead Pastor

Status: Full Time

Working Hours: Target 40 hours a week (including regular evenings), with one full day off each week

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### About The Meeting House

Who we are... The Meeting House is a church for people who aren't into church. Our mission is to honour God by proclaiming the irreligious message of Jesus and fostering loving communities of fully committed Christ-followers. We are one church that meets in many locations. On Sunday mornings we meet at 18 different locations across Ontario, and during the week at over 170 Home Churches. Check out our website for more details: [www.themeetinghouse.com](http://www.themeetinghouse.com).

Where we're going... One church with many expressions! An exciting and transformative vision is emerging for our church that could further release us to turn outward and reach more people with the Good News of Jesus beyond our existing boundaries. We are reimagining what it would look like to be a church that is fully activated for mission – committed to evangelism and kingdom growth within our existing footprint, and uniting with other Jesus-centred churches to amplify our Kingdom impact beyond our footprint in ways we have not imagined before. We need people who share excitement about this spirit-led vision and want to contribute their gifts, skills and expertise and heart to this transformation!

### Overview

The Lead Pastor provides spiritual leadership and vision for the site through integrating new people into community, developing strong home churches, and mobilizing the site as part of our shared mission. He/she stewards the overall mission and vision of The Meeting House while developing a local vision for the site. At The Meeting House, we believe that people grow in their faith through the Sunday morning service and home church! The Lead Pastor's primary responsibility is to lead and equip people in discipleship; helping people take their next steps with Jesus. The number of people connected to one of our sites can range from 200-800.

### What does a Lead Pastor do?

- Develop a strong Leadership Team at your site, which will bring wisdom and advice, while helping you steward the vision of TMH towards creation of a compelling local vision to impact your community
- Cast vision, create a healthy culture, generate excitement, motivate leaders and multiply home churches in the site
- Equip and encourage leaders and volunteers in the site to lead out of their gifts & passion, and love for Jesus
  - The primary goal is discipleship of leaders and volunteers, who in turn disciple and lead others
  - The secondary goal is to support them towards strong execution of home church, Sunday morning gatherings and local compassion initiatives
- Provide strong leadership development for the site leadership team (home church elders and ministry coordinators)
- Provide Sunday morning teaching a few times a year
- Lead and engage the local site to live out our values of Peace, Simplicity, Community and Mission

- Provide upfront pastoral leadership on Sunday mornings and at other site-wide events
- Oversee execution of key administration related to effective delivery of key programs and initiatives

### **Practically, how does a Lead Pastor spend his/her time?**

- Pray for individuals, the church and the region
- Development of vision and strategic plans for the site aligned with the overall TMH vision
- Team and one-on-one meetings with home church Elders and Coordinators, focused first on discipleship and then on ministry delivery and execution
- Equip all leaders for pastoral care in the site community
- Provide triage in pastoral care situations requiring additional support
- Sunday “face of the place,” emceeding the service and providing overall pastoral leadership
- Prepare and communicate Sunday morning teaching a few times a year
- Lead meaningful times of communion aligned with the teaching series
- Oversee the management of site administration and tasks
- Participate in regular meetings with other Meeting House pastors and staff to learn about what’s happening, share ideas, encourage and pray together
- Regular meetings to integrate newcomers to the church, help others take their next step in community and help seekers explore questions of faith
- Train and equip future leaders
- Special services such as baptisms, child dedications, weddings and funerals
- Other duties as assigned (which in the past has included participating in a flash mob, being an extra in a promotional video and wrapping a trailer for a Christmas parade)

### **Requirements**

- **A maker of disciples** - You invest in people, and they catch that vision and go on to disciple others.
- **A heart for seekers and the unchurched** - You care about seeing others come to know Jesus. You love Jesus more than religion and can talk without using Christian lingo.
- **Spiritual maturity** - You convey a sense of spiritual wisdom, regardless of your age. People come to you for insight into problems and challenges. You are a person of depth.
- **Self-leadership** - You take ownership for your own growth and development as a Pastor, Mission focused Leader, and Spiritual Guide. You seek to lead from your own transformation and you are humble and hungry to learn and grow.
- **Leadership gravitas** - You can speak comfortably and naturally in front of large and small groups. Your own personality comes through. People look to you as a leader.
- **Relational warmth** - People find you approachable and easy to talk to. You are warm and engaging, and clearly care for people.
- **Organizational Leader** - You take the responsibility to give overall directional leadership to the health and growth of your congregation. You have a holy discontent to see a vision come into being at the overall and local levels. You work through others to see the gifts in the Body of Christ developed in concert with the Spirit, for the good of your site and city.
- **Energy** - Whether you’re an introvert or extrovert, being around you energizes people. You can cast a vision that gets people excited and motivated.
- **Self-starter** - You have an ability to get things done. You’ve got a system in place to make sure things don’t fall through the cracks. You follow through on things you say you’ll do. You respond promptly to emails and phone calls.
- **Alignment with the core values and beliefs** of The Meeting House and our denomination, BIC Canada ([canadianbic.ca](http://canadianbic.ca)). Among other things, we are a peace church, believe in simplicity and fully affirm women in leadership (we allow men to lead too!). You must become credentialed with the BIC.
- **Sense of humour** - We take Jesus and His message very seriously, but not ourselves!

## **What We Offer**

You will lead and work alongside amazing people in our community who love Jesus and are learning to put into practice what it means to follow Him. You will join a staff team who genuinely care for each other, love what they do and strive to work to the best of their abilities. None of us are superstars; we just try to authentically follow Jesus together. We are a fast-paced organization and are willing to try new things and experiment if we think something else will be more effective. We often fail first before finding what works best.

We offer a competitive benefits and pension plan, encourage and support professional development and continued learning, and provide the technological tools required to do the job, including a laptop and smartphone.

The Lead Pastor's office is flexible! They can work from home or from the local coffee shop – wherever makes sense for meetings, planning and getting administrative tasks done.

*The Meeting House is committed to providing accommodations for people with disabilities. If you require an accommodation, we will work with you to meet your needs.*