

Hilldale Lutheran Church

Parish Pastor-Job Description

Hilldale Lutheran Church in Thunder Bay, Ontario, is seeking a new bilingual pastor to lead and serve our diverse congregation. As part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), we operate in both Finnish and English, ministering to an aging Finnish-heritage membership as well as a growing English-speaking community. The Finnish Seamen's Church is partnering with us in Finland to assist with recruitment.



Job Description:

As pastor, your responsibilities will include:

- Leading worship services in both Finnish and English.
- Providing pastoral care, including home visits and counseling
- Collaborating with Lutheran Community Care Centre, including 2 monthly worship services at local homes for the aged-Roseview and Hogarth Riverview Manor
- Developing innovative and inclusive programs to engage young families and youth

Qualifications:

- Ordination as pastor in the Lutheran Church
- Fluency in Finnish and English
- Ability to address the unique needs of an aging congregation while fostering growth and engaging young families
- A valid driver's license and readiness to acquire a vehicle for pastoral duties
- Experience working in multicultural and bilingual environments is considered an asset

What We Offer:

- The opportunity to be part of a historically rich and diverse congregation
- A supportive and active network of volunteers and musicians
- A competitive salary and benefits package in accordance with Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Synod guidelines along with assistance in relocation costs
- A community situated in nature with access to year-round outdoor activities, vibrant local culture and arts

Join us in shaping the future of Hilldale Lutheran Church!

Applications and resumes in English should be submitted through the "Kirkkorekry" system. The Finnish Seamen's Mission will conduct preliminary interviews and Hilldale Lutheran Church Call Committee will make the final hiring decision after interviewing shortlisted candidates.

Please download your resume and application to apply.

** If you are currently living in North America, you can send your Availability for Call form directly to the MNO Synod Office [by email](#).

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