

# Job Description

Associate Pastor of Youth- Full-time  
Bedford Free Methodist Church- Bedford, Indiana

## Characteristics & Theological Orientation:

The candidate affirms the Free Methodist Articles of Religion (see FMC Book of Discipline ¶150), is willing to align with the practice of our theology as outlined in the Christian Journey (¶ 3000) and meets character qualifications for leadership as outlined in the Outcomes-Based Assessment for elders in the 2019 Free Methodist Church Book of Discipline (¶ 5410).

## Principal Outcomes:

- 1.) To create a nurturing environment for the youth to grow as disciples of Jesus.

Strategies:

- Provide and sustain a holistic<sup>1</sup> roadmap of spiritual formation. (In & through the Holy Scriptures, Wesleyan based)
- Intentionally identify, develop and train disciple-makers and leaders among students and adult volunteers.

- 2.) To lead a youth ministry within the cross-generational context of the Bedford Free Methodist Church.

Strategies:

- Network cross-generational relationships for demonstration, encouragement, and edification.
- To engage and participate within the activity and mission of the church.

## Additional Responsibilities:

- 1.) To work within the BFMC Pastoral Team (attend weekly staff meetings, monthly one-on-ones, staff prayer retreats).
- 2.) To attend and participate in denominational & conference events.
- 3.) To promote and participate in conference & Free Methodist youth activities.
- 4.) To meet with the Board of Administration & the Pastor's Cabinet.
- 5.) To facilitate, participate with, and empower the youth ministry leadership team to coordinate events, activities & meetings.
- 6.) To network with other youth leaders & pastors to serve the youth of Lawrence county.
- 7.) To participate in Sunday morning worship services through prayer, reading, announcements, communication & occasional preaching.

## For more information, contact:

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<sup>1</sup> 'Holistic' implies a roadmap that engages the heart(character), head (learning) and hands (service).

# Youth Pastor Application Form

## Bedford Free Methodist Church

### 2022

#### I. Personal Data

Name (last)\_\_\_\_\_ (first)\_\_\_\_\_ (middle)\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (street)\_\_\_\_\_  
(city)\_\_\_\_\_ (state)\_\_\_\_\_ (zip)\_\_\_\_\_  
(email)\_\_\_\_\_ (phone)\_\_\_\_\_

#### II. Education

High School Diploma: yes\_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_; if yes, when?\_\_\_\_\_  
University or College: yes\_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_; if yes, did you graduate?  
What was your major? Minor?\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and location of university?\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate Studies: yes\_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
What was your degree? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and location of university? \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional education or certificates?\_\_\_\_\_

#### III. Employment History

(Start with present or most recent job)

Are you presently employed? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
May we contact your present employer? \_\_\_\_\_ now \_\_\_\_\_ later \_\_\_\_\_ no  
Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Worked from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### IV. Work Experience

What work experience and skills did you develop in your positions listed above?

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## V. Work History

Have you ever had your ministry credentials suspended or revoked? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

Have you ever been terminated from a ministry position? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

If so, please explain:

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## VI. Criminal Record

Other than a minor traffic offense, have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_\_

Are you okay with Bedford Free Methodist Church conducting a background search on your name?  
yes\_\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_\_

## VII. References

(Do not list relatives)

1. Name\_\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation\_\_\_\_\_ Years Known\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_
2. Name\_\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation\_\_\_\_\_ Years Known\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_
3. Name\_\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation\_\_\_\_\_ Years Known\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

## VIII. Reference & Background Check Release:

The information I have provided is accurate and true and I understand that any false information is grounds for termination. I authorize the verification of this information with all former employers, references and I approve of the Bedford Free Methodist Church conducting a background check on my name. I will not take action against anyone releasing the requested information.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_