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Pastor - Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Tell us about your role

I am the lead pastor of the GCI congregation in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. This was a position I took after applying and interviewing for the job and it seems apparent to me and my family that this role was something God prepared for me and prepared me for.

What excites you about this role?

I can feel that there is a lot changing and happening here, and I love seeing people grow individually. I am hopeful that we will grow as a congregation (not in number but in spiritual maturity).

What makes you a good fit?

I think the thing that makes me a good fit for this congregation is the fact that I love the people. This might sound cliché, but I have a heart for God’s church. I want to see the glory of God present on earth.

What are the challenges?

We are facing a few big challenges in our neighborhood in Winnipeg as we become an increasingly community centered congregation. This means we have two groups: those who have been GCI members for a long time and those who are new to the denomination. This is a great challenge, but it is something that fills me with a lot of joy for the job I get to do.



Get to Know Alexander



Brandt Family photo



Candle Painting, painted by Alexander.



Fishing Trip

1.

Something you want to share about yourself

I am not someone who grew up in the GCI denomination. I was raised by Mennonite parents, and I tended to agree with anabaptist theology. This makes me feel a little like an outsider in this denomination. However, I am pleased to say that in my congregation I certainly do not feel like an outsider as the members in Winnipeg have welcomed me and my family in with a warm embrace.

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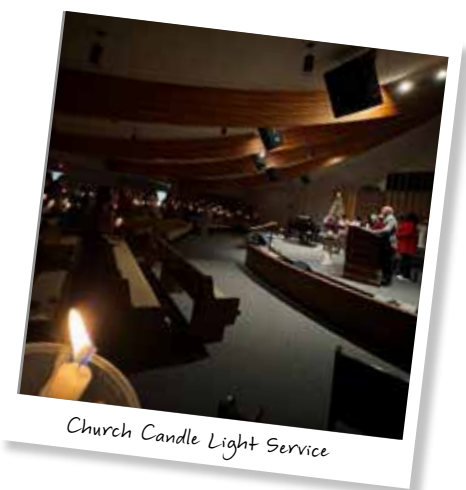
How do you feel being part of GCI?

I have a lot of excitement to see what God is going to do amongst these people. This congregation embraces people and are quick to make people feel like they have a home here.

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What skills do you bring to the role?

I believe that I am a natural teacher, and I thrive in roles where I can help people understand different truths and concepts. I also believe that I have a servant heart and a personality that wants to learn and be molded so I can become the church leader that this specific congregation needs me to be.



Church Candle Light Service

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