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**Pastor Position- Portland, Victoria.**

South West Community Church (SWCC) is currently seeking a new Pastor. Are you a passionate, active pastor who desires to see a church grow? Do you desire to see the young and old discipled?

 **South West Community Church is looking for you!**

**About our church**

SWCC is a vibrant and friendly community of believers who enjoy meeting together to worship, encourage and help each other grow in a relationship with God. SWCC is a member of the CRC Churches International, a Pentecostal movement, and has been established in Portland, Victoria, for 24 years.

SWCC currently has a congregation of 145 people who are dedicated, committed, and faithful to the vision and purpose of the church; “To see people saved, healed, set free, discipled, equipped, empowered and serving.” The church is centred in the heart of the Portland shopping precinct. It owns and operates from the previous cinema complex, which has been extensively refurbished to create functional event spaces for our activities. The main auditorium can seat 250 people and boasts quality sound and video giving a total cinematic experience.

SWCC is blessed with financial stability, a harmonious congregation and oversight who value each other and love to serve. This servant’s heart flows into all we do and enables us to functions smoothly. Our weekly church service is Sunday mornings at 10 am. We have established church roles and rosters with our members sharing the load. These roles range from Sunday school teaching, youth studies, study group leaders, communion messages, hospitality, finance, sound desk/music team, and meet and greet.

SWCC also has active life and prayer groups, with women’s, young adult, mixed studies and prayer nights operating weekly during each term. Our ladies also regularly meet for Sisterhood, a women’s fellowship opportunity, craft days and ladies camp. Our men enjoy being involved in the local men’s shed fellowship and organise other opportunities to get together, such as men’s breakfast or outdoor adventures like Surf Fishing.

**Where are we located**

Portland is situated on the far South-West coast of Victorian and is part of The Green Triangle that spans the border between South Australia and Victoria.

Portland is a popular tourist destination showcasing a great range of activities, including picturesque beaches, fishing, whale watching, tours of aboriginal sites, walking trails including the iconic great south west walk, shopping, history and botanical gardens.

**The role/responsibilities**

Position: Full time

Appointed by and accountable to the oversight, the Pastor is both the spiritual leader of South West Community Church and one of the oversight.

Together with the oversight, the Pastor has responsibility for the church’s health, growth, and overall leadership through the establishment and upholding of the church’s vision, mission, values, and beliefs.

The Pastor, together with the oversight, will:

* Exercise leadership, develop and implement vision
* Chair the Oversight
* Preach and teach
	+ Understanding of New Creation, Righteousness and Grace message important.
* Facilitate counselling and pastoral care
* Oversee the development of effective ministry teams
* Support and oversee congregational activities
* Oversee and support the promotion of local and overseas missions

**Qualifications**

* Current CRC Churches credential or open to transferring credential in consultation with the State Executive.
* National Police check, working with children, and child-safe training required.

**Desirable qualities**

The qualities of a Pastor, as given in scripture, are highly desirable. Other characteristics ideally sought for this pastoral position are:

* Able to express Pentecostal/charismatic faith and theology
* A love for God and his people, be an active mature disciple of Jesus Christ
* Able to pray for people to receive the baptism in the Spirit
* Experience in leading a church or other ministry in healthy and fruitful ministry.
* Ability to effectively preach and teach God’s Word
* Reasonable administration skills
* Effectiveness in discipling and developing members to spiritual maturity
* Ability to engage with the community
* Open and sensitive to dealing with all cultures and all generations/age groups
* Ability to relate and support the younger generations
* Inspired and effective communicator

**Remuneration**

* Annual Salary to be negotiated
* Salary includes an expense account.
* Other expenses reimbursed as negotiated.

**Review**

* Position subject to a three month and 12-month review

**Applications & enquiries**

To apply for this position, please email your resume, including references, together with a covering letter that addresses’ the requested criteria. A digital sample of a message you’ve preached is also welcome. Email: swcc1office@gmail.com

All applications will be prayerfully considered, and individuals whom we invite to progress to the next stage of our considerations will receive further information on our processes and timeframe.

For any further information, please email the above address or contact Victoria Nash on 0408109152.