

Pastoral Minister
North Seattle Friends Church
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Position: Pastor, North Seattle Friends Church
Location: 7740 24th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98115-4604
After June 2021
17900 Linden Ave N
Shoreline, WA 98133-4824
Type: Full Time beginning Summer 2021
Salary: The salary will be dependent upon skills and experience. Benefits package including paid vacations, retirement contribution, life and disability insurance, etc. will be offered.
Deadline: Will begin reviewing applications of 3/1/2021; position open until filled

Position Description

North Seattle Friends Church, a welcoming and inclusive Friends Meeting (Quaker), is seeking a full-time pastor. We seek a pastor who will give leadership to our Meeting's desire to support one another's lives and ministries, be active in living out God's love in the community around us, and be a center of Quaker thought and practice. This leadership is carried forward through worship leadership, pastoral care for the Meeting, administration, outreach, and developing and maintaining relationships with broader communities to which we are connected.

About North Seattle Friends Church

Some of the words that describe the textures of North Seattle Friends are
Listeners to God and one another;
Faithful followers of Christ;
Creative and flexible in meeting challenges;
Caring, supportive and collaborative;
Good humored.

The Meeting is at an important juncture. Like most churches, our normal patterns were disrupted abruptly when it became unsafe to hold services in the Meeting House because of COVID. Our sense of being a supportive community has been heightened since we have been worshipping together on Zoom. However, the long awaited new Meeting House is being constructed *now* and is expected to be completed for occupancy mid-June. This means we will be moving from being an online community to a new building, a new neighborhood with new ministry opportunities—as well as new pastoral leadership. That is a lot of “new” all at once! We share a sense of gratefulness for who we are; feel healthy and ready to move forward into who we will be becoming.

We are small (under 30 attenders) but we don't anticipate that we will stay small. We don't have children in the Meeting at this time, but we anticipate that may change very quickly in the new neighborhood. We have a vibrant quilting ministry that will continue and have designed the building to meet the needs of folks who are living in their cars as we anticipate an evolving homeless ministry. We will continue our increased awareness of systemic racism and work toward racial justice.

We are a part of Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting of Friends and are committed to recognizing and encouraging full participation of LGBTQ+ persons in leadership. We value racial, ethnic and cultural diversity. We are gathered by our authentic, growing direct relationship with the God who loves us and fully participates in all life with us. We are intentionally on journey together.

Qualifications

- Demonstrates a personal relationship with God, making it a priority to listen for God's leadings
- Commitment to Quaker process and practice
- Experience and/or training in a ministerial role
- Possesses strong active listening abilities, and skills in peacemaking and conflict management
- Demonstrates strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrates good organizational and time management skills
- Bachelor's or Master's degree or equivalent experience/skills
- Exhibits kindness, respect for all, humility, and a good sense of humor
- Ability to pass background check and credit screen

To Apply

We welcome all those who feel called to apply to send a cover letter, resume or curriculum vitae, a narrative of your spiritual journey--as well as the name and contact information of three references. These materials and any inquiries can be sent to:

Jan Wood, Clerk at janwood2@comcast.net with Subject: Pastoral Search Committee