

## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY**

### **Contemporary Young Adult/Associate Pastor**

First Methodist Church  
Water Valley, MS  
A Global Methodist Congregation

#### **Position Description:**

Associate Pastor of a Global Methodist Church For Young Adult and Community Engagement

Status: Full-Time Preferred

Benefits: Health Insurance, Pension, Continuing Education Funds (for Full Time)

#### **Position Overview:**

First Methodist Water Valley is seeking a faith-rooted Associate Pastor to begin a new ministry targeting young single adults and young families. Must have a desire to reach and minister to the younger population in our community. This will be both challenging and rewarding to grow the ministry. This will require a grassroots community outreach effort to reach our target audience. Must be a self-starter and energetic in this effort. The plan for this position is to be a “church planter” of a new congregation within our church to reach recent high school graduates, college-age individuals, and young families. We seek a vibrant person to come help establish and grow this ministry and support our current ministries. We see the current lack of contemporary worship, small group meetings, and fellowship for the younger population as a need in our community and church. We want to introduce a contemporary worship service on Sunday to complement our current traditional worship service, along with small groups that will nurture the connection of our congregation with each other and Christ.

#### **Church Profile:**

Our church is a traditional Methodist church founded in 1854 and currently has a generally older population. We desire that young adults and families join our congregation to continue the legacy of our church and give us a vibrant future bringing Christ to our community.

We are a Global Methodist Church and believe in traditional Wesleyan theology.

**Qualifications and Aptitudes:**

- Candidate must have a vibrant, personal faith in Christ and a commitment to Global Methodist theology and practices.
- Prefer a bachelor's degree, and working or have a Masters of Divinity from an approved seminary.
- Must have vision and demonstrated ability to plan, develop, coordinate, manage, and implement ministry within the local church context.
- Must have vision and demonstrated ability to become the face of the church for the community, especially with young adults, and be able to network and establish a new church congregation alongside the current traditional congregation. The current congregation will support the efforts financially, spiritually, and through their works.
- Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills, conflict management skills, and computer skills.
- Possesses a proven ability to work effectively with others within a congregation, diverse individuals, and teams of volunteers.
- A calling to serve the church with humility, creativity, and joy.

**Compensation:**

Compensation will be determined by experience and education level.

**Application Process**

Applicants must submit a resume along with their written salvation experience, beliefs in Wesleyan theology, and why you believe this position is a calling from God for your life at this time. Links to sermons and other worship activities are also requested.

Resumes may be submitted via email to:

firstmethodistwv@gmail.com