

WE HAVE A DREAM... AND WE NEED A TEAM



OUR VISION FOR CORONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Becoming a community of deeply rooted
followers of Jesus loving our neighbors*

WHAT IS OUR DREAM?

Our dream is to start a Church Plant to reach our community for Christ. We are located in the middle of Denver, in a community largely populated by Millennials and the generations closest to them. They are busy exploring the outdoors, establishing careers, and building friendships and families. They are perhaps needier than they realize, but they are resistant to hearing about their need for Jesus, especially from people of their parents' generation. Despite those challenges, we believe we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reach these generations. We continually remember the words of our Lord in Luke 10:2:

“...the harvest is great, but the workers are few. So, pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

WHY DO WE NEED A TEAM?

We are a small, mostly older church that has served the Lord for over 100 years on this corner of Capitol Hill in Denver. The congregation is committed to the Lord, to evangelism, to serving our community and introducing them to Jesus' love. Corona members are generous with their time and money. We recognize, however, that a congregation of 40-70 year olds is not attractive to the young people who surround our church, no matter how much we strive to make our services relevant and fresh.

THE POSITION WE SEEK TO FILL

Lead Pastor / Church Planter

Part Time/ 25 hours per week*

* Ability to supplement to full time through personal support raising

CHURCH PLANTING CHARACTERISTICS

Church planting is a very special calling with a very special set of gifts, so we do not want to encumber you with the typical responsibilities of a Lead Pastor in an established church. Instead, we will set clear boundaries on the existing membership, Session, committees and staff so that you are free to be creative in spreading the gospel. The mission is to look outward, not inward, so that we can support you and your team as you lead them to expand God's Kingdom.

The job does not come without accountability to the existing faithful, but it will be in the spirit of Psalm 71:17-18:

“O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood, and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do. Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me.”

Our Session is active and will help mentor you in your successes and your failures. We will ask you to still be connected to the existing congregation by preaching at their existing service once a month and to keep them informed about your journey.

You will also benefit from the wisdom of an ordained ECO Pastor who is serving in a volunteer position.

WHAT DO WE HAVE TO OFFER?

We have a large, flexible facility in the middle of a vibrant and growing inner city community in one of the most sought after cities in our nation. It has a large sanctuary, as well as a large multi-purpose room with an

attached kitchen. It has lots of classrooms, office space, and a parking lot. We live within our means with a debt free budget to help support our dream, and a willingness to explore other avenues of support such as housing, grants, etc. We have an excitement for the future and seeing what God might have in store for us as his people, and as his tools for outreach to several generations of his precious children in this great city.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM?

You might be a planter with experience ministering to Millennials. You might be a couple with different types of skills, such as an extrovert who loves people and evangelizing, married to an introvert with administrative and deep relational skills. You might be a Networker, who has lots of resources in the area, and a desire to make things happen in many areas. What is most important is that you are a person with a white hot passion for God and the mission of God in the world through the Church of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of the Triune God. You are an evangelist with a strong interest in reaching younger generations for Christ, and a vision for how to do that. You are a person with good intellect and work ethic, who uses creativity, imagination, and wisdom to propel your leadership to new levels with innovation and cultural awareness. You have spiritual maturity with a good working knowledge of the Word of God, and proven leadership abilities, one who delights in the use of your own gifts, as well as in drawing out others in the use of theirs. You are a person with a healthy personal/family life (whatever your marital and life status), and if you are married, you have the support of your spouse in this endeavor.

THERE MAY BE SOME THINGS YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT US...

SUCH AS

A little about our history,
what we have been doing the past few years,
and where in Denver we are located.
See below for more details.

AND HERE IS HOW TO REACH US...

You can send correspondence to:
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Attn: Carol Hearn, Pastoral Search Corresponding Secretary
or email us at office@coronachurch.com
Pastoral Search in the Subject Line.

A LITTLE ABOUT OUR HISTORY

Since 1904, Corona Presbyterian Church has served Denver's inner city in the area known as the Corona neighborhood. In the early years several pastors served Corona, but by the 1930's the church experienced some declining times, and in 1935 Corona was nearly closed by the Presbytery and united with another area church. Elder George Hughes, clerk of session for more than 30 years, said that if only Corona could secure a gospel-preaching pastor the church would grow.

As a result, Corona has been known for its focus on evangelism. This attention to core values as a Christ-centered, Bible teaching church has served it well. It has had a rich history of missions both locally and around the world with a focus on church planting which continues to this day.

As the Church grew it had several notable expansions. In the 1950's President Eisenhower and his wife Mamie who grew up in Corona, helped with fund raising to expand the sanctuary that is in use today. Then in the 1980's, the building doubled in size again.

As Corona entered its 12th decade of serving Christ, it's values aligned with ECO, so it became the first church in the Denver Presbytery to leave PCUSA and joined ECO in 2013. With a congregation that has members going back 3 generations, Corona has a faithful foundation of members to reach a neighborhood that is predominantly 35 years and younger. Now more than ever, Corona desires to preach the good news of the gospel at the corner of 8th and Downing.

For a more detailed look at our history visit our website:

www.coronachurch.com

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO LATELY?

Aside from our regular Sunday Service followed by fellowship time on Sunday mornings, we have Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School classes. Some are Bible Study, others Prayer groups, and Spiritual Growth Communities. The Table (Youth Group) also meets on Sunday Evenings. Weekly activities consist of Prayer groups, Bible Studies, a Quilting/Sewing group, and Choir Practice. (We have a great choir!)

There are also lots of outreach activities consistently going on in and around Corona.

Some examples are:

- A new needlework outreach ministry
- Outreach to neighborhood pick-up soccer players
- Beer and the Bible at a local bar
- Annual Block party hosted in the church's parking lot
- A free musical concert series
- Participation in the local Art Festival
- Blessing Bags for the Homeless,
- An Annual Fall Festival
- Local and overseas Mission projects

The church also hosts:

- WHI (Women's Homeless Initiative) - bi-monthly overnights
- Where Grace Abounds – speaking 100% Truth and 100% Grace into sexual and relational issues
- Senior Luncheons
- City Service Ministries – housing for short term inner city ministry trips
- Camp Gladiator – community fitness group

We also strive to provide material and volunteer support for our local Elementary School (across the street) and a low income neighborhood apartment community called Franconia Apartments.

THE COMMUNITY AROUND US

Corona, while in the heart of Denver's Capitol Hill Neighborhood , is very close to several other urban neighborhoods including Denver Country Club, Congress Park, Alamo Placita and Washington Park, just to name a few. These neighborhoods share a deep mix of Colorado history and culture and are densely populated. The residential makeup of this urban setting includes historical mansions, brick bungalows, Denver square (two story) homes, duplexes, high and low-rise condominiums and numerous apartment buildings. Mixed in are office buildings, specialty stores, beauty and barber shops, restaurants, grocery stores, brew pubs, coffee shops, museums and concert venues; just an eclectic and colorful mix of spaces. The inhabitants range from families, to couples, to singles of all ages. There is also a very active LGBTQ community. On any given day you will see loads of people walking, biking, skateboarding and just enjoying the Colorado sunshine and all that Denver's Capitol Hill has to offer.