

LifeChurch - a Wesleyan Methodist Church Maryborough/Hervey Bay

Position:

Next Gen Director/Pastor

Role Statement:

LifeChurch is passionate about investing in children, students, and their families. We offer ministry to preschool and school-aged children through the Sunday morning kids StoryTime, creche, our PlayTime midweek ministry, and LifeKids on Sunday morning.

We offer ministry opportunities to secondary school students through Ignite Student Ministries (Friday night); Student LifeGroups (Sunday mornings); Game nights; camps; and various youth events.

We believe there is scope to expand these ministries and even to add ministries: such as an afternoon kids club, parenting classes; tutoring; and other ministries to the parents of young children and students.

Therefore, we propose the creation of a new full-time pastoral position called "Next Gen Director/Pastor" to give coaching, oversight, and coordination to these groups; as well as specialised pastoral care to the parents; investing time and nurturing growth in the following ways:

Children's Ministry Responsibilities:

- Giving support and encouragement to the volunteers and ministry leaders of our various child-focused ministries. Helping to recruit volunteers & funnel children into these ministries.
- Engaging with children at church through enthusiastically welcoming these young ones by name, and participating in the children's StoryTime.
- Active involvement in LifeKids on a regular basis.
- Coaching & strategizing with the ministry leaders to ensure we are accomplishing the task of growing disciples of Jesus.
- Preparing & organising the necessary resources for these ministries, including R&D and purchasing curriculum.
- Following up with families to offer pastoral support when specifically needed, but also proactively.
- Offering classes/courses that might be helpful for parents of young children during this stage of life.
- Development and oversight of the children's ministry budget.
- Expanding our ministry by looking for opportunities and needs. Possibilities include:
 - Afternoon kids club; a school holiday program; engaging with schools for mentoring or tutoring, or offering PlayTime on extra days.
 - Reaching out to the community to engage families in the ministries we offer. And connecting with those who attend these ministries but have not yet taken the step into church.
 - Next Gen Director needs to be confident in offering Christ's salvation to adults and children, and would be responsible for training our leaders & volunteers to do the same.
- Other duties as directed by the Senior Pastor.

Student Ministries Responsibilities:

- Giving support and encouragement to the volunteers & ministry leaders of our various student-focused ministries. Helping recruit volunteers & inviting students into these ministries.
- Engaging with students at church through relationship-building and camaraderie.
- Active involvement in Ignite Student Ministries (Friday night) on a regular basis.
- Coaching & strategizing with the ministry leaders to ensure we are accomplishing the task of growing disciples of Jesus.
- Preparing & organising the necessary resources for these ministries, including R&D and purchasing curriculum; supplies and resources.
- Following up with student families to offer pastoral support when specifically needed, and being proactive in pastoral care and relationship building.
- Offering classes/courses that might be helpful for parents of students during this stage of life.
- Development and oversight of the student ministries budget.
- Expanding our ministry by looking for opportunities and needs. Possibilities include:
 - LifeChurch Student Ministries Camp.
 - Reaching out to the community to engage families in the ministries we offer. And connecting with those who attend these ministries but have not yet taken the step into church.
 - Next Gen Director needs to be confident in offering Christ's salvation to adults & students, and would be responsible for training our leaders & volunteers to do the same.
- Other duties as directed by the Senior Pastor.

The Next Gen Director/Pastor is directly responsible to the Senior Pastor, reporting monthly to the Local Board of Administration, and at least annually to the LifeChurch Members Meeting.