

The Life Centre

Opportunity Profile

Lead Pastor

The Life Centre, Abbotsford, BC

Thank you for seeking the Lord's calling in your life. And thank you for considering The Life Centre.

As a congregation, and as a Pastoral Search Team, we seek to glorify Jesus as He guides this process.

In this profile you will find a simple introduction to our church community. We also welcome you to connect with us and to come and celebrate with us on a Sunday afternoon to get to know us better. This opportunity profile is designed as a simple snapshot of who we are, as a church, and who we are seeking for the role of Lead Pastor. Throughout our process we want you to know that we will: be prayerful; respond honestly, openly, and respectfully; and act in a timely way in our processes.

We deeply appreciate your prayerful consideration of this ministry opportunity.

~The Life Centre Search Team

Who Are We?

We are an intentionally intercultural church located in the heart of West Abbotsford. Rooted in Jesus Christ, we share the love of Jesus to make Christ followers of all nations.

We are a diverse group of people on a faith journey, learning, growing and changing together. We are anchored in the truth of Jesus and we seek to experience Him in all ways.



We believe in the authority and inerrant Word of God. We are committed to seeing people as Jesus sees them. And we love to worship!

At TLC, we don't want you to leave a part of yourself at the door; you are welcome exactly as you are, in this moment. We hope that you find us to be a welcoming, friendly, slightly messy - but gritty - gathering of Christ-followers and seekers who are committed to worship, prayer, the Word of God and doing life together.

The Life Centre is part of the BC Mennonite Brethren Conference (BCMB), and we meet on Sundays at 2:30 PM in The Gathering Church building (2285 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford).

As the Lead Pastor, you will be heartily welcomed, supported by a strong leadership team, and encouraged to celebrate all nations as we worship together and lean into our intentionally intercultural values.

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20 Years

How Did We Get Here?

TLC is celebrating twenty years! We began in June 2006 when Bindu & Trish Sidhu felt God's call to leave their ministry at South Abbotsford Church and establish a new church plant within the BC Mennonite Brethren Conference of Churches (BCMB).

Thirty adults, along with sixteen children, responded to the Sidhu's dream to plant an intentionally intercultural church. During a summer & fall of shared meals, probing conversations, and heartfelt worship times, the vision, values & purpose of the church emerged. The Life Centre was born.

The compelling conviction of the founding church members was - and still is - that the Life Centre was called to be *intentionally intercultural* – to be a community where people from the many, diverse nations in Abbotsford could come together and celebrate our shared life in Jesus Christ.

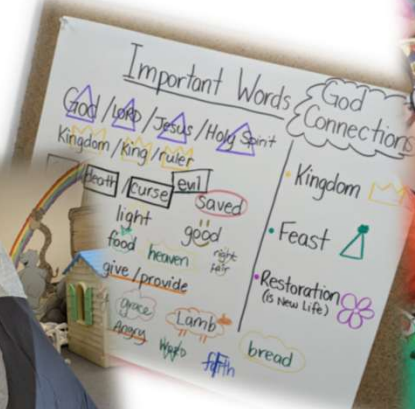
The unanticipated call to life as a slightly “nomadic people” has carried our congregation through a variety of worship locations, a leadership transition, a pandemic and the commitment to continued faithfulness. We have experienced the Lord's faithfulness along the way and rejoice in His goodness to us.

In 2016, we welcomed Brian Stewart into the Lead Pastor role, along with his wife, Carol. They continued to build on the Sidhu's vision for our church. Today, as Brian prepares for retirement, the church continues to celebrate the many ways that Carol & Brian have served the church, and we look forward to seeing how God will orchestrate this next leadership season.

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Kids Community



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Volunteer Appreciation



Women's Ministry



Who are We Seeking?

The Lead Pastor provides **Spirit-led, relational, visionary, and strategic leadership** to The Life Centre (TLC). Working in partnership with the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT), the Lead Pastor will shepherd the congregation, discern and communicate God's vision for TLC, provide oversight to staff and lay-leader ministry teams, with the goal of equipping the church body to live out Christ's mission.

Lead Pastor Responsibilities:

- ❖ Shepherd an intentionally intercultural & intergenerational church
- ❖ Model loving, authentic care for the congregation while nurturing an environment of ongoing pastoral support
- ❖ Provide strategic leadership and advance the mission of The Life Centre, in collaboration with the Spiritual Leadership Team
- ❖ Oversee the preaching and teaching ministries of the church by establishing a preaching team and serving as a regular speaker
- ❖ Lead, mentor, and oversee ministry staff and lay leaders.
- ❖ Foster unity, spiritual maturity, and engagement across generations and cultures.

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What You Offer

Spiritual & Character Requirements

- ❖ Demonstrate a vibrant, growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Model servant leadership marked by humility, integrity, generosity, and faithfulness.
- ❖ Evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit is seen in the fruit of the Spirit.
- ❖ Commit to TLC's mission of *sharing the love of Jesus to make Christ-followers of all nations*.
- ❖ If married, model a healthy marriage and family life.

Education and Experience

- ❖ Masters (or equivalent) degree in theological/Biblical studies preferred.
- ❖ Minimum 3 years of church ministry experience in a leadership role preferred.
- ❖ Demonstrated effectiveness in servant leadership and in shepherding, preaching, and teaching.
- ❖ Experience leading within a multi-staff, multi-ethnic ministry environment.
- ❖ Familiarity with cross-cultural ministry.

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Skills and Giftings

- ❖ Strong alignment with a servant-leadership model.
- ❖ Passion for developing leaders and empowering lay ministries.
- ❖ Excitement for intercultural, intergenerational congregations.
- ❖ Communicate effectively across generations, cultures, and socio-economic backgrounds.
- ❖ Demonstrated conflict resolution and relational skills

Theological Alignment

- ❖ Affirms the authority and inerrancy of Scripture.
- ❖ Adheres to the Mennonite Brethren Confession of Faith.
- ❖ Credentialed or eligible for credentialing with the BCMB Conference.
- ❖ Adheres to The Life Centre's Beliefs and Core Values

Legal Requirements

- ❖ Must be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with Canadian law.
- ❖ Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.
- ❖ Successful completion of Criminal Record Check

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The Next Steps....

Church Location: 2285 Clearbrook Rd., Abbotsford, BC

Application deadline: June 30, 2026

Shortlist Interviews: July/August 2026

Anticipated Start Date: September 2026

Salary Range: \$70,000-\$90,000 plus benefits

How To Apply:

Please apply with Resume, Cover Letter and Personal Statement (max 500 words) to search.thelifecentre@gmail.com

If you have questions and would like to speak to someone, please email search.thelifecentre@gmail.com



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