

## TRANSITIONAL PASTOR POSITION

### CHURCH OF THE VALLEY

### APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



Church of the Valley (COV) is seeking a transitional senior pastor to shepherd our leaders and congregation as we enter a time of preparation for calling a new senior pastor. This position is available from May 1, 2018 and projected to continue for approximately 12-18 months.

Apple Valley is located in the High Desert of San Bernardino County. We are just a short drive from everything wonderful about Southern California including Disneyland, snow covered mountains, picturesque beaches, entertainment venues and beautiful desert landscapes just waiting to be explored. Lower cost of living and nearby airports provide great opportunities that other areas in California may not offer, and we boast approximately 360 days of sunshine each year.

COV is set on a ten acre campus with a congregation of about 350 and offers two Sunday services: 9:00 is a classic liturgical worship service with choir, organ, hymns, bells and other instrumental groups and 10:30 is a contemporary worship service with a praise band.

The church was founded in 1947 and throughout its long history in the Victor Valley has maintained a faithful commitment to the local community with spiritual, social and economic involvement and support while also providing encouragement and support for worldwide missions. We became an ECO member in 2013. Our current staff consists of a Senior Pastor, a part-time Youth Director who also leads our Intergenerational Task Force and participates in worship services as a Seminary Intern, a part-time Children's Director, an acting Building & Grounds Administrator, several part-time Maintenance Crew members, an Assistant to the Pastor, and an Office Administrator. We also have a contracted Bookkeeper and two contracted Music and Worship Leaders.

We are looking for an experienced pastor, a Theological Seminary graduate, a current member of ECO (Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) or other reformed denomination capable of serving in ECO. We need a shepherd to encourage and equip us as we move forward. It is essential that a leader

for this church be strongly Biblically based and able to offer counsel from a Biblical perspective. A pastor who is able to quickly form caring relationships would be most helpful for us at this time. We hope for someone with the gift of seeing the large picture of our church and how each component fits into it. Above all, we look for one who senses a deep call of our Lord to love and care for this part of His Body.

Pastoral responsibilities will include:

Preaching and teaching designed for spiritual growth

Service planning in coordination with Worship Leaders

Administrative leadership with Staff and Session

Oversight of church staff and administration of day-to-day operations

Shepherding and encouraging Deacons, Pastor Nominating Committee, and ministry heads

Caregiving for congregants as needed in baptisms, weddings, memorials, and crisis situations

Support for our Intergenerational focus discussions

Preparing the congregation for the transition to a new pastor

If you are interested in exploring this Call with us, please contact Elder Doug Quine, Chair, Transitional Pastor Selection Committee, at 760-843-7805 or by email at [2dquine@gmail.com](mailto:2dquine@gmail.com). Resumes will be accepted and reviewed immediately as we wish to fill this position by May 1 or as soon thereafter as possible.