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## Connections Director (Lytham Road)

### Who are we?

UALC is an evangelical, Spirit-led, Lutheran church in the northwest suburbs of Columbus, Ohio. We worship in two locations with a combined weekly attendance of 1200. We are part of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).

We believe that we are called to be an Oasis of God's Kingdom for a dry and thirsty world, and we know that living water is meant to be shared. We envision a future so well-watered by the love, truth and Spirit of Christ that our way of life together will be transformed and even people outside the church will say "See how they love one another," just like Jesus said they would.

Life with Jesus brings hope and healing to broken people. Outside of Christ we are drawn to mirages that make empty promises of life but leave us stuffing our mouths with sand.

This vision leads us to four deeply held commitments about life together at God's Oasis:

- Everything that we do starts with the action of God. We are a Gospel people, trusting in the work of Jesus. What we offer comes from what Jesus has done and is doing.
- There is a distinct community at the oasis, a family sharing life together in the way of Jesus by the power of the Spirit.
- An oasis is not a fortress. It doesn't have walls. We invite people in and carry Living Water out.
- There is an enemy; there is a desert; there are "mirages." We are in a battle, but we know God wins.

### What are we looking for?

We are searching for a Connections Director to help us realize this vision. The Connections Director will work directly with the Campus Pastor on weekly projects related to relational outreach, Sunday morning hospitality, guest follow-up, and connecting people to next steps like small groups, service opportunities, youth programs, and other core practices. This position will collaborate with the Campus Pastor and other campus staff to set and pursue goals to fulfill the church's vision.

We are looking for a passionate, self-starting, adaptable and highly relational leader to join our team. We are also searching for someone whose relationship with Christ and Christian character are fit for Christian leadership. We are looking for someone with the relevant gifts and experiences to thrive in the role. And we are looking for someone who is ready to be called by God to help lead UALC toward the vision we are pursuing.

### How to respond

If you think this might be you, or if you know someone who fits this description, we'd love to talk with you and pray with you about it. Please contact our pastor Joe Valentino, [jvalentino@ualc.org](mailto:jvalentino@ualc.org), with your resume and a brief explanation of your interest in the position, including a description of how you see your qualifications preparing you to succeed in this role.



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## **Connections Director (Lytham Road) Position Summary**

### **Summary**

The Connections Director reports to the Campus Pastor and has leadership responsibility for several volunteer teams, as well as specific personal responsibility for outreach, hospitality and engagement tasks. The Connections Director works with the Campus Pastor and campus staff to set and pursue goals to fulfill the church's vision. The Connections Director will work closely with the Campus Pastor on projects that fulfill goals specifically related to outreach, hospitality and engagement.

### **Essential Job Functions**

1. Support the campus pastor in creating vision and giving oversight to Sunday morning teams, with special attention given to hospitality, information sharing, and guest services.
2. Work with the campus pastor on relational outreach projects and programs that facilitate our church's outreach strategy and goals at the campus level.
3. Work with the campus pastor and IT department to develop and maintain a system for following up with first time guests.
4. Work with the campus staff to create a Sunday morning experience, from parking lot to pew, that reflects our worship values and vision, and that is warm, inviting and accessible to guests
  - a. Close involvement in growth track/new member class
  - b. Regular attendance in worship planning meeting
5. Maintain, refine and develop systems for existing members and visitors to take clear next-steps of connection, including joining small groups, fellowship activities, service opportunities, etc.
6. Work with central staff (spiritual growth, mobilization, next gen, belonging) to evaluate opportunities for community life at the campus level, and to develop an effective and balanced calendar of social events meant to cultivate belonging, growth and service at the campus.

### **Education and Experience**

The position is open to lay or non-ordained candidates as well as clergy. College degree is preferred but not required. The successful individual must have a proven track record of effective volunteer leadership, excellent communication skills, strong relational skills and emotional intelligence, and character above reproach.