

We are so grateful for your interest in the position of Director of Youth Ministries here at Second Reformed Church in Fulton. In order to help you discern whether this would be a good fit for you we'd like to give you a little more information about who we are.

Second Reformed Church was planted in 1916 by several forward-thinking families from First Reformed Church in Fulton. At that time worship was conducted in Dutch and these families recognized the obstacle that presented for reaching the next generation that was English-speaking. Second Reformed Church was birthed out of a desire to reach the community and the next generation with the good news of Jesus Christ.

That impulse to reach the next generation has always been part of the DNA of Second. Consequently, the church has worked hard to minister effectively to families, youth, and children. We are a 100-year-old church that has continued to make many changes to engage the next generation.

In 2006 the opportunity came up to buy a church building and convert it into a youth center. Second bought that building and converted it into what is known as The Bridge Youth Center. The building comes with housing for the youth director and is strategically located very close to Fulton Schools. The opportunities to use this space for ministry are endless.

Second is a member of the Reformed Church in America denomination. The R.C.A. is a mainline, evangelical denomination. Within the denomination there are many churches, all with their own distinct "flavor." There are churches that are more liberal, more conservative, more liturgical, less liturgical, very contemporary and ultra-traditional.

Second is unapologetically evangelical. We believe and proclaim the need for a relationship with Jesus Christ to be saved from our sin. We are fairly conservative. We believe that marriage is designed by God for a man and a woman. We believe that all life is sacred, including the life of an unborn child. We are welcoming in the sense that we recognize all have sinned and we all arrive with our "junk". We are not a high liturgy church and our worship leans towards a contemporary expression.

As part of the Reformed tradition, we place the accent on God's sovereignty in our understanding of how he works. We believe that God chooses us before the creation of the world (Ephesians 1:4) to be part of his family. We practice infant baptism recognizing that God works in the context of community and family. There are many members of our church that think differently on some of these theological issues and that is welcomed but it is important that our church staff adhere to this understanding.

If, after reading this brief biographical sketch, you think that you would be a good fit here at Second, please send us your resume and cover letter and we'll begin the conversation to try and discern God's will.

Gratefully,

Pastor Scott and The Search Team