



Family Engagement Coordinator – Alliston Parish

20 hours a week, including Sunday mornings/parish gatherings

About The Meeting House

We feel God is calling us into a new vision: Introducing spiritually curious people to the Jesus-centred life through a movement of Jesus-centred churches. What does that mean? Through our Meeting House parishes and expressions across Southern Ontario, and new Jesus Collective network, our desire is honour God by proclaiming the irreligious message of Jesus and fostering loving communities of fully committed Christ-followers in a way that makes sense for that local context. We are all about Jesus first, which we believe results in our values of peace, simplicity, community, and mission. We are reimagining what it would look like to be a church that is fully activated for mission and engaging the spiritually curious around us. We are committed to evangelism and kingdom growth within our existing footprint, and uniting with other Jesus-centred churches to amplify our Kingdom impact beyond our footprint in ways we have not imagined before. We need people who share excitement about this spirit-led vision and want to contribute their gifts, skills and expertise and heart to this transformation! Check out our website for more details: www.themeetinghouse.com.

About The Meeting House – Alliston Parish

According to the 2016 census, the town of Alliston grew by almost 25% making it one of the top 10 fastest growing communities in Canada. With a growth rate 5 times greater than the average growth recorded in Ontario during the same period, Alliston has become a vibrant centre for young families. Seeing a 22% increase in kids and youth from 2011-2016, there is both a need and an opportunity to engage with these families. At The Meeting House Alliston, we believe that healthy families mean a healthy community and a healthier world. In 2021 we made the conscious effort to focus our resources on reaching out to the families in our community by sharing that we are in their corner. Our hope is to engage with caregivers and offer them support in their role of those entrusted to raise the next generation and to provide safe and welcoming opportunities for families to engage with our church community. Families face so many challenges and we believe that with Jesus in the centre, he can give them resources to make meaning in those challenging times. We are excited to introduce families to the Jesus-centred life.

Role

The Family Engagement Coordinator provides visionary and organizational leadership for the family ministry at The Meeting House Alliston, which includes Kidmax (ages 0 – Grade 5) and youth (Grade 6 – Age 19). This role focuses on working collaboratively with and through a group of committed leaders, to enhance our parish's ability to disciple families within The Meeting House Alliston and to engage with families in the Alliston region. This person will lead volunteer teams, develop leaders, and create programming all pointed towards increasing discipleship, volunteer ownership, and community engagement. This Coordinator needs to be passionate about discipling children and youth, empowering leaders, and supporting caregivers.

Start Date

Summer/Fall 2021

Requirements

- Fully aligned with the message, mission, and ministry strategy of The Meeting House Alliston
- Maintain and model a spiritually thriving relationship with God and passion for Jesus
- Spiritual maturity to oversee the growth of a family ministry

- Excellent leadership abilities with a passion for developing leaders and effective volunteer teams
- Experience with leading effective family ministry and programming an asset
- Strong communication, organizational/administrative, and relational skills
- A willingness to learn Elvanto, our church management program

Responsibilities

- Develop, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive strategy to refine and strengthen the engagement of families at The Meeting House Alliston and broader region.
- Develop a team of volunteers helping them to understand the importance of their roles in the discipleship of families.
- Intentionally invest in equipping/mentoring relationship with key leaders on your team.
- With support from the Lead Pastor and Parish Ministries Director, oversee all aspects of volunteer management including recruitment, training, schedules, and support.
- Ensure all volunteer security clearances are complete and up to date and that there is full compliance to our Child Protection Policy.
- Communicate regularly to volunteers in a way that reminds them the importance of their role, as well as communicate necessary details.
- Organize various events throughout the year that focus on equipping caregivers and reaching out to families in our community.
- Provide primary point leadership for the team throughout Parish gatherings and various mid-week and/or occasional events/initiatives.
- Work with the Lead Pastor to find ways of including kids and youth in the service experience/parish gatherings.
- Actively engage in cross-regional Kidmax and Youth initiatives.
- Ensure proactive and regular communication with Lead Pastor and the Parish Ministries Director, including attending relevant meetings.
- Ensure the thorough implementation of the curriculum and overall Kidmax and youth strategic initiatives.
- Work with the Lead Pastor to brainstorm and implement ways to engage families in the community.

Relationships

Reports to: Lead Pastor

Priorities based on an average work time of approximately 20 hours per week:

Parish Gatherings	5 hours
Meetings (one-on-ones, Parish Pastor check-ins, Parish-wide, etc.)	2 hours
Administration, email, phone calls, and planning	7 hours
Youth programming	3 hours
Outreach Initiatives	3 hours

Hour allocation is strictly an approximation and should be used as a guide for time management rather than the letter of the law. Some weeks will involve more hours while others will prove to be lighter.



What We Offer

You will lead and work alongside amazing people in our community who love Jesus and are learning to put into practice what it means to follow Him. You will join a staff team who genuinely care for each other, love what they do, and strive to work to the best of their abilities. None of us are superstars; we just try to authentically follow Jesus together. We are willing to try new things and experiment if we think something else will be more effective. We often fail first before finding what works best... and that's ok.

We provide the technological tools required to do the job, including a laptop and smartphone. We understand the flexible nature of part-time employment and will work with you to mind a schedule that works best for you.

The Family Engagement Coordinator's office is flexible! They can work from home or from the local meeting spaces – wherever makes sense for meetings, planning, and getting administrative tasks done.

Hiring Statement

We believe that the body of Christ is unified when each of us is encouraged, recognized, and able to serve out of our gifts, and that the church is at its best when church leadership represents the communities in which we serve. At The Meeting House, we want to do better. We strongly encourage women and men, and people of all ethnicities and abilities who love Jesus and are aligned with our vision and values, to consider applying for a staff role.

We strive to achieve equality in the workplace, which means no one will be denied employment opportunities or benefits for reasons unrelated to fit for a role. We also understand employment equity means more than treating individuals in the same way but requires special measures and the accommodation of differences. In this way, we are following Jesus in our hiring practices to create a diverse and inclusive workplace reflecting the body of Christ.