



# ***Transcona Christian Reformed Church***



## **Ministry Opportunity Full-Time Pastor**

131 Victoria Avenue West

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Transcona CRC is looking for a full-time pastor to serve God and the church by providing Biblical, spiritual, pastoral, and visionary leadership within the framework of the church's overall vision, mission and purpose. We desire him to promote the spiritual health, growth and well-being of our church family and guide us in community engagement.

# Key Responsibilities



## Preaching and Worship

- Plan and lead one morning worship service per week.
- Prepare and deliver biblically-based sermons that inspire, challenge, and encourage the congregation to grow in their faith and relationship with God.
- Organize 4-5 special services along with the music committee.
- Administer the Lord's Supper, baptisms, weddings and funerals.



## Pastoral Care

- Build relationships and foster a healthy community within the church.
- Coordinate with the elders to provide shepherding and pastoral care of the congregation. This will include contact and visitation for shut-ins and the sick, individual and family counseling and guidance as able and needed, and monitoring the spiritual health of the congregation.



## Discipleship/Spiritual Development

- Provide spiritual guidance and encouragement along with the elders to the people of all ages for Christian maturity and equipping.
- Offer Profession of Faith and New Members classes for youth and adults.

## Leadership

- Support and participate in activities that promote the well-being and unity of the church body.
- Serve on the church board in planning, organizing, directing, coordinating and evaluating the total church ministry.



## Community Outreach

- Guide the congregation as we participate in the life and events of Transcona, engage with the local community - building relationships, serving others and sharing the love of Christ through acts of compassion and outreach initiatives.

## Professional Qualifications

- Master of Divinity degree from an accredited Reformed seminary.
- Ordination and a member in good standing in the Christian Reformed Church, or willing to complete the process of affiliation.
- Commitment to Reformed theology.

## Compensation

- Compensation includes salary, pension, life and health insurance, 3 weeks of vacation time, and, upon request, funds allotted towards continuing education. Details to be discussed together.
- For housing, we are happy to provide a parsonage for our pastor and his family.
- We are open to discussing time away for participation in missions.

## Contact us to further discuss if God is calling you to be our next pastor.

We'd love to hear from you!

Email [office@transconacrc.ca](mailto:office@transconacrc.ca) to schedule a video conversation with our Calling Committee.

- Share with us links to some of your favorite sermons or worship services that meaningfully impacted the congregation, or that you simply enjoyed delivering.
- We would love to receive a copy of your life testimony, faith journey, resume or profile,
- We encourage you to reach out to us, ask us your questions and let's us get to know each other.

## Learn more about our church

Visit our website at [Transconacrc.ca](http://Transconacrc.ca).

Our Church Profile is also available on The Network at <https://network.crcna.org/job/full-time-pastor-transcona-crc-winnipeg-mb>.



# Our Story

As a community saved by Jesus,  
Transcona CRC aims to glorify God through

- ◇ Gathering in worship
- ◇ Growing in obedience,
- ◇ Guiding the lost and
- ◇ Going out to serve  
by being
- ◇ Rooted in the word,
- ◇ Reliant on the Spirit, in
- ◇ Relationship to Jesus Christ.



Transcona Christian Reformed Church was established by Dutch immigrants in 1953. In 2023, we celebrated our 70th anniversary with a lunch to fellowship together, followed by walking from our current location at 131 Victoria ave, to sing praises together in the previous location on 6 Kern Drive.



Currently 50-80 worshipers gather together each Sunday for a morning service at 10 am. All services are livestreamed on Youtube so that we may include our sick and home bound members. During the service, Children 3-10 come up for a children's message, followed by the 3-6 year olds heading out to Children's Worship. Catechism and Kid's Praise is available following the service while parents fellowship together over coffee.

Periodically, we'll follow the service with Ward lunches, soup suppers, or church potlucks.

On Sunday mornings, prior to our services, we make our facilities available to a small local congregation, the Reformed Christian Church of God, Throne of Grace.



# Church Ministry

As our worship service ends on Sunday, **Kid's Praise** gathers those children that are in children's worship and brings them into the Sunday school area for a short devotional followed by the children singing God's praises together. During that time, **Catechism** is available for older kids.

**Vacation Bible School** - Reaching out to youth and our community through programs like VBS was one of our top congregational round table answers for areas TCRC should devote more time and energy to, and a way to grow outwardly. We are grateful to the volunteers who make this fun and faith filled week possible each summer. To provide for those who would not be able to send their kids to a half day VBS, we've tailored the 1st week of Peg City Day Camp to offer childcare during the afternoons after VBS is done.

Transcona CRC partners with Covenant CRC for year round Youth, GEMS and Cadets events and a week-long summer **Bible Camp** for kids entering grades 4-10. Bible camp is a Christ-centered overnight camp full of fun and adventure with meaningful bible lessons and lively worship. **PEG CITY YOUTH** is our joint Youth Ministry program between Covenant and Transcona CRC with the vision to LOVE-GROW-SERVE! Besides regular youth evenings, we look for different opportunities to LOVE and SERVE others throughout the year. During the summer, this includes a **SERVE** mission road-trip to a new city to make a meaningful impact by serving their community and deepening teens' relationship with God along the way.

**Connections Bible Study groups** - No one is an island. Yet, it's so easy for us to become disconnected from each other and our Lord. Sensing that we need to encourage deeper connections with each other as we follow Jesus together, two years ago we formed district groups with the goal of developing these deeper connections. Groups meet together in each other's homes during the winter months. Last year, all the groups studied the Letters of John 1,2, & 3. The weekly sermons connected with the themes in the study. It was a positive experience that we are glad to continue. This year we have studied Philipians and seen our connections grow.

Once a month we welcome seniors and friends to fellowship together over coffee and snacks at **Seniors' Coffee Morning**.



# Community Involvement



We are involved in our community in a few different ways. We have been meeting monthly with a group that is called the **Transcona Food Security Network**. We coordinate with various groups like the Transcona Food Bank and the Family Resource Centre on Plessis to make sure that resources are available or shared when possible.

Volunteers called Gifts of Grace are involved with **Main Street Project**, making 500 sandwiches every 5 weeks that they distribute to the homeless and hungry through Main Street Project's van patrol.



For the past two years we have been serving our community families with school aged children by filling the need for affordable childcare and summer entertainment during summer break. Our **Peg City Day Camps** program has a different theme each week focusing on crafts, baking, communal play and outdoor adventures. Each week has a special outing to local attractions such as the Transcona Aquatic Park, Children's Museum and Science Museum. For the first week of summer, we combine this with **VBS** in the mornings, and camp in the afternoon.



During the school year, we rent out our Fellowship hall to the nearby **Calvin Christian School** for their **Flex Class**. Kids practice teamwork as they hone their talents in the kitchen. Rentals of our space are available to the community and also includes regular events from **L'Arche** Winnipeg for their Lenten Retreat, Christmas Pageant, community member memorials and the occasional birthday party.



Every Thursday morning we open our doors to the community led **Pitter Patter playgroup**. Pitter Patter offers a free morning out for parents of small children where kids and parents alike can socialize and play.

An ecumenical group of seniors also gathers together at Chateau Lanes on Thursdays for a morning out of **bowling** together.

We are grateful to be able to participate with local groups and community members in these ways and hope to share Christ's love as we fellowship together.



# Church Stance

Transcona Christian Reformed Church is a conservative church that places great importance on basing its beliefs and practices on God's Word. We believe that Jesus is our Lord and the church is his, not ours. As stewards of his church, we try to make decisions with discernment. We resist the cultural pressure to conform to changing societal norms whenever these would lead us to compromise what God teaches in His Word. Our vigilance in avoiding unbiblical practices has not kept us from growth in other areas, including community service, increased accessibility through livestream, and new songs in our worship.

We use both the blue Psalter Hymnal and the Lift Up Your Hearts song sources, supplemented from time to time with approved songs from various other sources.

We subscribe fully to the 3 main confessions of the Reformed faith and so attest to the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession and the Canons of Dort. We also subscribe to a more recent expression addressing contemporary societal concerns entitled 'Our World Belongs to God'. We have maintained the practice of offering the Lord's Supper to those who have professed their faith within our congregation and extend it also to those in good standing in other churches with which we have ecclesiastical fellowship.

Our Classis (Lake Superior) is the CRCNA's only bi-national classis, allowing us to share our kingdom work with churches in Manitoba, western Ontario and many churches in the state of Minnesota. While some churches in the classis share our position on 'women in office' many do not. At this point this has not impacted our ability or desire to commune and work together.

Within the last few years, we have felt it important to reaffirm our understanding that the Bible assigns the offices of pastor, elder and deacon to men. It was, as expected, a tense time in our congregation and not all members agreed with this decision. This reaffirmation was disappointing for a portion of the congregation and some left our fellowship over that decision. At this point, the Human Sexuality Report (HSR) has not been broached as it has not been an issue of consequence in our congregation.

We have, as the years go on, become more active within our local community and have provided increasing leadership in several local outreach initiatives. We have gained an increased awareness as to our role in expanding God's kingdom in our area in the city of Winnipeg.

# Why choose Winnipeg?



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Winnipeg is a city located at the heart of Canada that balances history, culture, and nature. This prairie gem is full of opportunities for those who call it home.

**A Cultural Haven:** Known for its vibrant arts and cultural scene, the city is home to treasures like the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The Exchange District combines historic charm with modern energy, featuring trendy cafes, local boutiques, and a bustling nightlife. Assiniboine Park and its zoo offer tranquil escapes, while waterfront trails and The Forks provide picturesque spots for recreation and relaxation. The city is active all year long with activities like skating on the frozen Red River Trail, vibrant winter festivals and seasonal markets.

**Sports and Passion:** For sports enthusiasts, Winnipeg delivers thrilling experiences. For hockey fans, the Winnipeg Jets of the NHL are the pride of the city, drawing passionate crowds to Canada Life Centre for electrifying games. Football lovers rally behind the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, as they compete in the Canadian Football League (CFL). Their games at IG Field are an exciting experience, blending competitive action with the energy of die-hard fans.

**Peace of Mind:** Geographically, Winnipeg enjoys reassuring stability. With no risk of earthquakes, hurricanes, coastal flooding, or venomous creatures, residents can enjoy life without the fear of unexpected disaster. While winters may be chilly, they are predictable and the community is well-equipped to handle them.

**Adventures in and Beyond the City:** Just outside the city, you'll find a treasure trove of natural escapes. Birds Hill Provincial Park, only 20 minutes away, invites visitors to hike, cycle, swim and picnic amidst their trails and lakes. Whiteshell Provincial Park, a stunning expanse of rugged landscapes, is ideal for camping, canoeing, fishing, and wildlife watching. During winter, ice fishing becomes a cherished tradition, with frozen lakes dotted with cozy setups for a unique outdoor experience. The Red River is home to various fish species, including walleye, channel catfish, and northern pike. Visit Lake Winnipeg for a beach day away, sailing or snowkiting.



# Our Search Team

## Deanna Livingston

- Deanna has been going to Transcona CRC her whole life as a baptised and professing member. She recently got married on April, 2025. Deanna volunteers as a teacher for Children's Worship, a Youth Leader, camp counselor, and on the calling committee. She works as a healthcare aide in the Children's hospital. During the spring through the fall, she works for a landscaping company. Deanna is an avid reader, hiker and loves board and card games.



## Rob Reinink

- I came to Manitoba a little over 40 years ago and joined Transcona CRC. I was immediately impressed with the friendliness of most of the members here. We have made many friends here over the years. My youngest was baptized at Transcona, and all my children have made a profession of faith here also. I have been involved in the evangelism committee, cadets, teaching catechism, camp counselor, bus driver and have been an elder many times. Since I retired, I joined the administration committee and the calling committee. We have been blessed to have been members of Transcona CRC.



## Jeff Steendam

- Jeff Steendam has been a member of Transcona CRC for most of his life. Together with my wife Ronalee we have raised our 4 kids at Transcona. I have served in many different capacities at the church and now on the calling committee. I am a local business owner involved in property management and development. I enjoy the outdoors and many different motor sports.





Carrie Stienstra

- I have been a member at Transcona CRC for 25 years. My husband Michael and I joined Transcona when we moved to Winnipeg from Grand Rapids, MI. My family choose this church because of the friendliness we felt immediately upon entering the building and the ease of being able to get involved. I have been involved with Sunday school, VBS, camp, the social committee, the music committee, and enjoy playing my flute on special occasions. We have raised 2 sons in Transcona and now have a daughter-in-law who also attends on a regular basis. I currently work at Calvin Christian Elementary School as an educational assistant. In my spare time I like to read or listen to books, cook, bake, and hang out at the cottage by the lake. My family has been very blessed with the friendships and spiritual growth that we've found as members of TCRC.



Jon Vaags

- Jonathan has been at Transcona CRC for his entire life, and is a member along with his wife Regan and 4 children. Over the years Jon has volunteered in various capacities around the church, including cadet councillor, deacon, and now the calling committee. Jon is also our church representative on the board of Hope Centre Ministries. His personal life revolves around farming and his family. He, along with his Dad and brother run a beef feedlot/grain farm. With the farm, and 4 kids 6 and under, its always very busy!



Roger Vaags

- I have been a member my whole life. I met my wife in the church and raised 4 kids in Transcona CRC. I have been farming in the Dugald area for over 40 years. The farm is a grain operation consisting of soybeans, wheat, corn, oats, sunflowers, and canola. In winter, I enjoy curling with a local team, and in the summer, riding my motorcycle and playing some golf when time allows. Over the years I have served on council, first as a Deacon and then several times as an elder. Being in the choir and helping with bible camp were also things I enjoyed doing with our church family.

## ***Thank you***

We appreciate your time, consideration and prayers as we search for our next pastor to lead us closer to God. We pray that the Lord will bless you wherever you are called to be; we would gratefully be blessed to welcome you to our community here at Transcona CRC.

Sincerely, The Calling Committee