



*Faith Temple Church of God in Christ  
Pastoral Search Committee  
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## **VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Full-Time Senior Pastor**

**Opening Dates:** September 1, 2025 – October 1, 2025

The Pastoral Search Committee of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ greets you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We stand on the promise of Jeremiah 3:15, trusting that God Himself calls pastors to shepherd His people with knowledge and understanding. With prayerful hearts and open hands, we are seeking God's chosen servant to fill the position of **Senior Pastor**.

The ideal candidate will be a humble, Spirit-filled leader who loves the Lord with all their heart, soul, and mind; who is committed to serving God's people with a selfless heart; and who possesses a clear, God-given vision for the future of Faith Temple. They must be firmly grounded in Scripture, live out the doctrine of the Church of God in Christ, and be an example of integrity, compassion, and servant leadership.

### **About Faith Temple COGIC**

Since 1958, Faith Temple has been a steadfast beacon of hope in the urban community of the Southwest side of Chicago. We are committed to proclaiming the Gospel, nurturing spiritual growth, and serving both our congregation and the surrounding community with excellence. Chicago, located in Cook County, Illinois, is a vibrant and diverse city of over 2.7 million residents, offering rich cultural, educational, and ministry opportunities.

### **Primary Responsibilities** *(include, but are not limited to):*

- Plan and conduct worship services; prepare and deliver Spirit-led sermons; and lead in the observance of the ordinances (Baptism and the Lord's Supper).
- Teach and disciple members and visitors through weekly prayer meetings and Bible studies.
- Provide compassionate pastoral care, including visitation to the sick, shut-in, and bereaved.
- Lead the church in growth and outreach, taking ministry beyond the walls to impact the community.

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- Establish a visible presence in the community through evangelism, service projects, and partnerships
- Inspire and equip members to use their spiritual gifts in a spirit of excellence.
- Offer pastoral counseling, officiate weddings, conduct funerals, and perform child dedication services.
- Lead in planning, organizing, directing, and evaluating all church ministries.
- Partner with church leadership to ensure effective ministry operations and leadership training.
- Preside over church business meetings with wisdom and order.
- Work with leadership and finance teams to steward the church's resources effectively.
- Support and participate in local ministries, including the H.W. Goldsberry District and the 6th Jurisdiction of Illinois.

## **Biblical Qualifications and Character**

Qualifications and giftedness must align with the biblical standards set forth in:

- 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9 — above reproach, faithful, and self-controlled.
- 1 Timothy 5:17 and 2 Timothy 2:24-25 — honorable in conduct, patient, and able to teach.
- Malachi 3:10 — a faithful tither.
- Galatians 5:22-23 — demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit in daily life.

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## **Christian Conduct & Qualifications**

The successful candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- Spiritual Calling & Credentials
- Must be a licensed, ordained minister.
- Must possess a clear and unwavering understanding of the COGIC Doctrine and Articles of Faith.
- Must demonstrate a consistent Christian lifestyle, modeling biblical principles both inside and outside the pulpit.
- Education & Training
- Bachelor's degree and/or accredited seminary degree preferred.
- Verification of theological training or degree required.
- Leadership & Ministry Skills
- Proven church administration and organizational skills.
- Effective communicator with the ability to prepare and deliver biblically sound, Spirit-led sermons and lessons.
- Able to articulate a God-given vision for the church that emphasizes spiritual growth, discipleship, and community impact.
- Community Engagement
- Prefer candidates with a record of active community involvement.
- Must be willing to support and participate in Local, State, National, and International COGIC Conventions.
- Commitment to Growth
- Demonstrated passion for church growth and membership retention.
- Ability to inspire and equip the congregation for service and ministry.
- Serve as a shepherd who leads by example, guiding the congregation to live in service for Christ.

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Required Application Materials (all documents must be submitted for consideration):

1. Letter of Intent (Cover Letter)
2. Copy of Ministerial License
3. Certificate of Ordination
4. Verification of Theological Training/Degree
5. Completed Application Form
6. Current Resume
7. Five (5) Letters of Recommendation:
  - Two (2) from clergy
  - One (1) personal reference
  - Two (2) from laypersons

*Additional information or documentation may be requested during the interview process.*

### **Salary and Benefits**

- Annual salary range: commensurate with experience.
- Additional benefits to be discussed and negotiated following hire.

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## Application Instructions

### To Apply:

1. Go to our church website by typing ***faithtemple7158.org*** into your browser's address bar. There you'll find the application link and instructions to complete and submit it.
2. After completing the application, submit all required supporting documents as outlined (**see Qualifications pages above**) one of the following ways:  
**By Email:** Attach all documents and send to [pastoralsearch@faithtemple7158.org](mailto:pastoralsearch@faithtemple7158.org)  
**By Certified Mail:** **Faith Temple Church of God in Christ**  
ATTN: Missionary Doris Richardson, Co-Chairman  
**Pastoral Search Committee**  
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3. Alternatively, you may scan the provided QR code with your mobile device to open the application instantly.



**Deadline: All application materials must be received on or before October 1, 2025.**

### Additional Information

- The Committee will acknowledge receipt of all resumes and letters of interest.
- All information presented will be handled with the highest level of confidentiality.
- Final candidates must consent to:
- Criminal History Background Check
- Substance Abuse History Check
- Credit and Financial History Review

(All screenings will be performed by the Church of God in Christ to ensure complete confidentiality.)

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## Pastoral Candidate Application

(Please complete all relevant fields. Incomplete applications will not be considered.)

### Personal Information

- Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (First, Middle, Last)
- Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed
- Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone Numbers:
- Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_
- Cell: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Employment Status

Are you presently employed outside of a church?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

If Yes, please list:

- Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Your Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Employment History

Have you ever been terminated or discharged from a church or other employer?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

If Yes, please provide a brief explanation:

## Educational Preparation

*(List in chronological order the names and addresses of undergraduate, graduate, and seminary institutions you have attended.)*

| Name of Institution | Address | Dates Attended | Degree(s) Earned |
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## Membership / Participation in Educational and Civic Organizations

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Legal History

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a felony?

Yes No

If Yes, please provide a brief explanation:

Pastoral / Ministerial Experience

(Pastoral experience preferred.)

| Position Held | Dates of Service | Reason for Leaving | Contact Name | Phone Number |
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Applicant Certification and Signature

I certify that the information in this application is true, correct, and complete. I understand that if employed, any false statements or misrepresentations on this application may be considered sufficient cause for dismissal.

Signature: Date:

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