07 January 2020

**NEW ROLE:** Community Ministry Pastor (Part time – 16 hours per week)

St Luke’s Uniting Church (Highton) is seeking a skilled and wise Christian person willing to strengthen current ministry work of the Congregation and related groups for refugees, asylum seekers, and other newcomers in need coming into our community.

The person will draw on spiritual gifts of hospitality, leadership, and service, as they serve within the ethos and oversight of the Uniting Church in Australia. The Pastor will receive supervision from the Minister in Placement, and support and guidance from a reference group experienced in this ministry area.

## Context for this role:

We believe everyone at St Luke's brings God given gifts to support the life our community. In the early Church (Acts 7) the disciples set aside people to meet the leadership and service needs of the community. 1 Peter 4:8-10 and Romans 12:13 describe the importance of hospitality – welcoming all including the stranger into our community – and sharing food, shelter and care. In Romans 12:7, Paul encourages the gift of service – the person who sees things that need doing and helps to get them done (the word “deacon” comes from this). 1 Corinthians 12:28 identifies gifts of leadership and helps – assisting the community through guiding others, planning and organizing things, and mirroring Christ’s service to the poor and outcast. Many in the St Luke's Congregation have one or more of these gifts, and we expect the Community Ministry Pastor will enjoy this sort of role.

## Scope of this Role

The Community Ministry Pastor will:

1. Coordinate the further development of St Luke’s Uniting Church ministry and mission to families and children across cultures, particularly those new to Australia.
2. Provide pastoral, spiritual and religious care (in collaboration with St Luke’s Ministry Teams) in response to the needs of the families.
3. Provide a link to forge relationships between the Congregation and newcomer families.
4. Participate in the worship life of St Luke’s.

The position description is available at: [www.stlukesuca.org.au](http://www.stlukesuca.org.au)

**Payment and conditions** will be in line with the Non-placement Pastor – Level 2 of the VicTas Synod

($33.39 per hour (part time), plus leave allowance and 9.5% superannuation)

For more details, please contact Rev. Paul Stephens, M: 0417 152 009 E: paul.stephens@stlukesuca.org.au

## To apply for this role:

* submit how you meet the requirements of the Position Description, in particular the attributes of the person, to the Selection Committee at: admin@stlukesuca.org.au **before** 3 February 2020.

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