

RML Church Profile for Executive Pastor Search

Renewal Presbyterian Church of the Main Line is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). We are an actively growing Christian community in the greater Philadelphia region. Renewal Main Line (RML) initially began as a suburban church plant out of our sister church, Renewal West Philly, with the name Renewal King of Prussia in 2010. The church relocated to Devon in 2012 with a conviction to plant multiple, local congregations in the suburbs of Philadelphia. With this conviction, Renewal Devon joined like-minded brothers and sisters from Renewal West Philly to begin Renewal Main Line in the fall of 2017. This new work began without a Senior Pastor, believing that it would be best for the new congregation to develop their identity and solidify their commitment for gospel propagation in the Main Line suburbs. During that time, Rev. Luke Woo provided leadership along with our newly established Session of four ruling elders. In the summer of 2019, a call was extended to Rev. Bill Smith who was later installed as Renewal's Senior Pastor. Though we are thankful for this newly formed pastoral staff, it has been Pastor Luke and our church's intent to eventually commission him and his family overseas for cross-cultural ministry. As they now prepare to go, it is our desire to bring on an Executive Pastor beginning January 2021 to fill this vacant position.

Renewal Main Line is located in the <u>Philadelphia Main Line</u> with congregants representing Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties. Comprised of people from various backgrounds and ages, our congregation ranges from college students to families, with a growing number of children and youth. Our average Sunday service welcomes on average approximately 100 adult worshippers (including 10-15 college students) as well as 40 children. Approximately 85 percent of our members are Asian American, however our desire is to grow both our leadership and congregation in diversity, to reflect our surrounding neighborhoods and workplaces by bringing them the beautiful message of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Our full-time pastoral staff consists of our Senior Pastor and Assistant Pastor, whom the new hire will be replacing as the Executive Pastor. We also have a Youth Group & College Pastor, Children's Ministry Director, and Administrative Assistant, who are all serving in part-time positions. Through our staff and our many selfless leaders and volunteers, we have witnessed the growth and fruit of our various ministries at RML. In our short time together, God has established eight regional community groups who meet bi-weekly for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. We have seen our prayers translate into our members graciously volunteering their time and efforts to serve in our weekly ministries, as well as with outreach opportunities in our neighborhoods. We praise the Lord for how He has been working and providing for our growing congregation.

In addition to our adults and children, the Renewal College Fellowship (RCF) is our on-campus college ministry serving various schools along the Main Line including Villanova, Haverford, and Bryn Mawr. Led by our college pastor and student leaders, we hold weekly community group meetings and Friday night large group gatherings either on our own campuses or with other students from Renewal West Philly (University of Pennsylvania, Drexel, Temple, and USciences). Together, we spend time praising, hearing God's Word, and fellowshipping.

We look forward to seeing even more leaders raised up, both ordained and commissioned, to provide shepherding care, and to present the gospel in both Word and deed to our communities. We are currently working to establish a Diaconate that will spearhead our efforts to serve our communities in these gospel opportunities. We have also established a Missions Community, a group of men and women, who will help continually challenge our church to be intentional in advancing the gospel to the outer reaches of the world. Furthermore, we desire to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) through developing a culture of discipleship amongst all of our members. These are just some of the immediate ways we hope to fulfill our vision in conjunction with our staff and Session.

Our Mission

To ignite a gospel-spreading movement through multiple, local congregations by making, maturing, equipping, and deploying followers of Jesus Christ, for the renewal of individuals, communities, and cultures.

• To ignite a gospel-spreading movement

We are passionate about seeing the gospel transform lives all over our region for God's glory.

• Through multiple, local congregations

We believe that the progress of the gospel is most effectively accomplished by God through the local church that incarnates the gospel to their neighboring contexts. As one church, we believe we can best spread the gospel throughout our region through multiple, local congregations (campuses). • In the surrounding suburbs of Philadelphia and the world

Our prayer is to join God's mission of spreading the saving knowledge of Jesus throughout the world. We believe we are called to join His work both in our respective neighborhoods, cities, regions, and internationally through missions.

• Individuals, communities, and cultures are renewed in Christ We see the gospel working in the lives of individuals and in turn forming counter-cultural communities. They then serve to renew their respective local neighborhoods and workplaces.

Our Vision

To establish a diverse, dynamic, and gospel-centered congregation that seeks to grow and plant new churches throughout the region and the world.

Our Values

Preaching the gospel, maturing believers, loving the surrounding community, and sending forth gospel equipped believers to share God's truth with their family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.