

Gracemount Community Church [GCC] exists to take the gospel of Jesus to the people of Gracemount.

Gracemount is a housing scheme [council estate] with a population of around 3000 people. Although we're a tight-knit, friendly and protective community, our scheme falls into the 'Most Deprived' category of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), 2012. The statistics on income, employment, health, education, housing, and crime, say Gracemount is 'statistically significantly worse than the Scottish average.' However, no matter what the statistics say, for us Gracemount is the place we love, and the place we call home. We know for sure that our lives have added to the brokenness of our community. But we also know what difference Jesus can make to people's lives. And so, we are desperate to tell others about him in Gracemount.

As a nine-year-old church plant we have a vision to be a church that's trusted and established in our scheme, having continued to see conversion growth that reflects the diversity of the scheme, and to be involved in planting a church in another housing scheme in the south of Edinburgh.

However, we also have a desire to see churches revitalised and planted in other housing schemes and council estates across the UK. So, in pursuit of that desire, we are seeking to appoint an assistant pastor with a heart for areas of deprivation. The end goal of coming to be an assistant-pastor at GCC is to be sent out to plant or revitalise somewhere else.

This would be a training position working under the supervision of Andy Prime and the elders of GCC, and would offer experience in pastoring, preaching, leadership, and church planting. As a church planted from and partnered with 20schemes the applicant would also benefit from their training and expertise in housing scheme ministry.

The applicant must meet the qualifications of character, knowledge and gifting set out for leaders in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1; be wholeheartedly in agreement with the church's statement of faith, church covenant, and constitution; have a particular heart and passion for ministry in areas of deprivation; and be wholeheartedly in agreement with the FIEC's position papers on church unity, women's ministry and same-sex marriage. As a church without a building entrepreneurship, initiative, and hospitality are essential qualities. The applicant ideally, but not necessarily, will have completed some form of ministry internship or theological training.

The applicant will be involved in the full range of our church ministries, providing opportunities to test and develop character and gifting, as well as take responsibility for key areas of the church dependent on their personality, gifting, and training.

The role is full-time, with a flexible start-date, and the application process will be run in conjunction with a 20schemes assessment. All those who work with 20schemes are required to meet a fundraising goal before beginning their role, which GCC would help with. This allows 20schemes to provide you with a salary and benefits as well as ministry costs while you are serving.

Notes of interest should be sent to [andy.prime@gracemountcommunity.church](mailto:andy.prime@gracemountcommunity.church).