**First Baptist Church, Ottawa Seeks a Pastor**

FBCO is an historic downtown congregation founded in 1857, located near Federal and Municipal Governments and the University of Ottawa. We are an inclusive congregation welcoming people with a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds and theological viewpoints, reflecting our commitment to the historic Baptist Principles of soul liberty and congregational autonomy. We have had a long history of ecumenical and interfaith involvement and currently house a shelter for homeless youth. We wish to become a welcoming, fully alive faith community which offers a meaningful worship experience and varied opportunities for Christian service.

We are seeking to call a pastor who will lead weekly worship and who brings creative and Biblically based preaching skills to the pulpit; who will provide empathetic and compassionate Pastoral and Spiritual care and visitation; who will lead us in the provision of study opportunities for all ages that is thoughtful and reflective; and who will lead us into ministry possibilities within our community. In addition, s/he will carry out administrative duties including relating to the Boards and commissions of the congregation, and maintain our relationship with local ecumenical and interfaith organizations. The successful candidate will hold solid educational credentials with a minimum of a Masters of Divinity degree or equivalent from a recognized educational institution.

A fuller description of both the profile of the church and of the pastor we seek is available on our website, [www.firstbaptistottawa.ca](http://www.firstbaptistottawa.ca)

Applications should include a cover letter, a CV or Resume with references. They can be sent by email to [pastoralsearch@firstbaptistottawa.ca](mailto:pastoralsearch@firstbaptistottawa.ca), or by postal mail to The Pastoral Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 140 Laurier Ave. W., Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5J4. Deadline for applications is December 31, 2019.