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Faculty Search: Program Head Christian Ministries

Great Northern University is a fully accredited Christian liberal arts university in Spokane, Washington. GNU was founded in 2018 by a group of faculty who were driven by their faith in Jesus and the need for biblically grounded education in the Inland Northwest. That biblical grounding includes a required Bible minor (six courses) for all B.A. students. We are currently searching for a new faculty member to serve as program head for the Christian Ministry program.

Position: Program Head and tenure-track faculty member, Christian Ministry.

This faculty member will teach core courses in the Christian Ministry curriculum such as Youth Ministry; Communication of Biblical Truth; Sexuality, Marriage, and Family; Evangelism and Discipleship; Family Ministry; Ministry Leadership and Planning; Senior capstone; and overseeing internships.

As Program Head, this faculty member will advise students in the B.A. in Christian Ministry. This degree has two concentrations or tracks: Pastoral Studies and Youth and Family Ministry. Many adjunct professors from our leader rich community will be utilized to teach some of the courses of the two concentrations. The program head will eventually lead (following the first year of the appointment) in ongoing curricular development.

In the first year of the appointment, responsibilities will be limited to the roles outlined above. In subsequent years, however, the expectation is that the faculty member will participate in faculty committees as guided by, and in discussion with, the Academic Dean.

Qualifications:

- Agreement with the University's Code of Belief and Conduct
- Demonstrated ability to teach undergraduate courses
- Possession or desired pursuit of a Ph.D. or D.Min. in a relevant field of study
- Five years of local church ministry staff experience
- Demonstration of spiritual maturity and a commitment to the local church
- Commitment to the student community as a mentor and advisor

Responsibilities:

- Steward the vision for the Christian Ministry program at GNU
- Recruit and develop adjunct faculty for the program
- Attend regularly scheduled faculty and program head meetings
- Enthusiastically participate in program promotion with prospective students and other interested parties
- Coordinate with program faculty and the Registrar to schedule course offerings and teaching assignments
- Develop curriculum, including program outcomes, course outcomes, and an effective program assessment plan
- Teach 12–15 credits in the first year and 18–24 credits per academic year thereafter

Remuneration:

This position is full-time and includes salary and benefits commensurate with the current GNU faculty salary scale as published on the date of hiring.

Position Search closes: January 15, 2027

Send a Letter of Interest and C.V. to: Dr. Craig Ferderer; cferderer@gnu.edu.