



OLIVE BRANCH COMMUNITY CHURCH
416 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
The Olive Branch Community Church (OBCC) is in search of a new Senior Pastor

Founded in 2006, OBCC seeks to change lives by exercising Christian care, by devotion, by cheerfully contributing to the ministry and its mission, and by striving to live to the glory of God.

With more than 115 members, the congregation has adopted the following refrain when describing their church: “We are the littlest big church on hallowed ground – A church that is big in faith, big in hope, big in love and big in the Word of God.” With the pending retirement in 2023 of our Founding Senior Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Donald R. Kelly, we are searching for a Senior Pastor who can build on the strong foundation laid by Pastor Kelly and who can attract more in-person and online worshippers, particularly younger worshippers.

Our prayer is that so many souls are saved that our beautiful new sanctuary will be filled with worshippers.

Minimum qualifications include:

- Must be a person of established and true character, qualified to preach and teach the Word of God.
- Must have outstanding oral and written communication skills as a preacher of the Word.
- Must have professional ability to plan and prioritize tasks, and demonstrate exceptional organizational skills.
- Must exemplify the qualities of those convinced of their call to the ministry, and who exemplifies biblical characteristics.
- Must have been saved at least five years and shall have wisdom in handling spiritual and administrative matters.
- Must be sound in doctrine, apt to make good judgments and must also cooperate and listen to the sound advice given by the OBCC Board of Elders.
- Must possess the ability to teach sound doctrine and communicate effectively.
- Must be committed to responding to the spiritual, service, and social needs of the community.
- Must hold a degree in Theology or Divinity from an accredited institution, or possess equivalent experience as an ordained minister.



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To apply or refer a candidate:

Send the application package to: searchteam@obc-church.org or mail it to: Search Committee Chair, 416 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860.

Application packages will be accepted through June 30, 2023.

A complete application package includes:

1. Current Resume
2. Autobiographical Statement (500-750 words)
3. Statement of Interest (500-750 words)
4. Three Recommendation Letters:
 - a) church official
 - b) seminary/divinity school professor or academic administrator
 - c) individual who can attest to applicant's personal commitment
5. Official Certifications and Credentials (proof of license and ordination; must have seminary training and hold at minimum a Master of Divinity or Master of Arts in Theological Studies degree from an accredited theological school).

Thank you for your prayerful consideration,

The OBCC Pastoral Search Committee