

Justice Advocate The Vine Church & Branches of Hope

The Vine is a multi-cultural, inter-denominational, vibrant church community based in the Wan Chai district of Hong Kong. We are both a local and an international family, made up of people born and raised in Hong Kong, as well as those who have moved here from other countries.

Branches of Hope is the social justice expression of The Vine operating as an NGO bringing dignity, justice and hope to the most vulnerable and marginalised in society. Its current focus is serving refugees and victims of human trafficking.

The church and its NGO (hereafter to be known as the 'Organisation') have a strong justice focus which finds outward expression in organising the annual Justice Conference Asia and in advocacy in Hong Kong civil society and government policy.

Job Description

The Justice Advocate will be responsible for maintaining and developing with the Senior Justice Advocate a dynamic justice profile for the Organisation that is seamlessly embedded within the culture of the church and its ministries and supporting the aims and objectives of its NGO. This is a new role that will maintain and build capacity to provide high profile advocacy reflecting the values and aspirations of the Organisation

The incumbent will need to work with the Senior Pastor of The Vine, and the Executive Director of BOH to strategize, develop, and further our justice advocacy, social justice footprint, and theological framework within our local community context. This will include calling the church to be a biblical prophetic witness to its surrounding culture and context while providing a basis for genuine support and care to the oppressed, vulnerable and mistreated.

Job Requirements

This is a key posting to enable the future development and embedment of a justice profile within the culture of the Organisation and throughout its various internal and external expressions. Successful candidate will play a significant role in representing the Organisation's justice profile within the city's political and civil environment. As such we are looking for a highly motivated individual who will already have had experience working in a justice related field with a significant level of responsibility.

The successful candidate should possess the following, but not limited to:

- Qualification at Master degree level in Social Science, Public Policy, Human Rights, Political Science or Theology related subject.
- Strong sense of justice and passionate about social justice issues in Hong Kong and/or SE Asia
- Public speaking experience

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- 5-10 years' experience working in NGO or human rights organization and/or church based social justice ministry
- Knowledge and experience of working at responsible level in a large progressive church based environment
- Proficiency in written English and Cantonese at native level with fluency in both languages in a professional environment. Communication in Putonghua would be an added advantage
- Established media connections; experience in handling press; use of social media for publicity and campaigns.
- Self-motivated with ability to set stretch goals; strategic thinker; realistic planner. Flexibility to work solo or engaging with others in team projects
- Cross cultural experience and adaptability to relate with marginalized groups
- Good networker, comfortable to engage in informal storytelling, advocacy and relationship building. Strong inter-personal skills
- Ability to take on a leadership role within and outside the church environment for specific projects, campaigns and advocacy targets.

How to apply

Please send your cover letter and resume to hr@branchesofhope.org.hk. Closing date for application is 5pm, on 2 July, 2019.