

London City Mission

# Partnerships Officer



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# A unique opportunity

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**London City Mission (LCM) serves the church of London in sharing the love of God and the good news of Jesus Christ with the least reached of London.**

One in three people don't have a Christian friend to invite them to church, open a Bible with them, or tell them the good news of Jesus. We want to see that change. The latest census data reports that under 10% of the inhabitants of London's poorest districts attend Christian churches. The poor areas of London are incredibly diverse, in fact London is the most ethnically diverse city in the world, growing at over 100,000 people a year. We believe that these ethnic groups, often living in the poorest areas of London, are in desperate need to hear the gospel but are least likely to be reached with it. The world has come to London – we long to see the gospel taken to the world by working alongside churches to visit homes and go out into the streets of London with the good news of the gospel. Why?

## Because London Needs Jesus!

For 185 years the gospel has been at the heart of all we do. Together with London's churches we show God's love in practical ways and continually look for ways to share the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ with the least reached people in our capital. Our monthly team gatherings include testimonies of how God is working amongst the least reached people of the city, and our deep conviction is that much more needs to be done – and can be done - at this urgent hour for London.

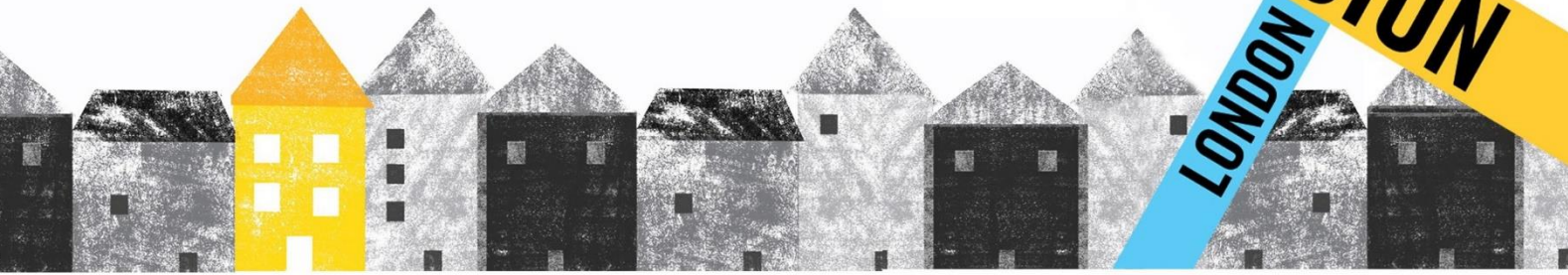
### **This is a unique opportunity to impact London with the gospel**

We are now looking to appoint a Partnerships Officer who will play a key role in helping London City Mission achieve a sustained increase in our funds, enabling us to achieve our ambitious five year strategy: to mobilise and better support a growing, flourishing Church that is sharing the love of God and good news of Jesus Christ with London's least reached communities. It's a crucial and exciting time in the history and further development of London City Mission, and through this role the successful candidate will be able to make a difference in London for the salvation of souls and to the glory of God.

We are searching for a Partnerships Officer who is driven by the conviction that **LONDON NEEDS JESUS**



# The context



Our Missionaries work with and mobilise churches to build relationships with people in their communities and share the transforming love of God in Jesus Christ to enable many people to put their trust in Jesus and to join his family, the Church. Our Missionaries carry and live out the gospel in London's neediest neighbourhoods where they live, work and worship, in partnership with churches.

To deliver our aspirations we have created clear lines of leadership, support and accountability for our entrepreneurial front-line mission teams. They are supported by our professional head office teams, and together we form one London City Mission team committed to the salvation of souls and the glory of God in London. As one mission team, we gather regularly to pray, train and hear updates that encourage and inspire.

Graham Miller was appointed as CEO ("Chief Servant") in 2013, being the youngest London City Mission CEO since its founder, David Nasmith. Following progress against a bold strategy over the last few years we have recently agreed an ambitious strategy for the next five years, reflecting our missional urgency. This places a greater intentional emphasis on partnering with churches to envision, engage and equip the Church in its evangelistic cross-cultural urban mission to the least reached and hardest to reach communities of London.



London City Mission currently has an annual turnover of approximately £7 million, which supports the work of approximately 80 front-line missionaries, 40 Mission Associates and 20 short-term placements, as well as our support teams at head office. We are also blessed to steward a portfolio of over 200 properties used for missional purposes, which includes a number of community based centres.

To support our ambitious strategy, we have an ambitious plan to grow our income to enable London City Mission to become financially sustainable. We are, therefore, looking to appoint a Partnerships Officer to help the Fundraising and Supporter Partnerships Directorate deliver targeted donation growth from within the Major Gifts Team.

# Fundraising and Supporter Partnerships



As part of our five-year strategy we will increase the number of churches that we partner and engage with and we will broaden and deepen that engagement to inspire, enable and equip them in mission. Our missionaries are increasingly required to lead, envision, and equip others in evangelism, as well as to be evangelists themselves.

Our ambition for growth and change in mission must be matched by an ambition to raise the funds we need to support mission and to enable London City Mission to become financially sustainable. To do this we are committed to drive targeted donation growth year on year, reaching a target increase of annual income to £1m more than current levels by 2024.

Our highly committed Fundraising and Supporter Partnerships team will play a key role in this, working with our valued supporters and our missionaries, and developing new partnerships. We are, therefore, building and developing our Fundraising and Supporter Partnerships team who will take forward our new fundraising strategic approach under the new Direction of Rachel Wagstaff – Director of Fundraising and Supporter Partnerships.

The Partnerships Officer role provides a unique opportunity to have an impact on reaching London with the good news of Jesus Christ, whilst gaining experience of a range of different types of fundraising. A more detailed Job Description and Person Specification is attached, but key to success in this role will be the ability to:

- Enriching gospel partnerships with a group of active high value supporters, leading to growth in income from this group. Communicating the organisation's vision with a passion for and understanding of the gospel message, thanking them and helping them to personally connect to the work that their partnership makes possible. This may be by sharing stories of the impact of their support, arranging field visits or creating interactions with mission staff via a programme of events.
- Assisting the Head of Major Gifts with a programme of engagement events for key partners of London City Mission, taking the lead for specific aspects, and organising engagement events as required
- Creating compelling fundraising proposals for simple requests for specific support and reporting back in a timely way on the difference that the donor was able to achieve

A separate job description and person specification is included at the end of this brochure, setting out the role and the person we are looking for.



# Our values

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All of this is done in line with a set of values that LCM have developed to shape the way we work and relate with each other, with the Church and with the people and communities we engage with. Our values are set out below.

We are passionate about sharing the love of God and good news of Jesus Christ with the least reached in London, and to do this in partnership with churches.

To help us do this, we have developed a set of values which shape the way we work and relate with each other, with the church and with people in the communities we engage with:

#### **Rooted in Christ:**

Prayerfully dedicated to doing God's will and living His way, according to His word

#### **Christ-Like Love:**

Looking not to our own interests but to the interests of others because we are united as brothers and sisters in Christ

#### **God-Glorifying Excellence:**

Pursuing the best that we can be to glorify God and serve each other in all we do

#### **Spirit-Inspired Courage and Perseverance:**

Standing firm, pushing through, paying the price for the sake of Christ and the gospel



# Statement of Faith and Conduct

## London City Mission Statement of Faith and Conduct

As Evangelical Christians we accept the following doctrines which we regard as crucial to the understanding of the faith, and which should issue in mutual love, practical Christian service and evangelistic concern:

- The revelation of the triune God given in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the historic faith of the Gospel therein set forth.
- The sovereignty and grace of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in creation, providence, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
- The divine inspiration of the Holy Scripture and its consequent entire trustworthiness, clarity and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- The universal sinfulness and guilt of fallen man, making him subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- The substitutionary sacrifice of the incarnate Son of God as the sole and all-sufficient ground of redemption from the guilt and power of sin, and from its eternal consequences.
- The justification of the sinner solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ crucified and risen from the dead.
- The illuminating, regenerating, indwelling and sanctifying work of God the Holy Spirit.
- The priesthood of all believers, who form the universal Church, the Body of which Christ is the Head and which is committed by His command to the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world.
- The calling of all Christian people to a life of holiness and prayer according to the Holy Scripture.
- The expectation of the personal, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory.

# Additional Information

## How to apply



To find out more about this role, and how to apply, please contact Christian Jobs who will be handling all applications for this role on behalf of London City Mission.

Your application, which should include a CV and covering letter explaining clearly your suitability for this particular role, should reach Christian Jobs by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. You will receive an acknowledgement within 2 working days and an outcome from your application within 10 working days

Christian Jobs can be reached at the following:

Christian Jobs  
[joe.santry@christianjobs.co.uk](mailto:joe.santry@christianjobs.co.uk)  
+44 (0)161 946 3550

Candidates may be interviewed before the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

For shortlisted candidates the selection process will include two stages, each involving a panel interview with senior LCM colleagues who will prayerfully assess and seek to discern the selection of the right candidate.

Further details of the interview process and dates will be sent to short-listed candidates.

## **PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION**

<b>Job Title:</b>	Partnerships Officer
<b>Reporting to:</b>	Head of Major Gifts
<b>Department:</b>	Fundraising & Supporter Partnerships
<b>Location:</b>	Based at our London Office at 175 Tower Bridge Road, with flexible and working from home options - temporarily working from home during the Covid Pandemic
<b>Salary:</b>	£28,000 - £32,000

### **About us**

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### **Purpose of role:**

To develop gospel partnerships with those who have the capacity to make a significant financial difference in support for London City Mission's ministry. Providing them with opportunities to make significant gifts to London City Mission, and ensuring that they have the best experience possible in partnering with us. To take personal responsibility for the engagement, growth and stewardship of all high value donors and provide support for the wider Major Gifts team in creating engagement with all Key Supporters.

### **Summary of main responsibilities**

#### **Key Supporters**

- Enriching gospel partnerships with a group of active high value supporters, leading to growth in income from this group. Communicating the organisation's vision with a passion for and understanding of the gospel message, thanking them and helping them to personally connect to the work that their partnership makes possible. This may be by sharing stories of the impact of their support, arranging field visits or creating interactions with mission staff via a programme of events.



- Assisting the Head of Major Gifts with a programme of engagement events for key partners of London City Mission, taking the lead for specific aspects, and organising engagement events as required
- Creating compelling fundraising proposals for simple requests for specific support and reporting back in a timely way on the difference that the donor was able to achieve
- Supporting London City Mission staff in the management of all relationships with Key Supporters by ensuring that records are updated and providing wider administrative support for the major gifts team such as sending out Christmas cards, invitations to events, managing RSPV's.
- From the analysis of data, identify those supporters who may have interest in developing a high value partnership and offer them appropriate opportunities for engagement.
- Regular reporting of progress against agreed fundraising KPI's and targets
- Commitment to developing personal proficiency and adherence to best practice with the CRM database

#### **Fundraising and Supporter Partnerships team:**

- Representing LCM at external events, including some weekends, evenings and Sundays, including travel as needed. Also engaging with potential new supporters at a week-long conference each year where the post holder will be expected to communicate LCM's vision with a passion for and understanding of the gospel message, as well as share their personal journey of faith in Jesus Christ
- Assist with team plans regarding supporter engagement, operations and finance
- Contribute towards identifying communications opportunities and developing content
- Development of positive relationships with all gospel partners including occasional support for other activities and projects within the Fundraising and Supporter Partnerships Team
- Keep up to date with fundraising knowledge, engaging in independent sector research, regularly reading relevant articles and identifying appropriate training opportunities.

#### **Expected Standards**

- An understanding of, and respect for, different theological positions of a range of British evangelical churches
- Fully participate in the spiritual life of LCM including attending the annual week of prayer, monthly Team Days, and weekly/daily staff prayer meetings.
- Take due care of your own Health and Safety and that of others (as appropriate) in your working environment.
- Ensure compliance with General Data Protection Regulation principles and practice.
- Attend LCM provided training needed to support you in the delivery of the requirements of your role.
- Be an advocate for, and role model of, LCM values
- Be a committed member of an evangelical church.

## **Key Relationships**

- Communications team for content such as images, videos and design support
- All high value supporters (>£1,000 per annum)
- All key supporters (>£2,000 per annum) with the exception of churches
- Supporter Partnerships team for effective first line of contact referrals

## **Person Specification**

### **A. Specialist Competencies**

#### **Essential**

- Proven experience of relationship fundraising for a charity
- Track record of developing partnerships that result in additional significant gifts from individuals
- Proven experience of developing and managing relationships with high-net worth individuals, including face-to-face relationships
- Experience of organising events to promote good supporter/ customer engagement
- Ability to inspire and motivate individuals to support London City Mission, passionately communicating the charity's mission of sharing the gospel with the least reached
- Strong written communication skills evident, able to create written fundraising materials that develop a compelling value proposition.
- Strong verbal communication skills, influencing and interpersonal skills evident
- Experience of working collaboratively as part of a team
- A practising, evangelical Christian and inspired by London City Mission's vision and values
- Experience of working autonomously, managing own workload, initiating and developing ideas that create value
- Ability to understand and use CRM databases, to maintain accurate records, generate reports and interpret data.
- Experience of using CRMs and MS Office
- Commitment to proactive ongoing development of own fundraising knowledge and skills

#### **Desirable**

- Educated to degree level or equivalent qualification
- Professional Fundraising Qualifications and/or in-depth training
- Strong understanding of UK evangelical churches

## B. Personal Competencies

1. **Motivation:** Understands the main aim of LCM's strategy and of their role and the work of the FSP team in supporting that. Is motivated to deliver the full scope of their role as set out in this Job Description.
2. **Judgement:** Makes timely and sound judgements and decisions on a range of issues, creating practical solutions to problems, seeking advice and approval from their line manager and other colleagues, as appropriate; ensures these are aligned with LCM's strategy and goals, and that LCM make the most of opportunities. Applies Godly wisdom.
3. **Planning and organising:** Commit plans to the Lord. Able to balance the twin priorities of: delivering and developing a fundraising or supporter partnerships activity to a high standard; whilst also working effectively to make progress in a range of areas. Able to look well ahead and develop clear and workable plans to get things done in a timely, effective, and efficient way. Monitors progress in delivering the fundraising service and plans, and keeps things on track, whilst being flexible to adjust plans if needed. Prepares and co-ordinates activities well whilst ensuring resources are well stewarded.
4. **Relationships:** Able to build and maintain fruitful working relationships with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders. Resolves conflict well.
5. **Collaboration and Teamworking:** Co-operates well with others and shares knowledge and expertise to support their work and development. Willing to learn from others. Works as part of a team, contributing to team goals and encouraging and supporting other team members. Works collaboratively within their own team as well as with colleagues across LCM (Field and Head Office).
6. **Drive:** Focuses on agreed priorities and manages time and effort to deliver excellence, to make progress against plans, and to achieve targets. Innovates and works to improve gospel partnerships with supporters. Proactive to get things done and to keep things on track. Stewards well their time and resources. Anticipates potential blocks to progress and finds a way forward, asking for help and advice from their line manager and other colleagues when required. Takes initiative to develop new or better ways of doing things to meet specific fundraising needs or opportunities.
7. **Values:** Our four LCM values clearly shape the way they work and relate with others.

This job description is not intended to be exclusive or exhaustive. It is an outline indication of activity and will be amended in the light of LCM's changing needs.

### OCCUPATIONAL REQUIREMENT

London City Mission (LCM) is an organisation committed to preaching the Christian gospel to the people of London.

The Fundraising and Supporter Partnerships team works as a bridge between the LCM ministry team and those organisations, churches and individuals who partner with LCM to share the Christian gospel with the people of London. A key element of this role is to affirm the supporters role in partnering with LCM to achieve our aims of sharing the gospel. The Fundraising and Supporter Partnerships team is expected to conduct the business of the London City Mission in line with the Mission's Evangelical Christian ethos and represent the London City Mission. They must have a willingness to share their journey to faith and the life-transforming message of the gospel, and lead and join in prayer meetings. It is therefore essential that the person appointed for this role has a full personal understanding of the Christian ethos which provides the basis for the strategy and objectives of the London City Mission and be an evangelical Christian

Employees are required to agree to the Mission's Statement of Faith and Conduct.

**This job description does not form part of a contract of employment**



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