

# **International Church of Ljubljana: Pastor**

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## **About the church and the context**

The International Church of Ljubljana (ICL) began in 2002, the only English-language evangelical church in Slovenia. For many years we were led by a team of men who worked for various mission agencies and for an international school, a team which has shrunk as various ones have moved on. We have a tradition of shared leadership, of each one having their own job/ministry, but coming together to make ICL happen. For the long-term health and growth of this church, however, we can see the benefit of someone joining the team who can devote much or all of their time to this work.

Slovenia is a beautiful, comfortable, safe, clean Alpine country. It is a small nation of 2 million people, and the capitol, Ljubljana, has around 280,000. The international community in Slovenia and Ljubljana is small, but significant. There is of course the diplomatic community, but also multinational business, education, etc. The average Slovene under 40 speaks English very well, and many Slovenes have come to Christ through our church and the ministries of the people in the church.

ICL has a core of regulars from a variety of nations, though the obviously transitory nature of an international church means most are here for a limited time of months or years. An average service might have 25-40 people, and 8-13 nations represented. We regularly have guests from all over the world who find us via our website, [www.ljchurch.net](http://www.ljchurch.net). We have a Sunday evening service, a midweek Bible study, monthly men's and women's gatherings, an annual conference retreat, and just before Easter and Christmas we do a hymn/carol sing and potluck. We have weekly Sunday School for younger children. We cooperate with the local IFES organization in reaching out to international students.

For about 16 years we have met in the facility of the Pentecostal church of Ljubljana, and we run our finances through them, but we are independent. We are broadly evangelical in our theology, focusing on the key truths Christians hold in common by generally preaching through books of the Bible.

We like a blend of classic hymns, modern choruses and current worship music. As of now we use the Celebration Hymnal and a booklet of modern choruses (we would use PowerPoint, but we lack the time/manpower to set it up and to run it).

Since all of the leadership team up to now had their own job or ministry, the finances of the church have been spent supporting Slovene church planters, printing books in Slovene, special evangelistic projects. Thus while the church could supply some financial support for this pastor (perhaps up to 500 euros per month), it would not be enough to live on. An average Slovene family lives on around 2000 euros per month. We have never strongly emphasized stewardship but with a fresh vision for stewardship and pastoral leadership perhaps people would give more generously over time.

### **Position overview**

- A passion for people from varied backgrounds, for worship and the Word of God.
- A person who can dream with us about the possibilities of outreach in Slovenia among the English-speaking expat and national population.
- A heart for the body of Christ and a willingness to cooperate with other Slovene-speaking churches.
- Capable preacher to be part of the preaching team, likely preaching 2-3 times per month. Some level of theological education would be preferred.
- Able to work with in and lead the ICL leadership team.
- A living, growing relationship with God, and a passion for personal discipleship.
- Willing to lead in pastoral care for people in the church.
- Willingness to raise support or self-funded (i.e. a retiree).
  - Could have another job for perhaps 25-30 hours per week, or under a mission agency to also work in some other area, it could work as well to both provide another source for finances, and to make a more full-time job of combined.
- The ability to play piano or guitar to help leading worship would also be wonderful.

ICL has asked the International Baptist Convention for help in finding a pastor. An IBC team came in 2017 to evaluate church planting possibilities in Ljubljana, and the team's recommendation was to work with this existing church, rather than planting a different one. We would be open to possibly joining the IBC family.

Please send resumes to: [internationalchurchlj@gmail.com](mailto:internationalchurchlj@gmail.com)

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