



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

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*Elder Board Chair*

*Reverend Dr. Donald R. Kelly*  
*Pastor and Founder*

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*Church Clerk*

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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.

Our new sanctuary is located in historic Sandy Spring, Maryland with more than 115 members, who have adopted the following refrain when describing our 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 recent retirement of our Founding Senior Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Donald Kelly, we are seeking the leader God sends to serve as Senior Pastor who can build on the strong foundation laid by Pastor Kelly.

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 an applicant:** Send a resume no later than April 30, 2024 to-  
cdrrun@verizon.net or, mail it to Search Committee Chair, 416 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Sandy  
Spring, MD 20860.

Applicants selected as final candidates will be asked to provide the following in addition to their  
resume:

1. Autobiographical Statement (500-750 words)
2. Statement of Interest (500-750 words)
3. Three Recommendation Letters:
  - a) church official
  - b) seminary/divinity school professor or academic administrator
  - c) individual who can attest to applicant's personal commitment
4. 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