

Youth & Family Missioner Christ Church Detroit

Christ Church is a dynamic, multi-racial, multi-ethnic congregation that has served downtown Detroit since 1845, and continually strives to be a beacon of hope through robust neighborhood relationships, lively hospitality, and beautiful worship and music. It has a long history of supporting high-quality education, both within the church community and in the surrounding neighborhoods. The downtown, East Riverfront, and Lafayette Park areas among which the church is situated have experienced both stability and dramatic change, and church demographics have been shifting as well. Christ Church seeks a Youth & Family Missioner to join a team of dedicated lay and clergy leaders in exploring our communities anew, coordinating logistics for existing signature programs, and introducing new offerings to serve the next generations.

Responsibilities:

- Initiate regular meetings with neighborhood families, schools, and education-based nonprofits
- Coordinate Sunday School for ages 3-18: Rite 13, Journey to Adulthood (J2A), and liturgy-based curricula such as Worship Center, Godly Play, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)
 - Order supplies
 - Organize events
 - Recruit and support teachers
 - Communicate with families and wider congregation
- Recruit, schedule, and supervise nursery staff
- Collaborate with Youth Choir Director, teachers, and clergy to help students lead worship
- Oversee Safe Church policy for the whole congregation
 - Form team to customize and implement updated diocesan (regional) guidelines at Christ Church
 - Schedule trainings and see that all ministry leaders are trained appropriately
 - Monitor and document procedures regularly
- Attend weekly staff meetings and periodic ministry team meetings
- Be positive, respectful, creative, and inquisitive, and support the congregation's mission
- Have fun

Qualifications:

- Prior education experience, ideally but not necessarily in church setting
- Knowledge of Rite 13, J2A, Worship Center, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), and Godly Play curricula – or willingness to learn them
- Knowledge of and respect for Episcopal traditions of depth and inclusivity
- Love and respect for families of all shapes, sizes, backgrounds, and means
- A joyful, collaborative, inquisitive spirit
- Honest, organized, dependable, and articulate
- Experience in planning, organizing, and managing events
- Proficiency with MS Office, Google Suite, Dropbox (or similar)
- Basic graphic design (e.g., Canva) and social media fluency are helpful
- Community-minded, can-do creativity, and willingness to learn and explore
- Mature judgment to work with a wide range of constituencies, maintain confidentiality of sensitive information, and handle all matters with pastoral discretion
- Willingness to submit to a background check and to be trained in Safe Church practices

Hours: *During school year, approximately 15 hours/week:*

- On most Sunday mornings (9am-12pm), supervise nursery staff, support Sunday School teachers, visit with students and parents, and participate (and help students learn to participate) in 10:30am service
- On periodic Saturdays (approx. 1-2/month), facilitate trainings, coordinate family-centered events, and attend neighborhood gatherings
- On various weekdays, meet with neighborhood educators/schools and church staff/leaders, and prep for upcoming events. Several hours of prep (ordering, scheduling, emailing, etc) can be done at home.

During the summer, an average of 3-5 hours/week, including time off!

- Continue to supervise/schedule nursery, which is open all summer
- Participate in annual weeklong Reading Camp, typically in July
- Prepare for the upcoming school year – highly flexible!

Compensation: \$18/hour, paid hourly

Supervisor: Rector (Supervising Pastor), or the Vestry (Council) in the Rector's absence

Interested? Send cover letter and resumé to the Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, Rector, at emily@christcd.org.

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