

Director of Children, Youth and Program/Curate with Children, Youth and Program Responsibility @ Christ Church, Elizabeth City, NC in the Diocese of East Carolina

Summary: The Director of Youth and Program will be called initially as the Director of Youth and Program (if ordained in the Episcopal Church Curate with Youth and Program responsibility). The position will report to the Rector and work closely with volunteer leadership to develop a robust and compelling children and youth program. The position, at least initially, will also include the development, leadership and/or a supporting role in other parish programs for all ages.

Christ church is a mid-sized Episcopal Parish that have just celebrated their two hundredth year in 2025, We are situated in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, about twenty minutes from the state line with Virginia. Elizabeth City is a coastal community hosting the largest US Coast Guard air base on the East Coast. We are an hour from the Outer Banks by car and by motor boat.

FULL TIME – 40 hrs per week

Annual Salary: TBD based on experience.

Job Description: The Director (Curate) of Children, Youth and Program, shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

Attend and participate in CEC staff meetings as scheduled every two weeks (currently Wednesdays)

Attend, and encourage youth to attend, all 10:30am Sunday services and Feast Day services (sometimes non-Sunday). (If Curate taking a liturgical role and sharing in the preaching rotation)

Partner with volunteers and staff to design a robust Sunday School program for our youngest members, including either selecting and purchasing or designing a curriculum.

Organize EYC events and keep interest level high.

Design, oversee, and examine biblical curriculum for weekly middle and high school EYC, and

Organize events for youth such as fun activities both on and off site as well as retreats. Possibly partnering with the rector to build youth components for parish pilgrimages and mission trips.

Recruit acolytes and trainers and make sure regular trainings are carried out in consultation with the rector.

Encourage youth to attend and participate in diocesan youth events.

Develop positive relationships with youth and their parents.

Share program plans through social media, e-news, group chat, and other available forms of communication – being cognizant of safe church practices.

Incorporate youth into various church ministries. (mission trips, acolyte ministry, lay reading, etc.)

Strive to invite and fully include new youth into the program from outside Christ Episcopal Church.

In consultation with the rector organize programs that might be of interest to all age groups, including off site excursions.

Develop a 20s/30s group for our younger adult parishioners and build relationships with those parishioners.

Organize the annual Christmas Pageant and assist in organizing the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Organize Vacation Bible School each year and recruit volunteers.

Select and/or design a curriculum for VBS.

Organize Mission Trips that will include all ages and be both domestic and foreign.

Fundraise for said mission trips.

Assist with the Christ Church's local mission and outreach.

Organize youth out of town overnight trips (e.g. skiing).

Qualifications:

We welcome applications from lay or seminarians about to be ordained.

A knowledge of the Episcopal Church and our theology is required

A Bachelors Degree is required (in religion or theology is preferable but not required)

A Masters Degree in Divinity (if ordained - required) or Christian Education (if lay is an advantage).

Outgoing and friendly personality along with the ability to relate to all age groups.

Ability to be fun but also a mature leader.

Safe Church Training is required (we will set you up with this if you are called),

Full Background Check required

To apply please send a cover letter, resume, three references, and (if ordained) your vocation hub portfolio.

For an informal conversation or to apply please contact:

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