

Position Announcement: Curate/Assistant Rector

Emmanuel Memorial Episcopal Church, Champaign IL

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Emmanuel is an established downtown parish of about 155 participating households in the thriving micro-urban setting of Champaign-Urbana, a Big 10 university town two hours south of Chicago. Part of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield, we gather established “townie” families, faculty and grad students, and a wide variety of others around the presence of the living Christ expressed in a full, traditional liturgy schedule (2 Sunday Masses, daily MP+EP or Mass). Our life together includes excellent worship and music (including 1662 BCP Evensongs), a deliberate partnership with a local social service organization, recent forays into neighborhood ministry, and initial steps in Christian formation to equip laity as disciples. The liturgical style is Anglo-Catholic (our altar faces East), but in the pews piety, theology and politics cover a wide range. A good overview of our activities and style can be gained on our Facebook page.

The Rector is in her third year here; a deacon serves regularly and a retired priest assists occasionally. There has been no second paid clergy person on staff since early in the tenure of the previous Rector, but recent growth (especially among young adults) and a sense of strategic opportunity have led the vestry to commit to expanding the clergy staff to support current and new ministry and mission. The potential here is great, but in its beginnings.

Position: Curate/Assistant Rector. We seek a recently ordained priest (or transitional deacon) for what is intended to be a 3-year full-time position that may be extended on mutual agreement.

Responsibilities: The Curate is appointed by and accountable to the Rector, extending her ministry and working as a team with other staff. The Curate will gain wide exposure to all areas of parish ministry, including sacramental life, preaching, formation, pastoral care and visitation, administration, and outreach. Although we understand that the position and person will develop with time, we especially seek someone who would find joy and be able to exercise creativity in

- Building community, Christian faith, and commitment to the parish among our Millennial parishioners, working with and raising up under-40 leaders while helping older parishioners listen seriously to their input (primary leadership role)
- Rebooting our family ministries (e.g. formation of families, children, youth, acolytes) via motivating parents as primary disciplers of their own households, creating effective opportunities for young people to practice distinctively Christian thinking and living, and working with existing lay volunteers or recruiting/equipping new ones (primary leadership role)
- Supporting laity in taking deeper ownership of the parish and of themselves as fully invested and competent disciples of Christ (collaborative role)
- Helping extend the beginnings we've made of missional engagement with our revitalized downtown through noticing and fostering new opportunities, on- or off-site, for mission and partnerships with local businesses, events, nonprofits – as well as helping laity notice and foster them (collaborative role)

Apart from these four areas, the curate's own particular giftedness, or particular desire to learn more, can be highlighted. The ideal candidate will also display several of the following:

- A contagious delight and confidence in Jesus Christ, the Sacraments, the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and Christianity as set forth in the classical Creeds
- An ability to take all of the above very seriously while taking oneself relatively lightly
- Unconflicted adherence to the BCP and willingness to take part in the public Daily Office
- A dependence on prayer and a trust in grace
- Oral, written and critical thinking skills commensurate with our academic community setting
- A mentality of mission, thinking theologically, and a public Gospel
- Personal stewardship disciplines, including practices fostering financial generosity and physical, psychological, and spiritual health; the ability to remain differentiated, energetic, and resilient in the face of daily ups and downs.
- Relational skills, transparent communication, curiosity, and an appreciative attitude
- An eye for every chance to invite someone one step further in commitment to Jesus Christ

Compensation

TCC of \$57,000 (split between stipend and housing per IRS guidelines)

100% family health benefits

4 weeks vacation including 4 Sundays

2 weeks continuing education time

Church Pension Group plan payments

Continuing education allowance of \$500

Travel allowance of \$500

Please submit via email or in hard copy:

A letter of interest

Resume

OTM portfolio including references

2 sermons (text, media files, or links)

Other supporting material (curriculum samples, articles, podcasts, links to a blog or Twitter, etc) is welcome but not required.

Deadline: March 3rd, 2017