

Youth Director: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Episcopal Church community seeks Christ-centered, organized, creative, energetic team player for full-time Youth Director position. Applicants must have a calling to serve teens and pre-teens and the ability to relate to youth in a contemporary and relevant way. A joyful heart, a lively Christian faith, and abilities to plan, communicate, and administer and teach are all necessary skills. Musical abilities are helpful, but not mandatory.

The successful candidate must be willing to nurture our youth employing a theology and practice consistent with the beliefs and traditions of the Episcopal Church. The Youth Director will support the youth ministry at St. Andrew's by building relationships with both the youth and adults, modeling a Christian lifestyle and attitude, creating and leading ministry events and fellowship opportunities, and becoming actively involved in the life of the Church

Who We Are:

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is located in Newport News Virginia and is situated in the heart of the historic Hilton district across the street from the picturesque James River. The area hosts several of our nation's largest military bases as well as two thriving universities, Christopher Newport and Hampton University. We are 25 miles from Virginia Beach and only a few hours to two ski resorts. Our congregation is 90 years young and enjoys a membership of approximately 1000 baptized members.

St. Andrew's Mission Statement: We at St Andrew's are called to draw people into a deeper knowledge of, love of, and service to the Lord.

Youth Mission Statement: Planting seeds; making disciples.

Major Job Responsibilities:

Work with clergy, Minister of Music and church staff to coordinate youth activities with those of the whole church and to help achieve the church's mission goals.

Develop, coordinate and direct youth programming and activities for grades 6-12 including, but not limited to, weekly junior high and senior high group gatherings, retreats, mission trips, lock-ins, concerts, and other activities that help to promote fellowship.

Support the Parish Christian Education program in coordination with the Assistant Rector for Christian Education.

Serve as advocate for youth issues to the congregation with the objective of making the youth more visible to and involved with the congregation.

Spend time off campus supporting our youth in their various school and community events.

Have working knowledge of various software applications, graphic arts, and multiple digital communication means (texting, tweeting, Face book, etc.), which are essential in the practice of ministry with today's youth.

Plan and maintain yearly calendars of events that shall be updated monthly.

Regularly communicate and publish youth activities in the church newsletter, special mailings, emails, texts and church website.

Work with church youth committee to plan and implement program. This committee will offer both support and guidance.

Recruit, orient, and train adult volunteers to assist in youth activities and special events.

Develop and implement youth budget.

Strengthen and inspire a broad base of support and volunteers to enhance the youth program.

Identify and develop mission project opportunities, local community service, and outreach and fellowship programs on a regular basis.

Partner with other Episcopal and Christian churches for local and diocesan joint youth programs and fellowship occasionally.

Promote diocesan opportunities already in place for our youth.

Serve as a resource for individual youth for the development of their faith journey and to assist in coping with challenges of daily life.

Maintain regular and announced office hours for purposes of record keeping and general maintenance of correspondence, contacts, and availability.

This position will be under the direct supervision of the Rector.

Education and Training

Must hold a Bachelors Degree from an accredited college or university. Previous work experience with youth is required. Both lay and ordained persons are welcome to apply. Please submit cover letter, resume and references electronically to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church saec.youthdirector@verizon.net no later than March 15th, 2010.

Competitive salary + benefit package.

Final selection is contingent upon a successful standard background check.