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Minister for Children & Young Families

Job Description

Thankful Memorial Episcopal Church, in the St. Elmo neighborhood of Chattanooga, Tennessee is seeking a part-time Minister for Children & Young Families, beginning May or June 2022.

Thankful's current cohort of children ranges in age from 9 months to 11 years and, with more than two dozen children (and growing), makes up roughly a quarter of our congregation. Our young families lead busy lives but are committed to our parish and eager to raise their children in our faith community.

Our Children's Ministries program is in the middle of some significant transitions due to changes both in the make-up of our community through the pandemic, with the addition of a number of children and new young families, and in the physical spaces we hope to soon offer to our Thankful kids, with the renovation to the sanctuary undercroft to be begun within the next 3-6 months.

Thus, the role of our new Minister for Children and Young Families is changing, too, and we are eager to partner with someone who will help us shape our children's ministry(ies) to suit the congregation we are now and the one we are becoming, as well as the particular needs and strengths of the Minister who is called. There is much in this position that will be negotiable and flexible.

Thankful's Minister for Children & Young Families will:

- be a lay or ordained person of at least 16 years of age committed to raising up a growing group of Thankful children in the Episcopal faith and tradition and supporting their families and the wider congregation in that work. Expertise or previous experience in children's education, The Episcopal Church and/or Christian formation is preferred but not required.
- be certified in the relevant areas of The Episcopal Church's Safe Church Training or complete certification within one month of date of hire.
- spend 20-25 hours per month in this role.
- have some kind of Sunday morning presence or programming for children and/or families for at least half the Sundays of a full year.

- work with the Rector, Senior Warden and other staff and lay leaders to imagine, develop and put into action a program/annual routine/ministry plan that makes sense for our current congregation.
- meet regularly with the Rector to assess and further develop mutual ministries.
- provide an annual report to the Vestry on the status of Thankful's ministries to children and young families.
- engage with parents and others who care for our Thankful kids to discern how Thankful's community can best support them and invite them into fuller participation in our shared life together.
- be adept at use of a wide array of media for communication with our community of young families and the wider congregation.

The starting stipend for this 1/8-time position is \$300 per month, with vacation and other paid time off negotiable.

Interested candidates are warmly invited to apply. Please send cover letter or email and CV to the Rev. Leyla King, Rector (thankfulrector@gmail.com)