



## **Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Missioner**

### **Position Summary**

The Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Missioner serves as a catalyst, connector, and resource for youth and young adult ministries across the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee. This person equips congregations to form young disciples, fosters relationships among young people and their leaders throughout the diocese, and develops opportunities for spiritual growth, service, leadership, and Christian community.

The Youth and Young Adult Missioner works collaboratively with clergy, lay leaders, parents, and diocesan staff to strengthen existing youth and young adult ministries and cultivate new opportunities for ministry with young people. This person will particularly focus on strengthening connections between these ministries and Grace Point, as it grows into its role as the spiritual center of youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese. This position reports to the Chief of Staff, and is headquartered at Grace Point, with regular travel throughout the Diocese.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

#### *Formation and Discipleship*

- Develop and oversee diocesan youth and young adult programs, events, retreats, pilgrimages, and mission experiences.
- Foster opportunities for youth and young adults to deepen their relationship with Christ and the church through worship, prayer, study, fellowship, and service.
- Encourage Episcopal identity and formation rooted in Scripture, tradition, and reason.
- Convene and manage a Diocesan Youth Council who own and are stakeholders in diocesan youth ministry

#### *Congregational Support*

- Serve as a resource and consultant to congregations in developing sustainable youth and young adult ministries.
- Share resources, curricula, and ministry models appropriate for congregations of varying sizes and contexts.

#### *Relationship Building*

- Build meaningful relationships with youth, families, clergy, and congregational leaders across the diocese, the province, and the larger Episcopal church.
- Travel regularly to congregations and diocesan events, and participate as appropriate to the Missioner's order of ministry.

#### *Communication and Outreach*

- Maintain regular communication with youth leaders, clergy, parents, and youth.
- In cooperation with the Missioner for Communications and Evangelism, utilize digital platforms to engage youth and young adults and promote diocesan ministries

#### *Administration*

- Develop and manage the diocesan youth and young adult ministry budget.
- Maintain records, registrations, permissions, and program assessments.

- Recruit and support adult volunteers and event leaders.

## **Qualifications**

### *Required*

- Grounded in faith and prayer, with a demonstrated commitment to the mission and values of the Diocese and of the Episcopal Church.
- Experience in youth ministry, Christian formation, education, or related field.
- Strong interpersonal, organizational, and communication skills.
- Ability to work independently while collaborating effectively with clergy and lay leaders.
- Ability and willingness to travel extensively throughout the Diocese.
- Successful completion of diocesan safeguarding requirements and background checks.

### *Preferred*

- Experience in Episcopal ministry and understanding of Episcopal theology and polity.
- Bachelor's (and/or master's) degree in theology, education, social work, or related field.
- Experience organizing retreats, camps, mission trips, or large-scale events.
- Competency with digital communications and social media engagement.

## **Compensation**

This is a full-time exempt position, open to ordained and lay persons, consisting of approximately 40 hours per week. Compensation is commensurate with skills and experience. The schedule is flexible, with regular weekend and evening work required. Benefits include paid health and dental insurance paid time off, pension contribution appropriate to the successful candidate's order of ministry, and continuing education.

## **Application Process**

If you feel called to be Youth and Young Adult Missioner in East Tennessee, please submit a resume, cover letter, and your updated VocationHub profile (if available) to the Rev. Canon Joe Woodfin, [jwoodfin@dioet.org](mailto:jwoodfin@dioet.org).