

## **Historic Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown, Virginia, seeks a full-time Curate/Assistant who is passionate about Christian Discipleship**

Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown, Virginia seeks a full-time Curate/Assistant who desires to learn and grow in their faith and ministry, has a passion for trying new things, and believes deeply in the ministry of forming disciples of Christ. The Curate/Assistant will work in close partnership with the Rector, Staff and members of the congregation in carrying out the ministry of Grace to the world around us and will be joining Grace at an exciting time as we deepen our commitment to our worship, formation, and service to the community.

Grace is a historic church in the village of Yorktown, Virginia, where the walls of the church have been a fixture in the community since 1697. While our history is an important factor in who we are, Grace is dedicated to learning more about the fullness of that history and sharing the depth and breadth of our story with those around us. To that end, we strive to be an open-minded group of people with a strong desire to follow Jesus and his way of love. Grace Day School, founded as a ministry of Grace in 1955, also calls our campus home and is essential to the fabric of our community. The Grace Day School serves children from ages two through kindergarten, enrolling anywhere from 30 to 50 students every school year.

In addition to sharing in the liturgical and pastoral life of Grace through preaching, teaching, worship planning, and pastoral care, the Curate/Assistant will work with the Rector to expand discipleship opportunities among the congregation and will serve as the primary pastoral leader for children, youth, young adults and their families. The Curate/Assistant, along with the Rector, will also provide chaplain support to the Grace Day School and will work with the Director of the School to plan chapel, build Episcopal identity, and promote a life of faith for the children, families and staff of the Day School.

Grace seeks a Curate/Assistant who is passionate about:

- Growing in faith, skill, and pastoral leadership.
- Bringing creative energy to Grace with the Curate's own gifts, ideas and experiences to enhance the life of the community.
- Inspiring children, youth, young adults and their families to a life of faith and deeper relationship with God and each other.
- Developing and overseeing Christian Discipleship/Formation programs and other ministry opportunities for children, youth, young adults and their families.
- Recruiting, coordinating, leading, supervising, and mentoring leaders for ministry with children, youth, young adults and their families.
- Working creatively and collaboratively with the staff and congregation to invite children and youth to participate in the many ministries of the parish, including worship and outreach.
- Working alongside the Christian Formation Committee to plan and organize seasonal parish events, activities and traditions specific to children's, youth, and family ministries and to build upon opportunities for intergenerational formation and community building.
- Building relationships with children, youth, young adults and their families by spending time with them inside and outside of the church walls.
- Working with the Grace Day School to build upon our ministry to the Day School families and the wider community.

The person called to this position will have a caring and compassionate heart, a flexible nature, an open and optimistic mindset, and will find joy and happiness in working with people of all ages. Please submit a résumé, along with a cover letter addressed to the Rector, The Rev. Seldon Walker, describing why you think you might be called to this position.

Application materials should be sent to [communications@gracechurchofkyorktown.org](mailto:communications@gracechurchofkyorktown.org).