

Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Purpose of Position: To prayerfully and faithfully develop a Youth Program with students from ages 6th – 12th grade, including boarding school and to involve college age students during holidays and summer breaks.

Sunday Night Program – Organize, gather support for, and deliver

- Junior EYC – Grades 6-8
- Senior EYC – Grades 9-12

while focusing on the following four key components:

- Service
- Community program, guest speaker, etc.
- Worship
- Fellowship

Diocesan Involvement – Participate in and offer spiritual support that includes but is not limited to the following programs:

- Happening
- New Beginnings
- Provincial Youth Event
- Episcopal Youth Event
- Youth and Young Adults Events

Communications – Make it a priority to communicate the activities of the Youth Program to the larger congregation of Christ Church and community of New Bern through presence in the following publications:

- Mini Highlights
- Messenger
- Crown
- Steeple

Also, consider the following as they relate to successful communications:

- Participate in Long Range Planning and the development of the Christ Church Yearly Calendar
- Maintain an accurate roster of youth participants including pertinent information such as age, grade level, parent info, email, best phone contact, cell phone, birthday, interests, etc.
- Communicate regularly with the Director of Christian Education as many families will have children participating in both programs
- Keep Clergy, Vestry, staff, parents, and other advocates for the Youth Program regularly informed of activities
- Recognize the importance of technology in the lives of our youth and develop *appropriate* electronic communication which may include:
 - A youth website, Facebook page, or blog
 - Group email
 - Texting (for informational purposes only)

Presence in Schools – Continue ministry with youth during the school day by:

- Rotating throughout the schools and joining students periodically for lunch
- Attending extracurricular activities such as athletic contests, fine arts performances, significant events, etc.

Community Involvement

- Participate in and contribute to the newly formed but growing ecumenical group “Undivided” – a collaborative youth group effort in the New Bern area that meets periodically throughout the year for special events on Sunday nights and has a strong presence in area schools through a weekly morning Bible study called “7:20.”

Finances

- Responsibly manage youth budget
- Maintain regular communication with church accountant
- Organize several fundraisers throughout the year that engage students and contribute financially to youth programs

Sunday Morning

- Faithfully attend and support youth participation in Sunday morning services
- Encourage youth to participate in the Liturgy through the following programs:
 - Youth Lector
 - Eucharistic Minister
 - Acolyte
 - Youth Choir
 - Sound Tech
 - Youth Sunday
- Provide administrative support for the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) program and be willing to teach a class if necessary

Family Ministry

- Through the opportunities outlined above, as well as others that are sure to emerge as a result of the ministry, become involved in the lives of Christ Church’s families

Resources – The following resources are books that best communicate the characteristics of a healthy, thriving youth community – a community that, despite its many programs, avoids the trap of a “program driven” ministry and rather fosters authentic relationships in which all who participate prayerfully consider living a life of faith.

- The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul Tending for Youth Ministry, Creasy and Foster
- Resource Book for Ministries with Youth and Young Adults in the Episcopal Church, various contributing authors

If you would like to apply for this position please send your resume to:
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