

The Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Title: Canon Missioner
Position: Children and Youth Formation and Ministry
Reports to: The Bishop
Half-Time Position Description (approximately 25 hours)

Goals:

1. To provide staff support and leadership for congregational and diocesan ministries for the formation of children and youth spiritual development, Christian identity and ministry;
2. To staff the children's commission and the youth commission and to discern with them strategies for supporting congregational and diocesan growth in children and youth ministry;
3. To be actively and personally involved with the children and youth of the diocese and their local leaders;
4. To provide for continuing education opportunities that lead to success in local and diocesan mission to children and youth;
5. To be a leader, promoter and supporter in the development of diocesan conferences and camp opportunities with children and youth and trainer for staff and volunteer leadership; and
6. To communicate and encourage participation in children and youth ministry in Province III, EYE, National events and also in our PA sister dioceses, as well as to increase communication regarding activities that can be shared among congregations in the Diocese.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Work with and support the chairs of the children's commission and youth commission and encourage the development of ministry teams for congregational consultation in children and youth ministry;
2. Coordinate Safeguarding God's Children training in the diocese for all children and youth leaders;
3. Act as administrator of the databases necessary for children and youth contacts in each congregation, including resources and materials being used in the Diocese of CPA, in order to provide and communicate training opportunities and opportunities for networking and learning;
4. Report to the Bishop and staff regarding congregational consultations and on reflections and evaluations of the work in relationship to our diocesan vision/mission and strategic plan for children and youth ministry;
5. Work with diocesan event coordinator for conferences/camp and training registration, communication, etc.;
6. Build relationships among stakeholders in children and youth ministry across the diocese;
7. Encourage and support children and youth leadership in the Diocese through

- visitations, convocation, and diocesan gatherings; and
8. Be a lead ambassador, with commission members and the bishop, for children and youth ministry through parish visits; by accepting invitations to meet with local ministries leaders (commissions/committees, clergy and vestries); and accepting invitations preach and/or teach.

Qualifications:

May be lay or ordained with significant and broad experience in Episcopal Church ministries with the young, planning and consulting and working with congregational and diocesan leadership teams; and leading training events and canonically required areas. The successful candidate would have professional training in relevant ministry areas including Christian formation/education, program development/planning, Episcopal Church thought and life. Graduate studies in religion, education and/or theology preferred.