

St James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church - La Jolla, California

Job Title: Minister for Congregational Life

Position Description

St James is enjoying a stable and positive chapter in its distinguished history. The parish is thriving. We are looking for someone who will join the team and take responsibility for the important work of education and formation and will be able to enrich the life of the congregation. This is an opportunity for someone with some parish experience to focus on the people-centered aspects of church life.

Job Summary

The role was created seven years ago, and, in that time, three essential elements have emerged:

Faith Formation: The Minister for Congregational Life (MCL) is the primary overseer of the faith formation of the parish. This includes faith formation in children as well as adults. The MCL is responsible for the preparation and education of all candidates for baptism and confirmation. The MCL will work closely with the Director of Children and Youth Ministries and act as supervisor for the person in that role.

Adult Education: The MCL is responsible for the planning and facilitation of a comprehensive adult education program which includes Sunday Forums and seasonal weeknight programming and any other program which might be deemed helpful.

Welcoming and Integration of New Members: The MCL facilitates and works with the Welcoming Team in overseeing the welcome and hospitality ministries of the parish. The MCL makes contact with newcomers and aims to integrate new members into the formation and ministry offerings of the parish. In addition, the MCL arranges classes for new members with a particular emphasis on ministry to young families, which is a growing part of our church life.

In addition to these areas, there is scope for the MCL to develop other aspects of parish life according to their skills and interests. The MCL also plays a full part in the worship life of the church and takes on preaching duties as assigned by the Rector.

The ideal candidate would have the following experience and gifts:

- 3-5 years of ordained experience
- Strong desire to develop a coherent plan for education in the parish
- Passion for teaching and seeing people grow in faith
- Experience of working with children and young people
- Excellence in preaching
- Ability to share in collaborative ministry and be a partner in ministry

Salary and Benefit Package

The annual salary is \$70,000 **PLUS housing** and full benefits

Housing provided with the post is a lovely, 4-bedroom Rectory

Applications

To apply please send resume and OTM profile to glynch@edsd.org.

Closing date for applications – March 26th. Provisional start date – August 27th