



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Position Available

Associate Priest for Family Ministries St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Richmond, Virginia

St. Stephen's Church in Richmond, Virginia, seeks an ordained Episcopal priest to provide special oversight for our growing family ministries, while having opportunities to engage in all facets of ministry in a large, vibrant and socially engaged Episcopal church. With both traditional and innovative liturgies; thriving outreach ministries locally, nationally, and internationally; extensive small group ministries and engaging educational offerings; and a reputation as an open "village green" and sacred space for all people, St. Stephen's Church provides clergy and lay professionals with an exciting opportunity to engage a healthy community that is steeped in Anglican tradition and actively reimagining church of the future.

This is a position for which experienced clergy, or recent seminary graduates with demonstrated supervisory and leadership skills, are eligible. The successful candidate will have a passion for youth ministry and for deepening the engagement of young people in parish life, as well as for faith development and spiritual nurture for people of all ages. Nurturing marriages and parenting skills, as well as teenagers and children in their spiritual lives, are primary concerns of the parish. The successful candidate will have special responsibility for these ages but will join a very strong team of lay and clergy professionals who share collegially in ministering for the wellbeing of all.

St. Stephen's has a thriving Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for ages 3-9, Sunday school and youth groups for grades 4 through 12, and speakers and groups for parents. The parish offers youth several regular opportunities to participate in youth mission trips, pilgrimages and community service. Children and youth regularly serve in our worship services, both in the main church and in Palmer Hall Chapel. Palmer Hall services, while using a traditional Book of Common Prayer liturgy, are somewhat more informal, welcoming to people who are new to the Episcopal Church's liturgy, and engaging for children and parents alike.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. Compensation includes health and dental coverage and participation in the Church Pension Fund.

Responsibilities and areas of focus will include the following, with the collegial support of other experienced staff and youth ministry interns:

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- **Youth ministry coordination**, including the training and scheduling of acolytes and youth ushers, youth group supervision and support, and curriculum planning.
- **High school ministry support**, particularly in confirmation preparation and high school youth group
- **Recruitment, training and support of volunteers** including catechists, confirmation mentors, leaders of youth groups, chaperones, and Sunday school teachers and assistants
- **Palmer Hall Chapel services** (Sunday mornings); this includes regular worship leadership, planning of liturgy, and welcoming of newcomers
- **Ministering to parents**, including pastoral care, regular communication, and providing opportunities for support and fellowship
- **Regular communication with the wider parish**, specifically via the family ministry e-newsletter, the weekly Spirit (printed newsletter) and **eSpirit** (email newsletter), the **Seasons of the Spirit** (quarterly journal) and the St. Stephen's web site, ststephensRVA.org

In addition to the special focus on children, youth, and parenting ministries, the successful candidate will share in general liturgical, pastoral, outreach, and teaching opportunities with staff clergy, and a highly qualified team of lay professionals.

Candidates should forward their OTM profile, resume and cover letter to

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No telephone calls, please.