

St. Peter's Chelsea Children's Ministry Coordinator Job Description

*See, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. - Isaiah 43:19*

*And the one who was seated on the throne said,
"See, I am making all things new!" - Revelation 21:5*

Background:

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Chelsea is a historic congregation that grew out of the General Theological Seminary where faculty, students and neighborhood residents gathered for Sunday worship in the early 1800s. The land on which St. Peter's stands was given by Clement Clarke Moore from his family estate. Moore is best remembered for creating the classic Christmas poem known as *The Night Before Christmas*. The church was consecrated in 1838 and has stood as a resilient presence in the neighborhood, welcoming and serving the neighborhood ever since.

In this new season, the leadership is embarking on a bold vision to revitalize St. Peter's so that we can renew our city with the good news of God's love shown to us in Christ. The vestry voted to call the Rev. Christine Lee who came in October 2019 with a group of 25 new members to join the existing congregation (about 20 active members at the time). In January 2020, we were commissioned by Bishop Allen Shin to form a new community at St. Peter's. And then the pandemic hit in March. During this challenging time, God's grace has been on us. New people have been added to our number. Connections have been strengthened. As we step back into in-person gatherings, there is a sense of openness and hopeful expectation about what God has for us in the season ahead.

Right now, St. Peter's has more of the feel and energy of a start-up (albeit a 190-year old one!) than an established institution, and will require leadership that is visionary, creative, adaptable, resourceful, spiritually discerning and relationally deft.

We are seeking a part-time Children's Ministry Coordinator (CMC) who has a passion to see kids encounter the love of God for them in Jesus. The CMC will partner with the Priest-in-Charge (PiC) to cultivate a multi-generational faith community at St. Peter's that nurtures the spiritual formation and imaginations of children.

The CMC is responsible for:

- Leading children's worship on Sundays with the help of volunteers.
- Working with clergy, staff and volunteers to plan worship, hospitality and spiritual formation efforts from a multi-generational perspective.
- Creating thoughtful and inviting spaces at St. Peter's with children and parents in mind, including the sanctuary and rectory.

Qualifications:

- A life of faith and commitment to spiritual practices and rhythms of prayer that ground their service and leadership in a growing relationship with God.
- Commitment to the apostolic and adventurous call of the church to follow Jesus into God's dream of renewing all things in Christ.
- Strong belief in the potential of children to have a dynamic vibrant relationship with God.
- Effectively communicates in formal and informal settings to influence and inspire.
- Proven track record in executing creative and imaginative experiences that transform.
- Ability to gather people and organize them for a shared task.
- Unflappable in the face of formidable challenges.
- Ability to contribute and thrive in a context of change and uncertainty.
- Demonstrate self-awareness, emotional health/intelligence, mature character.
- Know how to engage in healthy conflict with respect, honesty and love.
- Technologically proficient.

Hours and Compensation: Approximately 8 to 10 hours/week including Sunday mornings, 9 am to 1 pm, with some flexibility during the week for the remaining hours. \$30/hour.

If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to the Rev. Christine Lee at jobs@stpeterschelsea.org. No calls or unsolicited emails please. We will only respond to those candidates we wish to interview and will contact them within 10 days time.