

Position Title: ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE MINISTRIES

Purpose: To support, equip, and empower the members and congregations of the Presbytery of New York City to be engaged in ministries of justice and public witness.

Responsibilities:

1. Collaborate with the Committee on Witness to Society and the World (CWSW) and General Cabinet in implementing Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly justice directives as Freedom Rising and Dismantling Racism in Church and Society.
2. Develop and support networks of congregations collaborating on specific ministries such as Criminal Justice, Immigration, or programs to support the poor and homeless.
3. Offer workshops related to priority justice concerns of CWSW and our congregations
4. Where useful, resource our denominational councils as the Synod of the Northeast's Networks, the General Assembly's Presbyterian Ministry to the United Nations, and the Presbyterian Mission Agency's priorities assigned to Compassion, Peace, and Justice to aid this witness.
5. Prepare and lead a Presbytery of NYC team to participate in the 2018 Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington, DC.
6. If useful and possible, engage interns, seminarians, or YAVs in ministries of justice (without incurring additional cost.)
7. Prepare and present a monthly report of activity to CWSW.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of 3 years of experience in impassioned Social Justice Advocacy.
- Knowledge of PCUSA social witness policy and General Assembly directives
- Ability & experience to speak before groups, congregations, and with individual public officials
- Ability & experience setting up and leading justice workshops and seminars
- Cultural humility and diplomacy in working within NYC's diverse context
- Ability & experience using technology and social media to communicate
- Good analytical skills on social policy and justice issues and options
- Familiarity with the legislative process
- Person of Christian faith and maturity, knowledgeable of Biblical views of God's justice, mercy, and love
- Preferably a member of the PCUSA

Relationships: The Advocate for Justice Ministries is contracted by the Presbytery through CWSW and supervised by the CWSW Chair in collaboration with the Executive Presbyter.

Evaluation: An initial review within 90 days of starting plus an annual performance review both conducted by a CWSW team including the CWSW Chair and Executive Presbyter.

Compensation: This is a part-time contractor position for 20 hours a week at \$50,000/yr. and may or not be combined with another part-time position within PNYC. It is initially planned for a 2 year period and can be renewed if funding options are available. Compensation \$50,000/year. Housing possible.

Desired Start Date: September 1, 2017.

Send resumes now to justiceadvocate@presbynyc.org. Include three references for this position.

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Background and Rationale:

The Committee on Witness to Society and the World (CWSW) has been quite active in the past year. Individuals on the committee have identified the following justice concerns with which they and/or the committee are engaged with the city, state, or nation and with our congregations:

- Criminal Justice (including mass incarceration, Rikers Island jail, police policies, re-entry of formerly incarcerated individuals)
- Immigration (including sanctuary, refugees, legal issues, economic justice, religious persecution)
- Housing, food, and healthcare for the poor and homeless

In addition, there are Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly justice overtures to all mid-councils (presbyteries and synods) as Dismantling Racism and Freedom Rising (which is specific to five cities, including NYC) that mid-councils have been asked to address to be just and responsible as we live into the future before our communities and nation.

These are important commitments to which CWSW wants to devote time and energy. The changes in national policies and budgets and the toleration of aggressive behaviors toward those not like us is unleashing threats to the social fabric which holds our communities together. We want to be responsive to the way this impacts both our congregations and our communities so we may better “embody God’s love, proclaim God’s Word, and promote God’s justice” – three mission values of this presbytery.

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APPLYING FOR THE POSITION:

Interested persons should submit a resume NOW to the search committee, showing they meet the qualifications and can undertake the responsibilities. Provide the names and contact information for three persons whom the search committee may contact as references about your qualifications for this position. Candidates for this position that the search committee would like to interview will be contacted as soon as can be mutually arranged.

Questions?

Direct question and resumes to the search committee at justiceadvocate@presbynyc.org.

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