



Position: **Missioner for Young Peoples' Ministry**
Reports to: **Canon for Congregational Development & Transitions**
Classification: **Exempt**
Status: **Full time**

The Missioner Young People's Ministry will encourage, equip and empower communities of faith in the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan to develop ministries for young people ages 0-18. Reporting to the Canon for Congregational Development and Transitions, the Missioner will facilitate programming and serve as a trainer for local congregational ministries by offering educational opportunities for adults who work with the young people, creating networks of communication and support. The Missioner must have a thorough understanding of pedagogy, childhood spirituality, and childhood development, and a passion for young people and those who minister to them. Creativity, unbridled optimism, and wily administrative skills will be a strong asset as the Missioner works with the bishop's team to further our congregations' vitality. We value deep spiritual maturity and a commitment to self-awareness and spiritual growth. We expect this missioner to nurture their professional and spiritual development through continued study, retreat time and professional development.

Congregational Resource and Support

- Provide support and training for congregations in Christian Education programming including Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Godly Play, Journey to Adulthood and additional relevant and up to date programming.
- Design and plan Christian Education programming for children, youth & their families in diocesan congregations
- Assist communities of faith as they strategically offer and deepen their ministry to families and their children; serve as resource and consultant.
- Maintain current knowledge base of resources and programming for children and youth and information as helpful to worshipping communities
- Provide opportunities for gathering and training of congregational staff and volunteers support children, lay & ordained, paid & volunteer
- Provide expert and current consult in policies relating to safe and appropriate standards for ministry with children and youth.

Diocesan Programming & Support

- Plan and promote seasonal diocesan events for children and youth that support the vision of the bishop
- Coordinate participation in Episcopal gatherings beyond the Diocese of Michigan as well as ecumenical and interfaith events
- Develop teams of congregational leaders to coordinate and support these programs

- Support and resource opportunities for summer camp experiences for children and youth.
- Serve on boards and committees as requested by the Bishop of the Diocese.

Qualifications

- Degree in Education/Christian Education or background and certification in a relevant field of study
- 3 Years of experience in leading and designing Christian Education programs
- Knowledge of Episcopal Church polity and ethos, history and theology
- Ease and facility in addressing large and small groups across the broad range of diversities included in diocesan demographics
- A calling and passion and experience in working with children, youth, families
- Familiarity with The Episcopal Church and current education trends and practices for the twenty-first century.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills; ability to incorporate current technology in planning, communicating and execution of programs
- Demonstrated ability in recruiting and coordinating volunteers
- Solid administrative abilities, including the ability to effectively track and coordinate a number of complex projects at once
- Must be able to work collaboratively with diocesan lay and clergy leadership, and other members of the Bishop's staff, and ensure appropriate confidentiality in all matters
- Must be able to adjust personal schedule to accommodate after hours and weekend meetings at locations throughout the Diocese
- Must possess a valid driver's license

Please submit a cover letter and resume no later than January 25, 2022 to: the Rev. Canon Ellen Ekevag; eekevag@edomi.org.

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