

Open Position

Agrarian Youth Mentor and Supervisor
Grace Church, Great Barrington, MA
Full Time

Grace Church, an Episcopal Community in the southern Berkshires, seeks a full time, year round Agrarian Youth Mentor and Supervisor who will manage [Gideon's Garden](#) and mentor and supervise the young people who work there. Although we require the candidate to be fully immersed in his/her faith journey, this is not a position that requires the candidate to be ordained. The candidate we seek must love creation and see farming as a method of ministry. To quote from Princeton Theological Seminary: "Christian leaders must learn the pastoral sensibilities of nurturing seeds, persisting through seasons of slow growth, promoting bountiful harvest, and holding life and death in reverent wonder." In our case, it is literal as well as figurative.

The successful candidate will have a strong passion for working with youth and desire to meet and impact young people where they are whether they are Christian or not. We do not expect the outcome of this work to "fill our pews" but rather to translate the love of God into the language needed by those who will work in the Garden.

The successful candidate will have experience in both farming and youth leadership, whether in camping, teaching or church youth ministry. As Gideon's Garden is located on the land of a commercial farm, this position requires excellent communication skills and the ability to work with professional farmers, business partners, and seasonal workers. Nurturing a wide variety of relationships comprised of volunteers, community advocates, parish members, clergy, and the public will require someone who is adept at working with and inspiring many types of people.

Gideon's Garden has been a strong force for hope and good in the Berkshires for 10 years. It began with a question from a child as to why we as the church could not do more to feed those who are hungry. The response has been not only beautiful fresh produce delivered to food pantries and agencies who serve people in need of healthy food, but also the transformation of lives who have been a part of this great adventure led by God.

Please contact kclausen@graceberkshires.org for a more detailed description. If applying, please send a letter of interest, salary requirements, and résumé.

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