

February 2025
PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK CITY
Justice Ministries Committee
Advocate Job Posting

Background:

The Presbytery of New York City (PNYC) encompasses the geographic boundaries of the City of New York: the five boroughs of the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. In our 88 congregations and 11 new worshiping communities and fellowships, we welcome nearly 12,000 members in worship, mission and service to our city and beyond. We are a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Synod of the Northeast. PNYC is committed to the Matthew 25 Initiative, which is:

- Increase Congregational Vitality
- Dismantle Structural Racism
- Eradicate Systemic Poverty

The Justice Ministries Committee (JMC) identifies, recommends, advocates for and helps facilitate Justice Ministries that help PNYC to achieve the goals of being a Matthew 25 organization.

The primary justice ministries that JMC has supported in recent past are:

- Criminal Justice Reform
- Immigration Reform
- Low Income Housing and Homeless Programs
- Climate/Earthcare

The JMC Advocate's primary objective and responsibilities:

The Advocate's primary objective is to facilitate, recommend, implement and support social action programs within the community that are within the justice ministries the JMC supports.

The primary responsibilities are:

- Represent the Presbytery within NYC for its justice ministries.
- Communicate through newsletters and social media to solicit support and participation from PNYC congregations for the Presbytery's justice ministries.
- Network, support and publicize local congregational justice ministries.
- Offer workshops and provide resources related to justice concerns of JMC to PNYC congregations.
- Work with other PCUSA councils such as the Synod of the Northeast's Networks, the General Assembly's Presbyterian Ministry to the United Nations, and the General Assembly's priorities assigned to Compassion, Peace, and Justice to aid this witness.
- Coordinate JMC's annual Ecumenical Advocacy Day.
- Engage interns, seminarians and young adults in ministries of justice.

The Justice Advocate shall be responsible to and take direction from the JMC Chair, attend monthly JMC meetings and present a monthly report to JMC.

Type of position: This is a part time (20 hrs/week) Contractor position, contracted by the Presbytery of New York City, taking direction from the JMC Chair under the administrative supervision of the PNYC Executive Presbyter. Salary is \$25,000 per year and is paid monthly as a self-employed contractor. Term of the position is renewal, dependent on annual funding and recommendation of the JMC. Starting time: Sometime between Mar. 1, 2025 and Apr. 1, 2025.

Desired Skills

- Self-motivated needing little supervision
- Familiar with the social justice needs of New York City
- Capable of networking with other advocacy and social justice organizations to assemble resources and social justice actions for use by Presbyterian congregations
- Strong social media skills including, but not limited to, the ability to run Zoom meetings and webinars; manage a Facebook page and other social media; manage email lists
- Good writing skills using common word processing programs
- Ability and experience setting up and leading workshops and seminars
- Cultural humility and diplomacy in working within NYC's diverse context
- Good analytical skills on social policy and justice issues and options
- Familiarity with the legislative process
- Familiar with the theology of the Reformed tradition and the organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

If interested, email resume to: JusticeAdvocate@presbynyc.org