

POSITION TITLE: YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MINISTER/SOCIAL MEDIA SPECIALIST - MIDLANDS MISSION CENTER (Full-Time)

POSITION SUMMARY: The Youth/Young Adult Minister, along with the leadership team, will provide support for congregational ministries and field ministries to youth/young adults. This will include direct congregational ministry, program development, and jurisdictional ministry. As part of the leadership team they will be involved in evaluating the needs of youth and young adults in the mission center and facilitating ministry to engage youth and young adults in congregational and mission center life.

The Social Media Specialist portion of the position will provide support to digital applications including consultation and direct support of websites, webcast platforms, current and emerging social media interfaces (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, etc.). These activities will address a variety of mission focused needs. The Social Media Specialist will work with both congregational and mission center leadership.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS:

- Priesthood member (preferred but not required)
- Demonstrated youth ministry experience at congregational or mission center level
- Membership in, or be willing to transfer membership to, Midlands Mission Center **and** be actively involved in congregational life in Midlands Mission Center
- Youth Worker Certified
- Ability to work independently to accomplish tasks with little direct supervision
- Commitment to continuing education
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Competency with technology and electronic communication

POSITION EXPECTATIONS:

Develop program and events designed to:

1. Meet the needs of our youth/young adults.
2. Encourage reclaiming the semi-active or inactive (especially Young Adults).
3. Increase young adult membership base and begin recognizing/developing potential leaders from within that group.

Develop a core group of persons to provide outreach and support to youth, their friends, and others who contact the church.

1. Organize youth cluster groups, as needed, in the Mission Center.
2. Plan activities such as retreats, tours, classes, fellowship, worship, and spiritual renewal.
3. Provide leadership at reunions, retreats, and youth camps.

Maintain various social media platforms to convey pertinent information to congregations and mission center members.

1. Create and maintain a digital presence that conveys a positive and uplifting image of the mission center.
2. Use social media interfaces to develop an invitational image, convey important information, and share congregational and mission center activities.
3. Consult with mission center leadership on emerging trends and opportunities to share Christ through digital platforms.

KEY COMPETENCIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Leadership

- Recognizes the giftedness and talents of youth/young adults and congregational youth/young adult leaders.
- Serves as mentor and role model to youth/young adult and youth/young adult leaders.
- Understands appropriate disciplinary techniques.
- Empowers youth/young adult and youth/young adult leaders to magnify their gifts.

B. Organizational

- Plan and administer mission center youth/young adult ministry programs and support congregational programs.
- Ability to work with congregational and jurisdictional teams.
- Comfortable with multiple projects.
- Prioritizes work and programs based on the needs of the youth/young adults.
- Monitors and adheres to an expense budget for youth/young adults.

C. Communication

- Understands and uses good counseling principles plus good listening skills.
- Comfortable as a public speaker.
- Excellent verbal and written skills.
- Understands the use of current and evolving technologies to communicate with youth/young adults.
- Works well within a multi-directional organization.
- Understands and communicates well with all age levels.

D. Interpersonal

- Sensitive to diversity in individuals and groups.
- Is patient and understanding.
- Has a good sense of humor.
- Relates to all ages.
- Knowledge of and ability to use appropriate conflict resolution skills.
- Has a high degree of personal integrity.

E. Educator

- Desires to continually learn through both formal and informal educational opportunities.
- Able to adapt existing materials to reflect Community of Christ identity, message, mission, and beliefs.
- Ability to share or facilitate knowledge with others.

F. Religion

- Is a member of the Community of Christ church.
- Has a thorough understanding of the mission, theology, scripture and teachings of the Community of Christ.
- Has a strong conviction of his/her ministerial readiness and can express that through words and actions.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, qualifications, and references to:

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