

Assistant/Associate for Formation and Engagement (Lay or Ordained) Wilton, Connecticut; The Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Introduction

St. Matthew's is seeking a full-time, creative, loving person to lead and reenergize our formation ministries with children, youth, and families and to help us more fully engage God's mission in the community. We are looking for someone who is grounded in their love of Jesus, finds their joy in working with children and youth, works well with others, is a team player, and will help us to think outside the box. We are excited to welcome the person God is calling to this ministry, to share in mission, to journey together. We want to explore new models, to connect more deeply with our community, to serve in new ways, especially at the intersection of children and youth.

The post-pandemic world that we live in has dramatically changed how we do ministry. While we hope to rebuild many of our pre-pandemic ministries, we also seek to be creative about the ways in which we engage and form our young people. We hope to find someone who will join us in this creative effort, bringing energy and new ideas. We are forging a new path and we are looking for someone flexible and fun to join us as we discern and reinvent the way forward.

One aspect of our life that sets St. Matthew's apart is our 52 year partnership with Wilton Presbyterian Church (WPC). We share many pieces of our life and ministry together, including, at present, our Church School. The successful candidate will be able to work with the Rector along with staff and members of WPC collaboratively and professionally. You can read more about our partnership on our website.

The Assistant/Associate will report directly to the Rector.

Responsibilities

Collaborate with colleagues and volunteers to lead Church School for kids K-7.

Lead and implement 8th grade Confirmation.

Work with the Rector to re-envision programming for children and youth.

Design and implement opportunities for families to gather, worship, and fellowship together.

Explore other opportunities for connection and fun, especially intergenerationally.

Engage with our surrounding community, call us to change, help us reach, love, and serve new children and youth throughout the surrounding towns.

The Associate will participate in the larger life of the parish, preaching and assisting at worship. Recruit and train volunteers and church school teachers.

Work with the Rector and staff to invite and welcome new families into our dynamic children's programming and larger parish family.

Qualifications and Experience

A deep love of Jesus Christ

A passion for forming young people and teaching them to follow Jesus

Familiarity with the Episcopal/Anglican tradition

Experience leading and growing a Christian education program

The ability to multitask and to be a self-starter, taking initiative and thinking imaginatively

A desire to work on a team, in community, respecting the dignity & roles of others

Experience recruiting, working with, and supporting volunteers

Excellent communication skills

Bachelor's Degree or Higher

Compensation and Benefits

The Associate position is a full-time, salaried role with benefits following ECCT policies. Salary will be commensurate with experience (whether lay or ordained).

Conclusion

If you are interested, you can read more about us and our life together on our website, especially here: https://www.stmatthewswilton.org/welcome-from-the-rector/.

Interested applicants can send resumes with at least three references to the Rector, the Rev. Marissa Rohrbach, at marissa@stmatthewswilton.org. Applications will be considered until the position is filled.

You can learn a lot about us and our commitments to God and to each other by visiting our website and our social media: facebook.com/stmattswilton and instagram.com/stmattswilton.

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