

Associate Rector for Christian Formation

Calvary Episcopal Church
Memphis, Tennessee

PARISH DESCRIPTION

Calvary Episcopal Church is a vibrant, thoughtful community that has been committed to making Christ's love visible in downtown Memphis since 1832. At Calvary, you'll find people from all walks of life who seek to live out the commandment to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, along with loving your neighbor as yourself. We are known for our strong worship, Christian formation, and music ministries; commitment to social justice and service to our most vulnerable neighbors; and Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop, two long-standing annual gifts to the city. Calvary also takes its urban context seriously, and strives to "seek the welfare of the city," as Jeremiah urged, in fresh, creative, and faithful ways.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

- Full time clergy position, with 4 weeks and 5 Sundays paid vacation, 2 weeks and 1 Sunday continuing education plus allowance.
- The associate rector for christian formation reports to the rector.
- The director of children and family ministry and the director of youth ministry report directly to the associate rector for christian formation.

In particular, the associate has direct oversight of all aspects of Christian formation and witness at Calvary. Particular areas of oversight include:

- Christian Formation: establish vision, teach regularly, and oversee Adult Formation Committee's planning and scheduling for Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and other formation offerings, including Confirmation preparation;
- Pastoral oversight of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, and collaborative supervision of Director of Children and Youth Ministries and Director of Youth Ministry;

- Christian Witness/Racial Justice: Provide leadership with the rector in Calvary's ongoing work in Racial Justice and Reconciliation;
- Young Adult Ministry (20s&30s): Provide pastoral oversight and regular program offerings;
- Lenten Preaching Series: Participate in visioning, planning, and selection of preachers with LPS Coordinator and committee for this nearly 100 year old program;
- Outreach to Grizzlies Preparatory Academy, a charter school for boys on the Calvary campus.

With the other clergy, the associate shares in the responsibilities of preaching and administering the Sacraments as assigned by the rector. The associate shares responsibility for the preparation and officiating of extraordinary liturgies, including marriage and burial, as assigned by the rector. The associate provides pastoral care and other ministries and duties as assigned by the rector in collaboration with the associate rector for pastoral care. The associate may participate in the after-hours, on-call pastoral care rotation as assigned by the rector.

QUALIFICATIONS & GIFTS

- Ordained Episcopal priest with Masters in Divinity or comparable degree.
- Mature Christian with grounded spiritual life and practice.
- Excellent and sensitive preacher, teacher, and pastor with passion for forming Christian disciples in the Episcopal Church tradition.
- Self-motivated, organized professional with excellent planning skills.
- Flexible and able to adapt quickly to changing conditions during Covid-tide and beyond.
- Positive, creative individual, experienced in parish work, who collaborates well and fosters community with staff members and volunteers alike.
- Commitment to continuing education in field.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit cover letter and resume to the Rev. Scott Walters at swalters@calvarymemphis.org.