

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE FOREST

Director of College Ministries/Assistant Director for Youth Faith Formation

June 30, 2015

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The Director of College Ministries/Assistant Director for Youth Faith Formation is responsible for providing pastoral leadership for the church-based college ministry and providing support for the church Youth Faith Formation program. As Director of College Ministries, this person will provide authentic and accessible Christ-centered mentorship of, and outreach to, students at Lake Forest College and lead the College Ministry Team in its initiatives, programs, and vision. The Director will be conversant in diverse belief systems, and be ecumenical in both ministry vision and attitude. The Director will also offer to our church's college students pastoral leadership alongside our Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation. As Assistant Director for Youth Faith Formation, this person will work collaboratively to assist in both the 5-8th grade and senior high programs with a focus on the 5-8th grade Sunday School and Youth Group.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Faith Formation and Outreach – Lake Forest College

- Develop spiritual mentoring relationships with individuals and groups of LFC students.
- Provide pastoral care for college students, faculty, and staff as needed.
- Develop and lead the College Ministry Team and congregational involvement with College Ministry and students.
- Collaborate with LFC leadership and staff to provide faith-based programming.
- Offer feedback and insights on worship planning to encourage student participation.
- Participate in First Connection, Orientation, and other campus-wide event days in order to engage the college and church communities in welcoming students. This serves as the initial and primary space for new student recruitment.
- Explore and develop on campus chapel/worship opportunities and provide Christian spaces of worship and outreach to students in intellectually astute and culturally relevant ways.
- Participate in LFC ceremonies and special events, as appropriate.
- Develop and manage the College Ministry budget.

Youth Faith Formation

- Work collaboratively with the Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation to lead and support the Youth Faith Formation program.
- Attend and provide leadership support for all youth retreats and special events.
- Work with the Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation Committee to ensure programs fit within the vision and goals of the program and overall vision of the church.
- Collaborate with the faith formation team to coordinate and integrate ministries across all ages.

5-8th Grade

- Oversee the 5-7th Grade Sunday School program, including developing curriculum and recruiting and training leaders.
- Plan and lead the 5-6th and 7-8th grade Youth Group programs.
- Develop additional events for connection and service for 5-8th grade youth and their families.

- Communicate regularly with families and youth as well as the congregation regarding programs and activities for 5-8th graders.
- Plan and lead the 5-6th Grade VBS Work Trip.

Senior High

- Regularly attend Senior High Youth Group, events, and retreats, and assist with leadership as needed.
- Develop additional events for connection and service for senior high youth and their families.

College

- Provide information and guidance to our high school seniors and college students to help them continue to find a church or place to worship during the college school year.
- Collaborate with the Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation to provide ongoing contact and support for our church's college students while they are on campus and when they return home to Lake Forest.

Pastoral and Worship Leadership

- Develop relationships and assist as part of the pastoral team as spiritual support for Lake Forest College students as well as youth and their families.
- Assist with worship leadership as needed, most frequently at first@five.
- Attend weekly staff/pastoral meetings and monthly Session meetings.

QUALITIES

This position requires the following strengths:

- Articulate, heartfelt faithfulness
- Entrepreneurial, visionary leadership
- Ability to collaborate with colleagues, parishioners, and college staff
- Program development skills, with attention to detail
- Dexterous, adaptable approach to ministry
- Ability to move with clarity among diverse responsibilities

SALARY: \$50-60,000 based on experience plus benefits.

RELATIONSHIPS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The full-time Director of College Ministries/Assistant Director for Youth Faith Formation is part of the Pastoral/Program Staff of FPC and reports to the Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation. The Director will work collaboratively with the College Ministry Team, the Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation Committee, and the Faith Formation Team to assure that First Church has an integrated Faith Formation plan and vision for both the youth and college ministries. The Director works cooperatively with all program and support staff toward the effective and faithful ministry of the church.

Please submit cover letter and resumes to college-youth-search@firstchurchlf.org by July 17, 2015.