Interim Protestant CHAPLAIN and DIRECTOR  
Job Description  
May 2021  

Interim Protestant Chaplain, University of Rochester  
Interim Director, Genesee Area Campus Ministries (GACM)  

The Interim Chaplain serves as Chaplain for Protestant students at the University of Rochester (UR), and Interim Director of GACM, which supports and coordinates mainline Protestant campus ministries at UR. The position of Chaplain/Director is divided approximately 80% / 20% respectively. This is a 10-month, full-time position.  

Interim Protestant Chaplain  

The Interim Chaplain role includes three main areas of responsibility: 1. Pastoral ministry to students, including leadership of the Protestant Chapel Community (PCC); 2. Liaison with UR faculty and staff in support of student and campus spiritual needs; 3. Fundraising efforts to support the PCC ministry programs.  

Pastoral ministry to students. During the academic year, the Chaplain leads the Protestant Chapel Community (PCC), an ecumenical, mainline Protestant community that welcomes all who come to worship. The Chaplain actively nurtures a vibrant community of faith by leading Bible studies, weekly fellowship, special programs, and service ministries. The PCC is a safe haven for students; the Chaplain provides pastoral care at times of loss or tragedy, and as short-term counselor for pastoral concerns. The Chaplain may be called upon for ceremonial events such as memorial services and weddings. As campus ministry involves high turnover, the Chaplain manages continuous renewal of the community and works to foster new leadership through the PCC Steering Committee, a group of students elected to lead the PCC student organization on campus. Students are regularly invited to participate through outreach approaches including social media and email. Freshman orientation is a key opportunity for contact with incoming students in August.  

University role. The Chaplain has an institutionalized role that includes interfacing with the Director of the Interfaith Chapel, cooperating with the other chaplains affiliated with the Interfaith Chapel, participating in interfaith programming at the Interfaith Chapel through programs initiated by PCC or in cooperation with other faith communities in the chapel, serving on University committees, providing support in crises, and occasionally participating in ceremonies such as Convocation and Commencement.  

Interim GACM Director  

- Maintaining communication with the six GACM partner denominations: the American Baptist Churches, USA, the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church USA, the United Church of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the United Methodist Church;  
- Fostering alumni support;  
- Applying for outside grants;  
- Developing relationships with local churches;  
- Working with the GACM Board.  

Qualifications – Candidates must be ordained pastors or ordination eligible and have privilege of call in one of the partner denominations: American Baptist Churches, ELCA, Episcopal Church, PC(USA), UCC, or United Methodist. Resumes should be sent to Rev. Todd Goddard, Chair, GACM Board, at toddgoddard@gmail.com  

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