Position: Associate Rector or Curate

Effective date: June 1, 2022

General Description:

St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church, an historic parish located in Flat Rock in the mountains of Western North Carolina, is a warm and vibrant community of faith committed to carrying out Christ's mission of love and service in our church, our community and our world. Our liturgical life reflects broad church worship and is deeply sacramental with an emphasis on sacred music. Our parish is growing in membership and ministries with particular joy around fellowship time and giving to those in need. Our mission is to know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.

St. John is looking for an assisting priest who will help guide the parish deeper into its call to be a sign, foretaste, and herald of the coming Kingdom of God. The Associate Rector will participate in liturgical, pastoral, educational and administrative ministries of the parish, and will be particularly responsible for ministry with young families, children, youth, and parents. Our staff comprises two full time clergy (including this position), a full-time parish administrator, a full-time sexton, director of music, a financial assistant, a deacon, as well as other part-time staff. The staff enjoys working collaboratively and is well supported by the parish. The Associate Rector will report to and work in close partnership with the Rector to execute the full range of ministries at St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church.

Responsibilities include:

- In collaboration with the Rector, celebrating the Sacraments, preaching, and other liturgical responsibilities on Sundays, mid-week services, and other special liturgies.

- Developing pastoral relationships with the congregation and sharing pastoral care duties by participating in pastoral visits, nursing home services, and ministries to the aging.

- Overseeing and building upon our current ministry to Young Families, children, youth, and parents by participating actively in their programs and equipping church members to share in our ministries to the young.

- Working with Rector and lay leaders to develop formation programs and share in the teaching ministry of the church.

- Participating in the discipleship and development of lay ministry and small group leaders by helping identify and build leadership skills.
● Building upon and supporting outreach opportunities that connect the parish with the local community and those in need.

● Through consultation and collaboration with the Rector and Vestry, reflecting on the changing needs of the congregation, its context and culture, and how the congregation can grow in numbers, service, and spirituality

● Undertaking other duties and special projects as directed by the Rector.

Qualities of the Ideal Candidate:

● An appreciation for the rich traditions of worship in the Episcopal church.
● Excellence in preaching.
● Ability to articulate the faith and its theological foundations to parishioners of all ages.
● An interest in being with people in joy, sorrow, and ordinary encounters; a pleasant demeanor and positive attitude toward all aspects of ministry.
● Self-driven and proactive.

Minimum Qualifications:

● Master of Divinity
● Ordained in the Episcopal Church or candidate for ordination
● Demonstrated experience and excellence in leading worship, preaching, pastoral care, and faith formation
● Demonstrated organizational skills and strength in verbal and writing skills

Benefits

● Salary commensurate with experience.
● Health Insurance per Diocesan Policy.
● Applicable Church Pension
● One month vacation including four Sundays
● Two weeks Continuing Education with financial support
● Contribution toward mobile phone

To apply: please send the following to officeadmin@stjohnflatrock.org

● Cover Letter
● Resume
● A brief philosophy of preaching and ministry
● OTM Profile if available
● Audio or video link to at least two sermons