



Christ Church

ASSOCIATE FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

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GROSSE POINTE

EPISCOPAL

Snapshot

Denomination: Episcopal

Weekly Attendance: 200

Location: Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

The Role: Associate For Christian Formation



Meet Christ Church:

What began as a Sunday School community for children in 1923 and Sunday worship services at “Old Christ Church”, ministry quickly expanded with the construction of the Christ Church Chapel, so named because it was envisioned as the first structure of a cathedral-like complex. The Chapel – today’s Christ Church – was dedicated on December 14, 1930.

Ministries included a rich worship life supported by the Choir of Men and Boys and, later, the Christ Church Girls’ Choir. As the years went on and their surrounding communities have changed and grown, new ministries have taken shape to nurture the people of Christ Church and support the community of Grosse Pointe and Metro Detroit.

Today, with their 100th anniversary fast approaching, Christ Church is looking forward with excitement as they consider life in service to Christ today, and for the years to come. This challenge is captured not only in their missional priorities for children, youth, and families; but for care within the community through continued work with ministry partners to improve housing stability, education equality, and food security within East Detroit. Reflecting both their commitment and the urgency of this work, the Vestry has made a strategic investment to expand ministry leadership and capacity in each of these critical ministry areas.

It is an exciting time to be at Christ Church as God calls them forward to celebrate what has been and to dream and work toward what will be. At the heart of it all, however, Christ Church remains the same: a vibrant Christian community rooted in the Episcopal



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About the Associate For Christian Formation:

The Associate (lay or ordained) will work directly with the Rector, staff (lay and ordained), and ministry volunteers to create, lead and manage all formation and fellowship programs for children, youth, and their parents and families, as well as spiritual formation for adults as disciples of Christ.



The Associate For Christian Formation Responsibilities:

The Associate will work with various ministry teams (consisting of lay and ordained members, serving as volunteers and staff) to provide leadership and support in assigned areas.

Children's Ministry

The Associate is responsible for the design, development, oversight, and implementation of a comprehensive Church School program for our children (k-5th grade), including the nursery, Sunday School, Children's Chapel, Wednesdays @ Christ Church, and related summer programs.

The Associate oversees the Parents' Day Out Director, the Church School Director, and the Nursery Staff.

Youth Ministry

The Associate is responsible for the design, development, oversight, and implementation of a comprehensive Youth Ministry program for our youth (6th – 12th grade), including



The Associate is responsible for the design, development, oversight, and implementation of ministry programs and events that gather children, youth, parents, and families together for deepened fellowship, family formation, and community connection.

Naturally, the Associate for Christian Formation will work closely with the Church School Director and the Associate for Parish Life to develop a community of faith for families.

Adult Formation Ministry

The Associate is responsible for the design, development, oversight, and implementation of a comprehensive Adult Formation program, including Sunday and mid-week offerings, and the redevelopment of the Sweeny Lecture Series.

Naturally, the Associate for Christian Formation will work closely with the Rector, Associate for Parish Life and Community Engagement, and other members of the leadership team to develop a comprehensive annual program that builds on the skills and knowledge of the parish and clergy team.

Volunteer Development

The Associate is responsible for the recruitment, selection, training, and support of ministry volunteers to lead and support the ministry of Christian Formation.

Senior Staff

- **Senior Staff Leadership:** As a member of the Senior Staff, the Associate will be responsible for ministry management and administration (including a budget, calendar, and communications planning), participation in the ongoing review and expansion of the comprehensive ministry of Christ Church, as well as the maintenance of a healthy, Christ-centered culture and community of faith, that seeks to Excel in Love.



and volunteer leadership teams to review priorities and enhance the ministries of Christ Church.



What You Bring:

Education & Experience

The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree and three+ years of experience in a similar area of relevant ministry.

Personal Characteristics

- Passionate about Christ and His Church.



- Has strong emotional intelligence and awareness of strength and weakness.
- Has the ability or the capacity to articulate and understand spiritual frameworks.
- Possesses the ability to mentor and train volunteers.



What it's Like to Live in The Grosse Pointe Community:

The Grosse Pointe community is located 15 minutes from downtown Detroit on the shores of Lake St. Clair, a 400-square-mile lake that connects Lake Huron and Lake Erie. The community often referred to as “The Pointes”, consists of five separate municipalities: Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe City, Grosse Pointe Woods, and Grosse Pointe Shores. Each municipality has its own city offices and public services but they all share a public school system. Each of the municipalities also



dissolved and Grosse Pointers have become heavily involved in the revitalization of Detroit.

The community is known for its beautiful setting and its historic neighborhoods. Many Grosse Pointers take advantage of the nearby lake as the area offers a plethora of water-based recreational opportunities from boating in the summer to ice skating in the winter.

The population is well educated and culturally sophisticated. The community is especially proud of its highly regarded public school system. Both of the local area high schools are recognized as Top U.S. High Schools in Newsweek. There are also two fine independent schools within the area. There are several small business districts within the Pointes boasting many restaurants and affordable shopping. There are also two community-owned venues offering educational and cultural activities including local symphony and theater productions.

Think you're a great fit for this role? Become a candidate below.

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