

St Thomas Church, Hanover NH

Curate Search

St Thomas seeks to appoint a full-time curate straight from seminary. We are looking for someone who is intelligent, energetic and kind, both willing to grow and able to help us grow. This is an education-centered position in a parish committed to many kinds of learning. Members of St Thomas experience liturgy as transformative and value clergy who help them think deeply about the big questions.

St Thomas is geographically situated in the heart of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, and has a thriving campus ministry which includes a wide range of faith perspectives. Our parish serves a broad demographic that includes many young families and seniors. A predominantly white church, we are strongly committed to moving toward racial justice and actively working at “Becoming Beloved Community.” We hope to learn much from our curate. In turn, we can provide an extensive grounding in a range of vibrant ministries.

We hope our new curate will help us live into our vision of: “All welcome – no exceptions – to worship, love, serve and grow.” We particularly welcome applications from members of underrepresented groups. The successful candidate will have enthusiasm for sharing God’s love inside *and* outside the physical building of the church.

Strengths

- Ministry Leadership
- Music program for adults and children
- Thriving College Ministry
- Christian Education
- Parish committed to Becoming Beloved Community

Challenges

- New member stewardship
- Supporting the growth of lay ministries coming out of the pandemic

Additional Information

- The pandemic has taught us much about what we value - and what we seek. The bonds of fellowship, worship and education grew stronger for many parishioners over the pandemic. We have also seen fewer people return to physical worship in the building since our doors reopened (we continue to offer a live zoom stream).
- Willingness to teach – and to learn from others – are essential characteristics that we look for in our clergy. We value the traditions of our liturgy, and hope our next curate will be willing to learn some of our unique traditions, while also teaching us new traditions to take us into the future. The vision statement, developed by St Thomas the year after our rector arrived, is at the heart of who we are: All welcome – no exceptions – to worship, love, serve and grow.
- Candidates who would like to know more before applying are encouraged to reach out to our Rector, The Rev Dr Guy Collins, for an informal conversation:
guy.collins@dartmouth.edu – 603 643 4155 x 105
- Review of applications will begin on April 25, 2022. The job will start between July 1 and September 1, 2022.

To formally apply, please contact Reneé Bergland (search.st.thomas@gmail.com), Chair of the St Thomas Search Team, with a Resume, OTM and Letter of interest.