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Job Title: Riverbend Minister for Christian Formation

Reports to: Rector/Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul's New Albany/Jeffersonville

Position Type: Lay or Ordained, Part-Time (10-20 hours/week)

Location: Shared ministry between St. Paul's Jeffersonville and St. Paul's New Albany in the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis

Position Overview

The Riverbend Minister for Christian Formation serves as a bridge and catalyst for spiritual growth, formation, and community engagement across two Episcopal parishes in the Southern Indiana area along the Ohio River. This individual will collaborate with clergy and lay leadership to nurture discipleship for all ages, deepen faith practices, and strengthen connections between parish and community life.

The Minister will focus on **Christian Formation**, while also participating in **preaching, pastoral care, and community connections** as needed, embodying the love of Christ in word and deed. They will work closely with the Rector/Priest-in-Charge in discerning both unique parish cultures and what is needed for spiritual growth, deeper connection, and a widening community connection.

Key Responsibilities

Christian Formation

- Develop, coordinate, and oversee Christian Formation opportunities for children, youth, and adults.
- Equip and support lay teachers, mentors, and small group leaders in offering high-quality, theologically grounded formation programs and education.
- Integrate formation into the broader worship and mission life of both congregations.
- Collaborate with clergy to create shared formation resources and seasonal offerings within the Episcopal tradition (Advent, Lent, etc.).

Preaching and Worship

- Preach regularly in both congregations on a rotating basis.
- Participate in worship leadership in accordance with Episcopal liturgical practices, such as Holy Eucharist and the Daily Offices.
- Collaborate in planning creative, meaningful worship experiences that engage the whole community.

Pastoral Care

- Provide compassionate pastoral care, including visitation, prayer, home communion, and accompaniment, in coordination with clergy.
- Support parish pastoral ministries such as prayer teams, eucharistic visitors, and support groups, as well as other ecumenical community connections.

Community Connection and Mission

- Serve as a visible presence in the Southern Indiana Riverbend area, cultivating partnerships with local schools, nonprofits, and community organizations.
- Encourage parish participation in outreach and service initiatives.
- Help the congregations discern opportunities for shared mission and collaboration.

Administration and Collaboration

- Work collaboratively with both parish staffs and vestries to coordinate schedules, communication, and ministry resources.
- Participate in regular staff meetings and joint mission team gatherings.
- Create and maintain much of the social media communications in partnership with the clergy.
- Maintain accurate records and communication regarding formation and pastoral care activities.

Qualifications

- Deep personal faith and commitment to the mission of the Episcopal Church.
- Demonstrated experience in Christian Formation or education ministry.
- Training or certification in lay ministry, theology, preaching, or other Christian education (preferred but not required).
- Strong skills in problem solving, pastoral care, teaching, communication, and relationship-building.
- Ability to work collaboratively across congregations and adapt to diverse ministry settings.
- Comfort with preaching, pastoral presence, and public ministry.

Core Competencies

- **Spiritual Maturity:** Models a life of prayer, reflection, and discipleship. Is familiar with the daily offices and participates in some regular spiritual practices.
 - **Collaborative Leadership:** Encourages participation, values others' gifts, and builds unity.
 - **Pastoral Sensitivity:** Offers empathy, listening, and care with appropriate boundaries and confidentiality.
 - **Innovation and Creativity:** Brings fresh energy to formation and community engagement.
 - **Cultural Awareness:** Demonstrates respect for diverse backgrounds and perspectives with a passion for respecting the dignity of all of God's children.
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Compensation and Support

Compensation commensurate with experience and diocesan guidelines for lay and ordained professionals respectfully. Benefits and expenses will be shared between the two parishes. Ongoing formation and continuing education are encouraged and supported.

To Apply

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and any other supporting links, such as OTM profile or portfolio (if applicable), to The Rev. Allan Wallace at rector@stpaulna.org.