

POSITION Director of Faith Formation
Upstate New York Synod
Spring 2017
Half-Time Position

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The story that is ours in Christ Jesus is life changing. Yet we struggle in our efforts to share this story of new life, hope and grace. The Director of Faith Formation will assist us with increasing our knowledge of God's story and help us to give voice to it in our daily lives. Central to this effort will be the creation of educational opportunities and Bible studies for all age groups and the development of occasions for prayer and conversation. These efforts will be designed to assist us in growing as disciples of Christ who not only express our faith through our actions but give voice to it with our words as well. Our goal is learning to speak the name of Jesus with clarity and conviction.

SKILLS

The Successful Candidate will possess:

- ✘ a sense of humor and positive approach to ministry and life.
- ✘ the gifts and graces to work with individuals and congregations in the synod.
- ✘ the capacity to tell the story of Jesus in her/his everyday life.
- ✘ the ability to collect, create and share resources (both print and electronic form) across the synod that will aid us in our growth as disciples of Christ.
- ✘ an eagerness to work with others and openness to suggestion and direction.
- ✘ a familiarity in working with both social media and electronic resources in advancing the goals of this office (Face Book, Snapchat, Instagram, Texting, Email, Website Refinement) and other means and methods in the constantly changing social media world.
- ✘ a deep individual desire to continue to grow and deepen her/his own faith and understanding of God's actions in her/his life and the world.
- ✘ a willingness to take risks in the development of programs and possibilities in the arena of faith formation.

EXPECTATIONS

The Successful Candidate will:

- ✘ develop goals, objectives and curricula for faith formation opportunities for persons of all ages.
- ✘ discover, create and collate resources in print and electronic formats for use by the synod, its congregations and rostered leaders.

- ✘ work with the Faith Formation Table in curriculum development.
- ✘ prepare an annual budget for review by the synod Finance Team.
- ✘ keep current with trends and direction of faith formation across the church catholic
- ✘ report to the Bishop.
- ✘ attend Synod Assembly annually.
- ✘ attend Pastoral Staff and Bishop's Staff meetings as requested.
- ✘ network with other Faith Formation Directors and leaders in the ELCA and Full Communion Partners.
- ✘ work with Communications Strategy Team in developing and refining strategies for the synod and its connection with the congregations and rostered leaders in the area of spiritual formation.
- ✘ annually attend continuing education events in the area of faith formation.