



*...an outdoor church for people experiencing homelessness, and their friends.*

#### Job Description

### **ASSOCIATE STREET MINISTER and CHAPLAIN**

*common cathedral\**, Boston MA

**36 hours per week**

**Salary commensurate with experience**

The Associate Street Minister will provide pastoral care to homeless individuals in Boston. The successful applicant will join our team of pastors, artists and volunteers who together carry out the various programs of *common cathedral*, the first outdoor Ecclesia Ministry, founded in Boston 20 years ago.

*common cathedral's* mission is to form a supportive ecumenical community with those experiencing homelessness in Boston, whether temporarily or chronically; to provide hope and add structure by being a ministry of presence; and to assure each person that he/she is a child of God, loved by God, worthy in the eyes of God.

**Location:** Boston - on the streets; indoors at several locations in the city; and at Barbara McInnis House (the respite care facility of Boston Healthcare for the Homeless).

**Position reports to:** the Executive Director

#### **Responsibilities**

- **Street ministry and pastoral follow-up. (6 hours)** Meet people where they are - on the streets of Boston. Visit persons in hospital or in jail. Accompany persons to court and to other meetings. Offer support and pastoral care as appropriate.
- **Chaplaincy at Barbara McInnis House. (10 hours)** Assists with faith issues in the healing process during times of respite following inpatient hospital care. Provides crisis intervention as needed to enhance a place of support and healing.
  - Provide Sunday afternoon service including Holy Communion and participatory worship
  - Pastoral visiting on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at times consistent with the daily patterns at the facility
  - Provide sacrament of the sick for those at end of life and support the house staff in times of crisis.
- **Pastoral support at *common cathedral* programs. (20 hours)**
  - As part of the worship team rotation, help lead Sunday afternoon services on the Boston Common. Responsibilities can include
    - leading worship
    - preaching
    - administering sacraments
    - pastoral care

- Provide pastoral care and support at *common art* on Wednesday
- Supervise or assist staff and guests at City Reach, up to 9 times per year. Time commitment varies.
- As part of the leadership team, you may also be asked to assist with:
  - Coordination of Sunday outdoor worship, *common art*, City Reach, South Station Bible Study, Sunday Gospel Reflection.
  - Recruitment, scheduling, supervision of volunteers and staff for sponsored programs.
  - Organizing and promptly submitting to administrative staff any donations received, or fully documented records, with receipts, for any financial transactions carried out on behalf of the organization or of community members.
  - Building partnerships with service providers, other urban ministries and agencies.
  - Representing *common cathedral* before housed congregations or at other events.

### Qualifications

- Must feel called to a ministry of presence, with love, to marginalized populations that include unhoused and low-income housed persons.
- Must feel called to work ecumenically and across faith traditions.
- Must have earned an MDiv from an accredited seminary program.
- Must be ordained and fully qualified to preside and to administer sacraments (communion, baptism).
- Experience and training in working with persons struggling with addictions or mental health issues is preferred.
- Those who speak Spanish or Portuguese are encouraged to apply.
- Willingness to fulfill the volunteer requirements at Barbara McInnis House.
- Flexibility, the willingness to work on Sundays, off hours.
- A valid driver's license, dependable personal transportation.
- A plus is having a network of resources and contacts potentially beneficial to *common cathedral*.

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