

STUDENT MINISTER

for FUMC & THE PARISH, Jacksboro, Texas

Background: This ministry is a shared, ecumenical ministry of The Jacksboro Parish (PCUSA & CCDOC) and First United Methodist Church (UMC.) Our primary goal is teaching Christian discipleship to teens in each of the congregations. This position also encompasses ministry training in an ecumenical context (*preaching, leading, teaching, pastoral care*) to help the seminarian experience and practice ministry skill sets.

General Responsibilities: Plans, organizes, and implements a wide range of activities for youth from middle school through high school. Recruits and trains adult volunteers and youth leaders. Works with church staff to help implement the mission of the congregations through regular worship leadership. Maintains a regular schedule and availability to ministries of presence, spiritual formation, communication and administration.

The STUDENT MINISTER will fulfill duties in the (4) functional ministry areas as follows:

MINISTRY OF PRESENCE: *Be available to youth through church, school and community-wide events. Be available to offer ministerial presence in the wider congregations as needed.*

MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION: *Plan and organize activities to promote leadership development and spiritual formation of youth, families and adults.*

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION: *Ensure that students, parents, volunteers, and key stakeholders are informed on all ministry activities. Work closely with a combined ministry staff team.*

MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION: *Relational ministry with organizational groups to ensure a healthy ministry.*

Specific Responsibilities:

1. On a quarterly and ongoing basis, plans for, organizes, and implements a youth activities program for middle school and high school youth. Publishes the quarterly calendar of activities and themes to youth, parents, staff, and other church stakeholders.

2. Plans, organizes and implements special youth worship services, retreats, camps, trips, etc., and attends as a counselor, when able.
3. Develops youth leadership and adult volunteers/sponsors to assist in ongoing and special youth programs and outreach.
4. Visits with families of children and youth involved with our programs to build relationships and to assist in family dynamics.
5. Maintains regular contact with youth as may be required, including social media, face-to-face interaction, and other intervention. Does not serve as a professional counselor at any time, but refers counseling out to qualified individuals.
6. Assists in worship in both congregations, weekly, in the leading of worship. Opportunities to preach, lead and design worship in both contexts.
7. Maintain a sustainable work calendar to include administration, presence and planning.
8. Regular interaction with staff and leaders to coordinate youth activities, worship and the life of church membership.
9. Assists with any pastor's class/confirmation, as appropriate.
13. Attends church leadership meetings, as required.

14. Prepare, submit, and administer a youth budget and annual goals for the church fiscal year in consultation with staff and leaders.

15. Performs other duties as may be requested or required from time to time.

Position Requirements: *This is a part-time, W-2 employee. There is a goal of 35-45 hours **per month**.*

- Must be over the age of 20 and pass both a criminal background check and safe sanctuary training.

- Pursuing theological education.

- Confident, articulate, and empathetic communication skills and a strong, contagious personal Christian faith.

- Ability to delegate effectively to volunteers and councils will ensure other areas of communication and administration are handled.

- Ability to communicate and effectively manage several communication channels (print, social media, face-to-face, etc.)

- Willingness to work cooperatively with others, maintain a positive outlook and be flexible in solving problems.

- CDL desirable

REPORT: *This job reports to the 2 pastors of the churches (The Parish (CCDOC & PCUSA) and 1st United Methodist Church. The Student Minister also works in conjunction with the Administrative Boards (of both congregations, as necessary) and Youth Advisory Council (as necessary.)*

COMPENSATION:

Complimentary housing in Jacksboro

Monthly stipend of \$1200

Gas/gift cards to assist with transportation costs (approximately \$100-150 per month)

Cell phone reimbursement (up to \$75 per month)

TO APPLY:

Please send a resume detailing experience and noting contacts for references to:

REV. DR. SUZANNE CASTLE minister@jacksboroparish.com

REV. DR. CHAD JOHNSON pastor@fumcjacksboro.org

Interviews commence immediately and will remain open until the position is filled.