

Director of Children and Youth Ministry

Ancient worship. Modern thinking. Radical inclusion. St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Bay Village has all those things, plus a large number of children sitting in the pews every week (mostly... some are running around – and we're okay with that).

These children and youth need a loving, energetic leader to help nurture their Christian faith.

The Director of Children and Youth Ministry creates and manages all of St. Barnabas' programs for young people, including Sunday School, forming a new youth group, and other events throughout the church year. The Director of Children and Youth Ministry recruits, trains, and supports volunteers as needed to deliver all of the programming.

Responsibilities

- Oversee our existing Sunday School program and help design new programming to keep middle and high school students engaged with the Church
- Recruit, train, and support volunteers to work with our children and youth
- Ensure proper training of volunteers, especially in Safeguarding God's Children – the Episcopal Church program designed to prevent abuse and neglect
- Update and maintain all Sunday School and Youth Group paperwork, including Sunday School registration, lists of allergies, Safeguarding God's Children certificates, and waivers for trips
- Encourage participation among youth in various Diocesan events, including summer camp, service projects, and mission trips
- Help organize Vacation Bible School in conjunction with other area churches
- Maintain strong communication and relationships with parents
- Supervise our Nursery Caregiver and ensure adequate nursery coverage
- Develop relationship with Little Learners staff and students (an independent preschool located at St. Barnabas) and explore ways we can partner together

Qualifications

- Able to connect with children across a variety of ages
- Passionate about forming children in the faith of the Church
- Familiar with the Episcopal Church or a similar liturgical tradition such as Lutheranism or Roman Catholicism
- Comfortable attending church at St. Barnabas on Sundays to connect with families and set an example for our children and youth
- Welcoming to a broad diversity of children, including those who identify as LGBT+ and those with special needs
- Detail-oriented and organized
- Equipped to manage a team of volunteers with various skills, passions, and personalities
- Working knowledge of CPR and First Aid

About St. Barnabas

St. Barnabas is a growing Episcopal church in Bay Village whose mission is “to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ as we pray, worship, proclaim the Gospel, and promote justice, peace, and love.” *Book of Common Prayer p. 855*

We believe that all people are made in the image of God; therefore, one of our priorities is to be inclusive and radically welcoming. On Sundays, we celebrate God's boundless love for us and are spiritually fed to go out and spread that love in the world.

While we have a limited number of teenagers, we are blessed with a large number of young children and hope to find a way to keep them engaged with the Church in the coming years. The incoming Director of Children and Youth Ministry will have significant freedom to design our programs for older children.

Compensation

This roughly quarter-time, salaried position pays a \$12,000 annual stipend for an anticipated 12-hour work week. Depending on scheduling and programming, those hours can be flexible from week to week, though Sunday mornings are required. The Director of Children and Youth Ministry should be available to maintain office hours at least one day a week during normal parish office hours (M-W 9:00 am to 2:00 pm) for the sake of communication and collaboration. Vacation days will be negotiated in accordance with diocesan guidelines. No additional benefits are provided.

To Apply

Send a cover letter explaining your interest in the position along with a resume to the Rev. Alexander D. Martin, Priest-in-Charge at fralex@stbarnabasbv.org. Questions about the position may be directed to Fr. Alex as well.