

Church of the Covenant: Director of Community Outreach and Christian Education.

Church of the Covenant, 2666 Military Rd, a neighborhood-based congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in North Arlington is seeking a thoughtful, articulate, innovative person of faith to supervise and expand the congregation's outreach to the community. The right person will start by strengthening the church's traditional programs to young children and young families, including the existing Godly Play class and The Backyard, an after-school program held once a week for children from local elementary schools and churches. The Director will also be encouraged to thoughtfully experiment with new kinds of social media, and fellowship groups that promise to meet the contemporary needs of residents.

Qualifications—the successful candidate should have:

- Experience and training in children's ministry, youth ministry, teaching, or youth leadership development (some theological education or equivalency a plus);
- Experience in recruiting, leading, inspiring, and training volunteers;
- Able to fully commit to the mission, vision and values of Church of the Covenant;
- Some community outreach experience that address broad community needs; and
- Interest in developing new ways of doing collaborative ministry and facilitating spiritual renewal.

Hours: This is a 20 hour a week position.

Salary and Benefits: Negotiable, pending qualifications and work experience. The position reports to the pastor of Church of the Covenant.

Responsibilities and duties fall under three areas of ministry:

Christian Education:

- Lead and develop the current one day a week after school program – “the Backyard” as well as work with the volunteers.
- Lead/teach in house Christian education programs including Godly Play, Adult Sunday school and Confirmation class, including working with volunteers who help with teaching responsibilities;
- Provide support and assist with existing Bible Study Group; and
- Work with the pastor to better welcome children and youth and incorporate their gifts into Sunday morning worship.

Communications:

- Together with Covenant members and staff manage ongoing social media messaging and communication strategies for Face Book, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube accounts.
- Work with the Music director to promote music events;
- Edit monthly newsletter – Covenant Call.

Community Outreach:

- Help the church develop new partnerships with other churches and community groups that contribute to the common good.

About Us and Arlington: The Church of the Covenant is a neighborhood church right by a public elementary school and surrounded by colleges and federal agencies. We are located near Chain Bridge which crosses the Potomac River into Washington, DC. Since its founding in 1958, this civic-minded church has gravitated towards three expressions of ministry (besides worship): children's ministry, Christian education, and the arts. The church has mentored five creative Christian educators in the last 20 years, almost of whom have gone on to pastor their own churches. Covenant encourages members to practice hands-on forms of volunteering.

Applications should be sent to: resumecovenant@gmail.com. Since the office is closed questions should be sent to the above email and will be answered as they are received