Saint Edmund's Episcopal Church, a mid-sized church in the San Gabriel valley seeks a <u>female</u> to assist with our growing youth ministry for 20-30 hours a month. This person will assist in most areas of the ministry but will focus on ministering to a dozen middle school youth most of whom are females. Please see below for an outline of the types of responsibilities and the general time commitment.

### **GUIDANCE**

Purpose: To provide youth with adult accompaniment on their journey from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to

College.

**Who**: One on one or in small groups. **Time**: Once a month (4 hours a month)

**Example**: Meet at coffee, etc.

#### **GROUNDING**

**Purpose**: To instruct youth in the Way of Jesus as well as the spiritual disciplines and liturgical rhythms of the Anglican Tradition as expressed in the Episcopal Church.

Who: Youth who attend Sunday Morning

Time: Sunday Mornings from 9am to noon (9-12 hours a month)

**Example**: Hang out, do a lectionary or topical lesson. Then spend some time in prayer, worship, and mediation using Taize, Lectio Divina, and Centering Prayer.

## **HOSPITALITY**

**Purpose**: To demonstrate love of stranger and friend. One way we accomplish this is by having families in the parish serve and host youth in their homes once a month for a shared meal in order to build community that is Christ and home centered.

Who & Time: Two evenings a month from 6-9pm. (8 hours a month)

**Example**: Attend the gathering and help plan the spiritual aspect as well as hospitality component with parents.

## **ENGAGING**

**Purpose**: To provide gatherings/events that invite youth to discover a life of liturgy (service & worship) beyond the Sunday morning Liturgy. These gatherings/events can be entertainment or service focused but strive to incorporate a spiritual dimension.

**Who**: Youth and their friends depending on the event. These events are often in collaboration with other churches or organizations.

**Time**: Larger events usually combining Middle & High School youth of about 4 hours every month and larger events of about 24 hours yearly.

**Example**: Youth Retreat and volunteer at the LA River Clean Up or Bad Weather Shelter.

# **JOB REQUIREMENTS**

- In process of or already completed an undergraduate degree.
- Documented experience working with Youth.
- Solid knowledge of Scriptures Christian Faith and Theology

- Self starter that can take initiative and work with little direct supervision.
- Strong listening empathetic skills.
- Effective organizer and event planner.
- Able to work effectively with clergy, staff, vestry and lay volunteers.

### APPLICATION ASSETS

- Experience building relationships with both youth and their families.
- Familiarity with the Episcopal or other liturgical Church traditions is strongly desired in order to help the youth director create a youth ministry based upon the Anglican Tradition.
- A commitment to minister within our Parish for two years.
- Any sort of musical talent and experience leading worship is a plus.
- Have attended the National Youth Worker Convention.
- A familiarity with the Youth Ministry & Spirituality Project.
- Experience working with youth and their families in crisis.

**Total Time**: 20-30 hours a month (about 5-8 hours a week)

Pay: Negotiable but probably in the range of \$3000-\$5000 a year without benefits.

**Job Growth**: There is potential for job growth within our Parish and Diocese as well. If you are are interested in working with youth and the Episcopal Church we are a great place to start.

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

Please send your resume and cover letter to our Youth Minister, Joshua Keaney at: youth@saintedmunds.org.

### **LEARN ABOUT US:**

Parish website: http://www.saintedmunds.org/

New youth ministry website under construction: http://www.stedy.org