



Pastor of Worship & Mission: Part-Time Curacy Position

Church Background

Resurrection Church is currently celebrating our 20 year anniversary since starting weekly public worship in June 2001. After meeting in numerous rented locations, the church now sits on roughly 14 acres of property in a rural farm - military community in Grays Creek, NC two miles from Interstate 95. Hope Mills and Fayetteville, NC, home to Ft. Bragg and the sixth largest city in North Carolina, are 5 - 10 miles from Resurrection Church. In 2017, under new pastor Elijah Lovejoy's leadership, Resurrection Church's board / vestry and membership voted unanimously to re-launch the church (formerly called The Church of the Apostles) with a new name, new vision and new 10 acre community park. The church has grown slowly and steadily over the last 4 years and helped initiate two other church plants in Beckley, WV and Moore County, NC (currently ongoing) using the circuit rider model of church planting. Resurrection Church is a warm and servant - hearted group of people, who have been through many ups and downs but have remained committed to the Lord and each other for 20 years. Three of the four founding families still actively serve, participate and contribute to Jesus' church at Resurrection to this day.

Position Description

The Pastor of Worship & Mission is a two-year part-time curacy. The position requires 20 hours per week and pays \$30,000-36,000 per year. A successful applicant will desire to learn or grow in the ropes of ministry leadership in the Anglican context with the goal of seeking ordination in the Anglican Church in North America. At the end of two years the successful applicant will have had multiple opportunities to teach, counsel, participate in staff meetings, work on a church planting team, lead Prayer Book worship, seek ordination, lead worship in song and grow in their gifts and calling. The Pastor of Worship & Mission will report directly to the Rector, Pastor Elijah Lovejoy.

Philosophy of Worship

At Resurrection Church we believe worship is our highest and most eternal calling as humans created in the image of God. We also believe well-done and Spirit-led worship has the potential to convict and save people who don't yet know Jesus (1 Corinthians 14:24-25). Worship is a source of unity as we lift our voices together in song. Last worship is an opportunity to love each other as we learn new and old songs different than what we might prefer and set aside our own interests to serve our fellow brothers and sisters. Therefore the Worship Leader has a very important but also challenging role in the life of the church. His or her spiritual growth, love for the body and communion with the Lord are of vital importance for the work of leading worship.

Philosophy of Mission

At Resurrection Church we also believe we are co-laborers with Christ in his kingdom mission. Jesus said in John 20:21, "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." John Stott calls this verse John's Great Commission and observes that Jesus sets forth the entire pattern and nature of his ministry to be the pattern and nature of our ministry, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Historically and at present members of

Resurrection Church have been active participants in Operation Inasmuch (a local homeless ministry), Grays Creek Christian Center (a local food pantry), Operation Christmas Child, Rwanada partnership ministry and local Thanksgiving and Christmas food and gift baskets. More recently Resurrection Park and a new Resurrection Rectory, being built inside of Resurrection Park, have become increasing missional focus areas on church property. Last, Resurrection Church, along with several other churches, is actively involved in rediscovering and reapplying the circuit rider model of church planting in today's context. The circuit rider model of church planting, extensively described in "The Churching of America" by Stark and Finke, was used by God to plant thousands of new churches across the American frontier for over 100 years of American history. This low overhead, high sacrifice, high relationship, high collaboration, high reliance on laity model of church planting has proven incredibly fruitful in the Anglican context, especially in smaller locations with fewer resources and smaller core groups. The successful applicant should have an interest in church planting, whether as a future church planter or supporting church planting through existing churches.

Personal Spiritual Development

- Practice walking in repentance and faith with God and neighbor, including working through conflict in a healthy manner, forgiving others and seeking forgiveness when convicted by the Spirit
- Maintain high ethical standards, seeking to be a faithful witness and representative of Christ and his church. Specifically, the ethics of Galatians 5:16-26 and 1 Timothy 3:1-13 should serve as a standard for Resurrection Staff member's words and actions.
- Practice regular communion with the Lord, whether through prayer, study, fasting, Scripture memorization or other combinations of spiritual disciplines
- Continue learning new contemporary songs, older hymns and seek to be mentored by the best practices of other worship and spiritual leaders. Resurrection's philosophy of worship is "blended worship" led by an instrumental vocalist, whether leading on piano or guitar.

Weekly Responsibilities

- Work with Pastor Elijah to coordinate weekly worship based on sermon series and lectionary readings
- Communicate with worship team members about each week's song selection by 1 week before the following Sunday. (Staying 1 week ahead of schedule raises the bar of excellence for the worship team and gives them plenty of time to practice and go over music. I will plan to have the primary scripture reading for each Sunday to you more than a week in advance to give you time to prepare.)
- Keep Planning Center updated with weekly Sunday worship songs and the weekly worship team schedule
- Lead a weekly worship rehearsal with the worship team
- Encourage & develop worship team members; recruit & train new interested worship team participants
- Upload and check all songs and song order for Pro-Presenter media prior to Sunday morning
- Attend diocesan retreats and conferences as able
- Help with Sunday morning set up and take down

Total Position Hours: 20 hours / week

Compensation: \$30,000-\$36,000 depending on education, professional background and experience

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