

Job Posting: Interim Director of Youth Engagement

West Side Presbyterian Church – Ridgewood, NJ

Are you passionate about youth ministry and helping young people grow in faith? West Side Presbyterian Church is looking for a dynamic and relational Interim Director of Youth Engagement to lead and nurture the spiritual development of middle and high school students. This part-time position (approximately 15 hours/week) offers an exciting opportunity to foster faith formation, connection, and service in alignment with the church's mission to be a welcoming community rooted in Christ, where all are invited to connect, grow, and serve.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th Grade):** Lead bi-weekly Sunday evening gatherings (Sept-June) and plan/lead a weekend retreat at Camp Johnsonburg (Dec 6-8).
- **High School Youth Group (9th-12th Grade):** Facilitate weekly Sunday evening gatherings (Sept-June) and plan/lead a weekend retreat at Camp Johnsonburg (Nov 22-24).
- **Summer Service Project:** Organize and lead a week-long service trip for high school students, providing hands-on mission work and spiritual growth.
- **Relational Ministry & Volunteer Coordination:** Build relationships with youth, parents, and volunteers; coordinate and support adult volunteers; collaborate with Pastor Liz Junod to create engagement opportunities for youth with the broader church and local community.
- **Ministry Safe Compliance:** Ensure youth ministry adheres to the Ministry Safe program and all safety standards are met.
- **Program Development & Administration:** Develop innovative programs, manage communications with youth/families, oversee scheduling, and manage barn responsibilities.
- **Budget Management & Shelby System Proficiency:** Manage the youth ministry budget and become proficient in the church's Shelby management system to support ministry operations.

Qualifications:

- A passion for youth ministry and spiritual development.
- Strong leadership and relational skills with the ability to connect across differences.
- Missional mindset, aligned with the church's values of living contemplatively, loving inclusively, sharing generously, and acting justly.
- Experience in youth ministry, education, or related fields is preferred.
- Experience managing a budget is a plus.
- Familiarity with or willingness to learn the Shelby management system is required.
- Strong communication and organizational skills, with a collaborative spirit.
- Adherence to the Ministry Safe program and commitment to safety in youth ministry.

Hours:

Part-time, approximately 15 hours per week. The role offers flexibility during summer and holiday seasons, apart from mandatory retreat and mission trip leadership.

To Apply:

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Roger Widicus and Anne Deatly, co-chairs of the Director of Youth Engagement search committee, at jobs@westside.org.