



**Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Columbus, Georgia**

Parish Profile

St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Columbus, GA is a community of loving, committed and searching Christians who value diversity and cherish the gifts of young and old alike. We welcome ALL God's children into our sacramental community, respecting the dignity of every person as we are called to a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. We seek a full-time staff member, lay or clergy, to join our strong staff and nurture ministry with youth and young adults. Candidates from Episcopal and ecumenical backgrounds are welcome to apply.

Position Summary

The Director will lead ministries with youth (grades 6-12) and young adults (ages 18-25), with a focus on spiritual formation, inclusion, service in the church and community, witness to justice, and diocesan involvement. The goal is to foster lifelong growth in the Christian faith. Values to emphasize are from our Baptismal Covenant: study, community, worship, repentance, love of neighbor, serving Christ in all people, striving for justice and peace, and respecting the dignity of every human being.

Essential responsibilities

- Coordinate opportunities for youth formation to include Sundays, Wednesday evenings, approximately one special event a month, and an annual youth pilgrimage.
- Coordinate opportunities for young adults to include at least one regular gathering per month, opportunities for service, and an annual retreat, mission trip, or other multi-day event.
- Connect youth to opportunities for spiritual growth in the community and Diocese of Atlanta.
- Manage communications related to youth, youth parents, and young adults.
- Encourage and support preparation for Baptism and Confirmation.
- Recruit and nurture a team of volunteers and ensure that Safeguarding practices are followed.

Minimum qualifications

Lively and contagious faith. Proven ability to work creatively and responsibly with youth and young adults, including LGBTQIA+ youth and young adults. Knowledge of and delight in the liturgy, theology, and witness of The Episcopal Church. Safeguarding God's Children, Safeguarding God's People, and Dismantling Racism certification within two months of hire. Initiative, team worker and leader with other adults.

Benefits include full employee health care, paid vacation, and retirement plan. Salary based on experience. To apply, send a resume or profile and letter of interest by mail or email to the Parish Administrator, Patty Slembariski, at patty@stthomascolumbus.org or 2100 Hilton Ave., Columbus, GA 31906 by November 7. Applications from Episcopal clergy will be forwarded to the Diocese of Atlanta for review prior to consideration.