

Centre for Theology and Community (CTC)

Lay Mission Chaplain

JOB DESCRIPTION

LINE MANAGER:	Project Lead of the Eastminster Project (Fr Josh Harris)
LOCATION:	Either Eastminster neighbourhood (between Shadwell and Aldgate East) or Lombard Parish (near Bank station). Based at the Centre for Theology and Community in Shadwell (E1 0BH)
HOURS:	Two days per week (flexible, to be worked by agreement)
SALARY:	London Living Wage (£10.85/hour) plus benefits including pension contribution.
BACKGROUND:	<p>The Eastminster Project is developing a new Mission Chaplaincy for East London and the City of London, to minister among those in lower-wage or insecure work - like cleaners, security guards, and construction workers - as well as homeless and vulnerably housed people to start new worshipping communities, in which people can grow in faith in Jesus Christ and work together to challenge injustice.</p> <p>We want to see a movement of churches where those who are often marginalised in society - the homeless, the poor, those with insecure work - are central to their life and leadership.</p>
JOB SUMMARY:	<p>Closely supported by a committed and friendly team, our lay (i.e. not ordained) Mission Chaplains will use the practices of community organising, rooted in prayer and reflection on Scripture, to build relationships with workers in the City of London and/or Shadwell in East London to pioneer new worshipping communities with them.</p> <p>Mission Chaplains will find, meet and listen to people to build relationships with them and to understand their spiritual and material needs as well as the challenges they face. Mission Chaplains will discern prayerfully what new acts of worship might be started. With support and training, they will work with the Project Leader and others to start and then lead and grow these acts of worship (such as a morning Bible Study, bilingual Mass, prayer on the streets, etc) and build community. Chaplains will begin to develop leaders among these groups to take action on issues they care about (such as a Living Wage campaign in their workplace).</p> <p>Mission Chaplains will receive high quality training including in the practices of community organising through CTC's flagship Wagstaff Programme. They will also receive support to consider whether the path of their own vocations leads to lay or ordained ministry, and support to develop their own faith. They will work with colleagues and the Project Leader to develop the Chaplaincy as a way for churches in London to plant worshipping communities and develop leaders among low-wage and insecure workers and the homeless community.</p>

PERSON SPECIFICATION:

We are looking for people who are excited about developing Christian worship among London's workers and who want to be involved, and we will offer considerable support and training to help you to fulfil this role.

Knowledge / Experience:

You are likely to have...

- Experience of diverse communities (socially, economically and ethnically)
- Some experience of leading prayer or worship with others, and you would like to develop further in this
- Existing commitment to a church and deepening your own Christian faith
- A desire to explore your vocation to develop the Christian faith of others, and to receive training and support for this
- A background in or willingness to learn and use the methods of community organising
- A desire to learn how to organise events and campaigns with support

Personal attributes:

You are likely to...

- Be willing to learn by doing
- Want to help the Church reach every Londoner with the good news about Jesus
- Want to grow in confidence sharing your Christian faith with others
- Be patient with other people, listen carefully to others, and pray and think before acting
- Be responsible and trustworthy
- Have discretion and good judgement in handling pastoral situations

Please note:

- This role is for an initial period of six months. The role will be extended beyond this period subject to the additional expected funding being secured.
- In accordance with the Equality Act 2010 it is a genuine occupational requirement that the post holder is a practicing Christian.
- You will need to have the legal right to work in the United Kingdom and appointment is also subject to an enhanced check with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).
- The start date is flexible by agreement according to your availability, but we would like you to start as soon as possible.

TO APPLY:

- Please email Fr Josh Harris for an application form - josh@stgeorgeintheeast.org - or phone 07942 258297.
- You are welcome to have an informal conversation with Fr Josh before making an application - please just ask.
- **The deadline for completed applications is 5pm on Thursday 11th February.**