



Diocese of New Westminster

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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Re: Priest-in-Charge, St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver

The Bishop of New Westminster is seeking to appoint a Priest-in-Charge for the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver. This full-time position has two ministry components; firstly, as the Parish Priest, three-fifths or .60 of one Full Time Equivalent (FTE), and as a Member of the Regional Deanery Team of two-fifths or .40 FTE, with a focus on community/neighbourhood development.

Because of the collegial and shared team ministry approach taking form in the North Vancouver Deanery, a Regional Council has been established from lay and ordained leaders responsible for a Ministry Plan that grew out of a long discernment called “Ministry Assessment Process” (MAP) happening throughout the Diocese. Because the developing team is pioneering this new shape for ministry, mission and renewal both in each parish and in their neighbourhoods, the successful candidate will give shared oversight both to the ministry within St. John’s Church and its neighbourhood, as well as assist the team and regional parishes to work on strategies and implementation that will benefit the other parishes and the wider community. The primary ministry areas for the regions are: neighbourhood engagement; development of ministry centres; shared ministry team; congregational and regional development; stewardship resources.

The person chosen for this multi-faceted position will need to be disciplined in their own time management, and have ability to work collegially both in the Parish and in the Regional Team. Besides the given pastoral, liturgical, teaching, listening and administrative gifts parishes expect of well-trained clergy, the person will need experience in community engagement, working with and within teams, have a demonstrated ability in congregational development, an ability to support and empower lay leaders and experience in strategic planning, goal setting and implementation.

This is a new beginning for the Parish of St. John since establishment in 1899. Situated on a hill on a main thoroughfare across from City Hall, the library and a school, very near the hospital and on a public transportation route, St. John’s striking building is the 3rd in its history, built 24 years ago, with a modern, bright worship space with stained glass windows and natural wood finishing, a seating capacity of 300. Two other Christian groups (Korean Presbyterian and the Iranian Christian Fellowship) share the space. The Parish is increasingly multi-cultural, welcoming in newcomers that bring gifts of energy and spiritual wisdom from many different cultures. A daycare operates in the former parish hall, and community groups, including three Alcoholics Anonymous groups, use

the facility. Adjacent to the Lonsdale business corridor, the community around is growing and developing, both in corporate activities and in residential density.

Mentored both in workshops and literature by Alan Roxburgh and Diana Butler Bass, the parishioners are redefining and redistributing ministries in the Parish, with lay ministers assuming larger, responsible roles. All age groups share in a variety of ministries that centers on the teachings of Jesus Christ and participation in the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Eucharist (and a monthly 8:00 a.m. Eucharist). “Children’s Time” in church is followed by Sunday School. There is a strong youth program, as well as contemplative prayer groups weekly, active seniors’ ministry and outreach, vibrant music ministry, hospitality and a community ministry task team.

The qualities sought in priest and laity alike are listed in the profile, including spirit-filled passion and compassion for God’s People, God’s Word and Sacraments, a listener and speaker, humble, sensitive and committed, welcoming in a sociable sense while helping to identify and redress societal wrongs and injustices, a team builder, an educator who also leads by example.

A Parish Profile and a Team Position Description, with the Deanery Ministry Plan (May 15, 2011) are available from the Synod Office, as well as a list of expectations of all clergy in the Diocese of New Westminster. Applications for this position will be received until **Thursday, March 15th**, with a reasoned, written response to the documents provided, outlining what the applicant could bring to the position by way of gifts and experience. Applicants are required to **provide this written response, a resumé, and references (both a mailed copies and emailed version) to:**

The Right Reverend Michael C. Ingham, Chair
Bishop’s Advisory Committee on Appointments
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You may request the profile material or information by phoning the Rev’d Eileen Nurse 604-684-6306, ext. 228, with all email inquiries or responses to: email enurse@vancouver.anglican.ca.