

First Greenwood Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

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DIRECTOR OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

OBJECTIVE

The primary work of the Director of Family Life Ministries is to build relationships with our youth and children as well as engaging our families in conversation, discerning their spiritual needs and helping to equip them to raise their children in the Christian faith and to become active members of the congregation. The long term vision for this position is for the Director to help equip the church to support our families and to promote a congregation-wide enthusiasm and excitement for learning about, growing in and sharing their faith with others.

The Director of Family Life Ministries should not only engage our children and youth in activities that build community and friendships among peers, but will more importantly create a specifically Christian community in which they interact with all ages, learning to live out their faith—loving the body of Christ, loving their local community, and loving the world—by example and practice.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Through interaction with the children, youth and our families, the Director will establish a vision to shape new and existing ministries that provide a firm foundation for the growth of children and youth in Christian faith. These ministries should:

- engage them in learning the stories of the Bible,
- engage them in learning the teachings of the church,
- give them practice in worship, mission, and service, and
- seek to strengthen their relationships with the Lord and with each other.

The primary opportunities for engaging our children, youth and families include, but are not limited to:

- Leading Wednesday Night Youth Group and building relationships with youth outside of standard church times,
- Greeting and engaging children, youth and families on Sunday mornings (before and after Sunday school; before and after worship), delivering the Children's Message in worship, conducting Children's church during worship and substituting in Sunday school as needed,
- Developing ministry opportunities for children, youth and families to engage with one another and to invite friends and guests to participate,
- Building relationships with Sunday school teachers, nursery attendants and other volunteers to recruit, support and encourage them in their own ministries and creating an atmosphere of teamwork and a sense of enthusiasm that encourages them in spiritual growth and service,

- Building relationships within the congregation that will lead to additional participation in children's, youth and family ministries.

CORE COMPETENCIES

The Director of Family Life Ministries should possess the following skills and/or abilities:

- A knowledge of the Bible, the Reformed Faith and the Confessional Standards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
- An understanding of and commitment to the ministry, values, mission, and goals of Greenwood ARP Church (see attached)
- Ability to craft and communicate a vision for children, youth, and family ministries within the overall mission and vision for Greenwood ARP Church
- Leadership ability, with a knack for enlisting, developing, and inspiring volunteer ministry teams and an ability to collaborate effectively with others on the staff and in the congregation
- Ability to communicate with, and relate to, diverse groups and individuals, coupled with the ability to show interest and empathy
- An eagerness to welcome visitors and incorporate new-comers into the ministries of the congregation.
- Proficiency in Word, Excel and the ability to access wireless printing in the office.
- Degree (or currently studying) in education or ministry and/or experience in Christian ministry/teaching

SUPERVISION

The Director of Family Life Ministries is a 25-30 hour a week position. The Director is under the authority of the Session, will coordinate ministries through the support and guidance from the Session's Christian Education Ministry Team, and as a member of the church staff is directly responsible to and under the supervision of the Pastor.

- The Director shall bi-annually provide a written report to the session on the development and implementation of ministries under his/her responsibility. The report should also include any recommendations on ways the session and diaconate can help to support and strengthen Family Ministries and the congregation's Christian Education Ministries.