



Office for
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Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Dec 15, 2011)

Church of the Holy Comforter - Montgomery, Alabama

2911 Woodley Road, Montgomery , AL 36111, United States

Contact:

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Weekly Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) 100	Number of Weekend Worship Services 1	Number of Weekday Worship Services 2	Number of Other per Month Worship Services
Current Annual Compensation \$70511	Cash Stipend \$45511	Housing / Rectory Detail \$25000 annually	Utilities
SECA reimbursement	Compensation Available for New Position \$70511	Housing Available for 5 Persons	Pension Plan We're in compliance with CPF requirements.
Healthcare Options Full family	Dental	Housing Equity Allowance in budget	Annual Equity Amount
Vacation Weeks 4	Vacation Weeks Details	Continuing Education Weeks 2 (standard)	Continuing Education Weeks Details
Continuing Education Funding in budget \$1001-\$2000/year	Sabbatical Provision Yes	Travel/Auto Account Yes	Other Professional Account

Rectory included in compensation



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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

change, active listener, administration, teacher

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

Traditional Rite II service with Rite I used once each month. Liturgies for Special Days are celebrated with incense and sung readings and responses. The music is led by a 12 member choir led by a classically trained organist-choir master on a pipe organ. The hymns are chosen from the 1982 Hymnal, Wonder, Love & Praise, and Alleluia II song books. The worship is supported by 10-12 acolytes, 14 Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors, and a 16 member Altar Guild. On Good Friday Holy Comforter participates in an interdenominational worship service hosted by churches in our neighborhood. These noon time services are followed by lunch together. This has proven to be a well attended and successful event. The Holy Comforter Choir has joined with the choirs of other Episcopal churches in the city for Evensong services during Easter and Christmas seasons. On Mother's Day, Holy Comforter traditionally celebrates Youth Sunday. At this service, members of our youth group take charge of the service. They lay read, preach, fill the choir, and lead us in "camp" music, supported by guitars (no organ music on this day). They typically are loud and just a touch irreverent, but clearly demonstrate the joy of life in Christ.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

Holy Comforter is open to anyone and a climate of inclusion is the norm. HC practices incorporating others in ministry through direct invitation, sometimes for partic. in a particular project. HC also incorp. others in min. through broad invitations to particip. in the tasks or activities of the parish that are not influenced by physical, or even age, limitations. Ex. include memb. in guilds, lay reading, or teaching a Sun Sch class. Cake and Cue, an annual event to support outr., included the entire par. in min. by providing a job for everyone. Parishion. of all ages were assigned duties and a numb. of non-Episcopalians contrib. their energy. Parishioners have been asked to pledge their time and talent, as well as their treasure. Recently, HC has begun to look for ways to incorp. persons from outside the parish in min. We support a weekly worship service for the deaf held in the chapel at HC. We have also issued a city wide invitation to our Blessing of the Animals service and inv. the Humane Shelter to be present. We have begun to look for ways to attract unchurched persons to our parish, prim. through our partic. in Missio Engage—a new initiative from the Ep. Church that focuses on revitalizing communities of faith.

As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

We celeb. Euch. at least 3 times weekly—Sun., Tues. morn. and Weds. night. The Weds. serv. typic. incl. healing. We also have Home Comm. on a reg. sched. and make it avail. to any paris. who wishes. This incl. long-term shut-ins as well as paris. who are exper. a more temp. shut-in cond.. Also, we hold many special serv. during the liturg. year. Paris. spir. well-being is addr. thru Chr. Ed progr. In add. to Sun. morn., these include a Tues. morn. women's group that has been meeting reg. for decades, DOK, EFM, Cursillo, and indiv. spir. dir. We also prov. outr. oppor. to live out our faith. We care for our emot. well-being prim. through counsel. the Rector feels prepared to prov. Paris. support for one another in times of crisis. In add. the ECW guilds tend to the emot. and phys. well being of paris. by indiv. contact and through soc. events Parish has a well-org. past. care "team" syst., which resp. to emerg. and long-term needs by prov. serv. such as food, prayer, home and phone contact, hosp. visits, and cards. The goal of the past. care teams is to see that paris. never feel forgotten by their worsh. comm. Many paris. reg. volunt. their time and energy on a rout. basis visiting, phoning, and checking on paris. in need.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

We clothe the naked, feed the hung. and house the homel. through both direct and indir. activ. E.g.- Feed hung. thru the HC Food Pantry, the only Epis. ch. in the area with a full food pantry. Thru our memb. in the Montg. Area Food Bank, we are able to prov. food to 100's of fam.each mo. HC memb. also prov. the prim. supp. for a neighb.soup kitchen (Moore's Neighb. Ministry). MNM cooks meals 5 days a wk and deliv. to needy peo. in its area.. This min. cooks soup in cold weather to prov. for homel. and others--also prov. clothing, coats, and blank. when poss. This min.began in 1988 as a coord. eff. by the Montg. Ep. chur., but is now supp.ent. by HC. Thru a part with Whitfield Un. Meth. Ch., we supp.Fam. Prom. by prov.free hous. to homel. fam. , A re-entry prog.for nonv. offen., Renaissance, prov. housing for form. inmates. HC has been a long-time supp. of this min.by prov. Outr.funds as well as by prov.hands-on assist. Provided indirect care thru fin. assis., Outr.funds, don. from ECW guilds, and fund rais. proj. Ex: shopping for Ch-mas gifts for foster childr and Ch-mas Shoeboxes, don. to & fund rais. proj. for Cath. Soc.Sves, & a fund rais. proj. that filled over two arks for Heifer Int.

Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

HC has been very active in educ.in last 2 decades, during wh two schools have been devel. Altho' ea sch. has been supp.by other Epis. chur.in the city, it was HC that spearheaded their devel.. First, HC estab.a day sch. The sch. oper. succ.at HC for almost 2 decades; in 2010 the sch. reloc. to another Epis.ch. in the city. HC was also instrum. in est. a K-8 sch. (Holy Cross Epis.Sch.), wh was housed at HC for a numb. of yrs & then reloc. to another Ep. ch. in the city. It is now housed in its own fac. and srvs K-6. Memb. of HC cont. to srv the sch. as staff, facul., and memb. of the Bd. Mont. is home to a Jubilee Center, & HC was at the forefront of the proj. The phys. fac. for the Jub. Ctr is "the old HC" , i.e., the orig.HC struct. in the city of Montg--prov. after-sch and other care. Altho' not what we wish it to be, last yr we incr. our Dioc Covenant % and are comm. to contin. to make annual incr.. We also supp. the Dioc.in many leadership positions: e.g. the Comm. on Min., Spirit. Comm., Min. in Higher Ed., Board of Camp McDowell, and ECW. Our youth have been leaders as memb. of the Dioc.Youth Bd. We also supp. ERD proj., UTO, and are part of the pilot proj. Missio Engage.

Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Elenor Drake Whitelaw	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2001-01	2011-01

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Walter L Elam	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	1985-01	1999-01

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
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Church School yes		Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School 3	Number of Students for Children School 25
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Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School
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Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School
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Worshipping Community Web site: www.holycomfort.org

Media Links:

Facebook: Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter

Online References:

Languages Significantly Represented:

Provide Worship or Classes in:

References

Bishop:

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