

★ The Episcopal Diocese of Texas

Church Planter

Reporting: Canon for Mission Amplification, on behalf of the Bishop Diocesan.

Summary: The planter is a spiritual leader to a city, town, or neighborhood to develop a worshipping community in the Episcopal tradition. The planter provides a bridge between their context and the Church, through evangelism, a ministry of presence, working to strengthen collaborative ties with neighborhood leaders, and participating in neighborhood activities.

Primary Tasks:

- Gather a community as a local expression of the Body of Christ for the purposes of discipleship formation, worship, and service.
- Build relationships with persons and institutions of the local community
- Provide worship, spiritual formation, and service for the unchurched in a specific context
- Identify and equip leaders for ministry
- Develop systems to support movement towards mission status with the goal of parish status
- Perform the administrative tasks, including goal setting and evaluative reports of initiatives
- Maintain partnerships within the diocese and participate in diocesan life
- Perform special projects and other duties as assigned

Required Knowledge Skills & Abilities:

- Compelling spiritual life and a passion for the Gospel
- Ability to communicate the Gospel in ways that others find engaging and relevant
- Spiritual maturity, self-awareness, and authenticity
- Ability to lead, organize, and equip others in ministry
- Entrepreneurial leadership
- The ability to lead through change
- A willingness and ability to be vocationally flexible
- Ability to develop a good rapport with diverse groups
- Ability to work in collaboration with others
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to use social media tools to promote the ministry
- Professional accountability and transparency

Required Education & Experience:

- Demonstrated ability to gather community and start ministry
- Two or more years of leadership experience
- MDiv or equivalent Masters Degree
- Ordination in the Episcopal Church or a Church in Communion with the Episcopal Church (Those ordained in other Christian denominations are encouraged to inquire about the process for transferring their orders.)

FLSA Status: Exempt

Email an OTM portfolio and resume to fyoung@epicenter.org.