The Chapel of the Cross, Associate Rector

Founded in 1842, the Chapel of the Cross is an Episcopal parish in Chapel Hill, located downtown and directly beside the campus of the University of North Carolina. With about 1950 members, the parish is a vibrant community of faith where worship, university ministry, and outreach are central. The parish has a history of strong engagement with the Diocese and the wider church.

The priest who joins our staff as an Associate Rector will make a significant contribution to the clergy team and professional staff at the Chapel of the Cross, including all aspects of formation, liturgy, pastoral care, and leadership. Our new associate rector will join us in helping create a place of transformation to form disciples for Jesus Christ. The position involves participation with our clergy team in the full range of clerical responsibilities including (but not limited to) preaching, teaching, liturgy, pastoral care, hospital visitation, marriages, funerals, and general ministry oversight. This is a job for someone who loves God, loves being a priest, loves the church, and seeks to be an agent of change and engagement.

Coupled with these foundational expectations is the opportunity to help lead and shape lay engagement in significant areas of ministry such as Faith in Action, pastoral care, or cultivation of spiritual practices. We have a rich history of engagement with the university and local community. How do we continue to reach out and build relationships in new ways? How do we cultivate our inner life and spiritual practices to sustain our work in the world? If you have wanted to try something innovative, creative, or even risky to help people follow Jesus, then this is your opportunity.

Our ideal candidate is someone who has ordained leadership experience in the Episcopal Church, strong communication skills, loves people, practices self-care, is a self-starter, and gets energy from collaboration. This position is full time, and is designed in job description, compensation, and benefits for someone who wants to come and invest in our community and serve with us.

The rector will receive names with rolling consideration through Friday, April 8th. Please send a cover letter of interest and a complete OTM profile with “Associate Rector Search” in the subject line to Parish Administrator and Stewardship Manager, Diane McOmie at administrator@thechapelofthecross.org.