

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: Climate Justice Facilitator

Position Risk Level:

Low

Nature of the Position

The Climate Justice Facilitator is the point person at the parish for matters pertaining to the environment; gathering a group of volunteers together to form a Climate Justice Team and liaising with the parish leadership and Climate Justice Niagara committee to reduce the parish's footprint on the earth and undertake practices which are sustainable and environmentally-friendly.

Outline of Responsibilities

- To liaise (primarily through email) with the diocesan Climate Justice Niagara Committee, in order to facilitate a mutual sharing of information between the parish and the Climate Justice Niagara Committee.
- To gather and animate a 'Climate Justice Team' of parishioners to assist with the work of environmental stewardship within the parish.
- To assess, alongside the parish's Climate Justice Team, the ways in which the parish can minimize its negative impact on creation through the implementation of sustainable best practices for its building and ministry.
- To work with the parish leadership to address areas of the parish life that could be improved upon from an environmental and sustainable perspective.
- To implement a policy for the reduction of single-use plastics in the parish
- Have a working knowledge of the Best Practices and resources as found on the diocesan website
- To help initiate and promote programs that educate parishioners and others about the links between environmental degradation, climate change and the impacts upon societies worldwide, especially the poor, the marginalized and Indigenous people

Skills & Experience

- Ability to work with and motivate people
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Interest and knowledge around the work of climate justice and sustainable practices
- Comfortable on the computer

Boundaries & Limitations

- To work within the job description

Support, Supervision & Training

- Supported by the Climate Justice Niagara committee
- When possible, attend training & educational workshops related to climate justice work
- Liaise with the Corporation

Participation Group

- A member of the Climate Justice Team
- A member of Parish Council

Screening Requirements

- Fulfillment of the job description
- A commitment to ecojustice principles and sustainable practices

Length of Term

- One-year commitment; renewable each vestry

Benefits to the Volunteer

- Development of close relationships with other members of the congregation interested in the care of creation and environmental justice
- The opportunity to share your gifts with your community to assist them in taking steps towards becoming a climate friendly parish
- The knowledge that you are making a positive difference in living out our role to care for creation

Risk Assessment Review

Risk	Description	Rating
Participant	Primarily adults	Low
Setting	Meeting Rooms	Low
Activity	Group Meetings	Low
Supervision	Normally in Groups	Low
Nature of Relationship	Non-intensive and non-intimate	Low
Degree of Authority	Some Authority	Low
Physical Safety	Rare physical risks	Low
Financial	No financial involvement	Low
Privileged Information	No possession of privileged information	Low
Overall Risk to Person	Low risk of damaged reputation, stress, safety	Low
Overall Risk to Parish	Low risk of damaged reputation, legal claims, loss of insurability	Low
Overall Risk to Diocese	Low risk of damaged reputation, legal claims, loss of insurability	Low

Consensus of Risk Assessment: Low

The risk for this ministry is low because of the size and composition of the group, settings, and nature of the ministry.

Risk Management Required

- Agrees to uphold the job description