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The Opportunity

Houston is the home of the largest medical center in the world. At Advent Houston, a recent church plant, we are looking to start a ministry to healthcare students. We long to see medical trainees embrace, embody, and extend the grace of Jesus Christ in their vocations and in their lives.

With the 2021 opening of the University of Houston College of Medicine and Texas A&M's increasing footprint, Houston now has four medical schools: University of Houston College of Medicine, McGovern Medical School at UT Houston, and Baylor College of Medicine, and Texas A&M EnMed Campus. The enrollment of those schools is approximately 2,200 M.D. trainees. When nursing, Physicians Assistants, and other healthcare trainees are considered (including the Texas A&M medical students who complete their clinical training in Houston), there is an immense opportunity for the Church to develop a ministry to and for medical students and healthcare trainees of all types.

The Vision

To embrace, embody, and extend the grace of Jesus Christ to Medical Students in the Texas Medical Center so that they might know the love of Christ and be equipped to follow Jesus in their life as a healthcare provider.

Goals

1. To begin a ministry to healthcare professionals (particularly M.D. students at Baylor College of Medicine and UT McGovern).
 - a. To minister to healthcare professionals in some of the busiest and most challenging time in their lives.
2. To encourage healthcare professionals in the integration of their work and faith.
 - a. By cultivating mentorship opportunities with older physicians who can model and teach how to walk the medical path faithfully.
 - b. By spending one-on-one or small group discipling opportunities together.
 - c. By helping students to connect with other students

3. To put together and run a lecture / interactive “Large Group Series” about “Theology, Medicine, and Culture.”
4. To establish a ministry of faithful presence within the medical community that people in medicine might taste, see, and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Scope of Position

1. TMC OUTREACH (75% of Job)

- a. Develop and foster relationships with M.D. students at Baylor College of Medicine and UT McGovern.
 - i. Come up with creative ways to spend time with and bless medical students.
 - ii. Regular One-on-One Meetings
- b. Connect Students to one another to grow a group.
- c. Network with possible Physician Mentors.

2. MISSIONAL OUTREACH at ADVENT HOUSTON (10% of Job)

- a. Assist Parish Groups in missional outreach by coaching parish group leaders regularly.

3. GENERAL PASTORAL DUTIES at ADVENT HOUSTON (15% of Job)

- a. Preaching & Liturgy: You would be asked to preach 4-8 times per year (based on gifting and experience), and you would be asked to lead elements of the liturgy regularly.
- b. Participation in the Advent Houston staff events.

Skills & Qualifications

1. Seminary trained and ordained or ordainable in the Presbyterian Church in America.
2. Relationally strong personality – warm, enthusiastic networker / evangelist.
3. Experience in the medical field (either educational or professional)
4. Passionate about Advent Houston's mission and values.
5. Skilled organizationally and eager to develop a mentorship geared ministry.

Compensation

This pastoral position would receive full compensation and benefits. This includes retirement, disability, health/dental insurance for you and your family, and 20 days, or 4 weeks, of paid vacation.