

Foothills Presbytery

Title: Associate for Shared Mission and Ministry

Classification: This is a full-time (32 hours per week) salaried position.

Purpose: To be a servant of Jesus Christ, the Body of Christ, the Church Universal and Foothills Presbytery, its congregations and the PCUSA. The Presbytery's primary role is to fulfill the call of God as is expressed in the Mission Statement of Foothills Presbytery

The Mission of Foothills Presbytery: We exist to care, empower, and celebrate the shared mission and ministry of our 58 congregations, from the mountains to the lakes, in upstate SC.

Foothills Presbytery is responsible for the government of our churches, for assisting and supporting the witness of our congregations to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that all our congregations become communities of faith, hope, love, and witness.

In light of this charge, the presbytery has responsibility and power to:

- Provide that the Word of God may be truly preached and heard.
- Provide that the Sacraments may be rightly administered and received.
- Nurture the covenant community of disciples of Christ.

The presbytery also has a responsibility to maintain regular and continuing relationship to the Synod, and General Assembly.

Focus: The Associate for Shared Mission and Ministry will be supporting Presbytery Leaders as they seek to form mission and ministry connections among the 58 congregations of our presbytery, the surrounding communities, and across our denomination.

The duties of the Associate for Shared Mission and Ministry primarily include listening, making connections, resourcing, coaching, and facilitating those connections in order to grow the ministry of Jesus Christ through our congregations. This ministry is more about growing ministry amongst the congregations than Presbytery performing ministry on behalf of the congregations.

The Associate will partner with the leaders and members of the Committee on Shared Ministry as they seek to fulfill their mission:

Mission: To equip, connect, and nurture the churches of Foothills Presbytery.

Values: We will celebrate an adaptive environment where grace abounds while striving to strengthen our connectional church and share mission in a spirit of experimentation.

The Committee on Shared Ministry fulfills their mission by listening for themes across the life of the Presbytery. As themes are assessed, the committee discerns how they can best weave connections and invite leaders and congregations to engage and implement mission and ministry together. The Committee on Shared Ministry also nurtures peer connections for pastors, youth leaders, Christian educators, elders, and church leaders.

The Associate for Shared Mission and Ministry is a person

- Who is curious about what God is doing in any given situation.

- Who loves to ask people good questions.
- Who is more energized by an unknown future than discouraged.
- Who gets excited by imagination and experimentation.
- Who is committed to a rhythm of prayer and life-giving spiritual disciplines.
- Who is active in the worship life of a congregation.
- Who is committed to a lifestyle that affirms and honors scriptural teachings and values.
- With demonstrated ability in leading groups and ministry initiatives.
- Has demonstrated ability to work with many volunteers across ages, cultures, and backgrounds.
- Has demonstrated gifts to nurture teams.
- Has demonstrated skills in coordinating communications across an organization.
- Has an open heart and mind toward change and new possibilities.
- Who is a spiritual leader, deeply committed to Christ and to the Body of Christ.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Facilitate, empower, and equip shared ministry throughout our presbytery
2. Meet with the Committee on Shared Ministry to facilitate, support and encourage their work.
3. Meet with the Coordinating Council (3 times a year) to report the ways congregations and leaders are in shared mission and ministry together.
4. Be available to Pastors and congregations to visit, share stories, listen, and invite further missional and ministry involvement (may include 1-2 Sunday mornings/month).
5. Create ways to listen to congregations and help them explore ways they can better weave mission and ministry connections across our presbytery.
6. Find ways for us to hold up stories of God's activity for the whole Presbytery to hear and celebrate.
 - a. Help coordinate ideas for our Covenant Connections
 - b. Partner with the Communications Coordinator and office staff to share the good news of our Presbytery
7. Create ways to reach out to the regions of our presbytery and collect information about how they are in shared mission and ministry together.
8. Work with the other South Carolina Presbyteries (SC5) as they seek ways to offer leadership opportunities for church leaders.
9. Work as a team player with other Presbytery Staff and other ministry leaders.
10. Other duties as assigned.

While performing the duties of this job the employee may be required to travel to meet with people in churches, retreat centers or public places.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work performed. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of responsibilities, duties and skills required.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS: Preference given to an individual who is a PC(USA) Ruling Elder or Teaching Elder and has a Bachelor's Degree and related ministry experience.