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JOB DESCRIPTION

Chaplain to St George's College, Jerusalem

(Voluntary position)

St George's College

Background

St George's College, Jerusalem (SGCJ) is a continuing education institution located next to the Cathedral Church of St George the Martyr in Jerusalem. It is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, which covers Jordan, Palestine, Syria and Lebanon as well as Israel. The College operates in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Originally established as a theological college for Palestinian seminarians, SGCJ subsequently expanded its mission to include educating clergy and laity from other parts of the Middle East and globally. As an Anglican centre for pilgrimage, education, hospitality and reconciliation, it attracts students from many countries and faith traditions. Details of the courses which it offers can be found on its website, <https://www.saintgeorgescollegejerusalem.com/>

Mission statement

Through study, site visits, engaging with the local Christian community, prayer and reflection, lives are transformed and faith renewed.

Strategic Directions

The following strategic directions have been identified for the next five years:

- Wider participation from the Anglican Communion worldwide
- Targeting ordinands and younger clergy
- Supporting the Diocese of Jerusalem and connecting with the "living stones" of the local Church

- Developing inter faith courses
- Encouraging lay faith formation
- Raising the scholarly profile of the College.

Chaplain

Position summary

The position of Chaplain exists to provide pastoral and spiritual support to the St George's College community including course members. The major areas of activity include liturgical leadership, providing theological reflections and offering pastoral care. The appointment is normally for a calendar year and is ideal for a member of the clergy who has recently retired and is physically fit.

The Chaplain is also a member of the Cathedral's ministry team so there is an occupational requirement that the postholder is an ordained priest in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition, in good standing in the Anglican Communion, and is prepared and able to work under the canons of the Diocese of Jerusalem. These do not allow for the ministry of women priests.

Major areas of responsibility

- **Liturgical leadership** The Chaplain coordinates devotional and worship activities which occur as part of the College course, working closely with the Course Director and other course leaders for each course. This may include:
 - an appropriate mix of sacramental and other liturgies for significant points in each course
 - Selection of music, reading and prayers
 - Preparation of liturgical resources including taking the role of Sacristan
 - Preparation of texts relevant to particular sites being visited
 - Prayers for the journey at the beginning and end of each day of touring.
- **Theological reflections** At the Discretion of the Director of Studies or other course leader, the Chaplain may provide on-site reflections during field trips. In addition the Chaplain may facilitate debriefing and reflection sessions at appropriate points in a College course. Decisions on which reflections will be offered and by whom will be made by the course leader in advance. Examples:
 - Ein Kerem (John the Baptist): Zechariah and the priesthood; Jesus and John the Baptist
 - Qasr Al-Yahud (Baptism of Jesus): Baptism of Jesus; renewal of Baptism vows
 - Nazareth: holy family and the childhood of Jesus; a small village on the edge of power
 - Capernaum: rejection in Nazareth; ministry base in Capernaum
 - Sea of Galilee: discipleship; fishers of men
 - Mt Beatitudes (Sermon on the Mount): Living the values of the Kingdom of God
 - Dominus Flevit: prayers for the peace of Jerusalem
 - Abu Ghosh (Emmaus): preparing to leave Jerusalem and return home

- **Pastoral care** The Chaplain will be available for pastoral care and spiritual advice to course members during College courses. He may also provide pastoral care to members of staff and other visitors to the College.
- **Member of the ministry team at the Cathedral**

Key challenges

The major professional challenge for the Chaplain is to develop pastoral relationships with people in a series of international short-term learning communities, some of whom may be experiencing personal, psychological or theological challenges.

Knowledge, skills and experience required

- The Chaplain is expected to have formal theological qualifications as well as experience and spiritual direction from which to draw in exercising his role in the College community.
- Good interpersonal and relational skills

Canonical requirements

Ordained in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition, in good standing in the Anglican Communion and able and willing to work within the canonical framework of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. These do not allow for the ministry of women priests.

Work environment

Suitable office facilities will be provided with the College buildings.

Remuneration

The role of Chaplain to St George's College is a voluntary position and no salary is paid. A suitable package will be negotiated with the successful applicant and typically includes accommodation for the postholder and spouse if appropriate, and full board during College courses. Air travel to and from the College may be included at the discretion of the Dean. The Diocese arranges for a suitable Visa; the postholder is responsible for insurance.

Other selection criteria

- Proven experience in pastoral and liturgical ministry
- Appropriate qualifications in theology and/or spiritual formation and/or interfaith ministry
- Commitment to the mission and ethos of the College
- Demonstrable capacity to work within a team, to adapt to unforeseen circumstances and to respect the diversity of theological perspective and personal experience among those in the College community.