

Church of the Resurrection

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WHO WE ARE

Church of the Resurrection Anglican Church is a member parish of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic (DOMA) and the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). We were initially two independent Episcopal parishes who shared a common priest. Both churches left the Episcopal Church in 2007, and became two independent Anglican parishes. When our shared priest of 20 years retired, we called a new priest and merged into one parish. We subsequently lost our property in the wake of litigation with the Episcopal Church. The parish decided to again become two independent groups, due to differing visions. These two bodies presently operate as independent entities; neither has full-time clergy.

We are a home fellowship at present, and the experience has changed our priorities. We have learned the blessing of being free of a building. We have come to appreciate far more fully that the people, and not a physical structure, are the Body of Christ. We are primarily an older congregation of about fourteen regular attendants, but are blessed with one family under 30. Over the last 15 months, we were content with our small, familiar worship meetings. Now God has brought us to a point where, with the advice of Bishop John Guernsey and our church planting consultant Tom Herrick, we are ready to step out into our community alongside a full-time church planter.

WHO WE ASPIRE TO BE

We are a group of believers seeking to follow God's will for us, that we may show Him to people who do not know Him. We are eager to serve the Lord in drawing others into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

MISSION AND VISION

We are in a state of transformation, and are looking for the right person to help us define our mission and vision. We know we are not what we were, but we are having trouble seeing what the Lord wants us to become. We are limited at present by a lack of new participants and a lack of experience in building a new church body.

LOCATION

Our members hail from a broad area covering Southeastern Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina. We hold most of our meetings in the city of Emporia, Virginia, and we anticipate building our community there. General information about the city may be found [here](#), and information about the surrounding county of Greensville [here](#).

The community itself is divided by centuries-old racial barriers which we strongly desire to overcome. We require a priest with both the will and the ability to work towards this goal.

OUTREACH

We commit ten percent of our gross income to outreach projects, and attempt to address both the Great Commandments and the Great Commission at the local, regional, national, and international levels. As a representative sample, we support workers with Campus Crusade for Christ in Moldova, Trinity School for Ministry, World Vision, Anglican Relief and Development Fund, Samaritan's Purse and a variety of immediate needs in the community. Additionally, members tutor in the local schools, and volunteer at a nearby pregnancy center.

It is our desire to work with a priest who is capable of creatively planning and facilitating more involved projects, especially on the local level. We are willing to work, but we need a strong leader to guide us.

DESIRED QUALITIES OF A PRIEST

We desire a person called by God to this community who:

- Is committed to Jesus Christ as the Son of God, who died for our sins and rose again; and is committed to the Bible as the infallible Word of God.
- Is a church planter with wisdom and experience, who will help us define our Vision and Mission and lead us in living these.
- Is relational, personable, outgoing, and able to build bridges with other churches in our community.
- Embraces Anglican doctrine as defined by the Constitution and Canons of DOMA and ACNA.
- Will equip the saints and will lead us in carrying out the Great commission.
- Shows evidence of a real relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and can lead by example on a personal, experiential level.
- Will help us be a people anointed with Jesus' love and the power of the Holy Spirit, to enable us to grow into fishers of men.

COMPENSATION

The total salary and benefits package is negotiable. We will commit to full support for at least two years.