Collins Memorial UMC

Mission
We are a small church in northwest Atlanta. Our top mission is a food pantry which has increased in size. On Wednesday mornings we give food to about 500 households. Prior to the food pantry on Wednesday mornings, we hold a worship service for any who wish to attend. It averages about 200 in attendance. Sunday worship is about 70 persons. Many of the Wednesday worshippers already have Sunday churches, however, we have gained some from Wednesdays, some have joined, & others are prospects.

Description
Collins Memorial is located in a residential area in northwest Atlanta. On Sundays Sunday School is at 9:30 AM, Worship is at 11:00 AM and Youth meet at 4:00 PM. We have a church van that picks up kids and adults each Sunday. Our children and youth number about 19 to 21 and are mostly Hispanic with some African Americans and Whites. During Sunday worship we also conduct Children's Church for younger kids. Also there is a nursery for 4 year olds and younger.

Unique Opportunities in Ministry
Work with children and youth as director (assisted by Children's Coordinator); participate with children and youth on Sunday mornings through Sunday School and Children's Church (we have teachers for both of these); occasional leadership in worship. There is also opportunity to participate in the Food Pantry Worship, and in the food distribution, as well as stocking the pantry on Fridays, Mondays, & Tuesdays.

IN ADDITION: We are looking to hire the Con Ed 2 student as a Children's and Youth Director at $100 a week minus IRS deductions; (must be interviewed by the Staff Parish Relations Committee to be hired. AND, the job can begin now.)

Site Details

Outreach
Our largest mission is the Wednesday Worship and Food Pantry. Our Sunday School, Children's Church, and Sunday evening youth programs are primarily Hispanic but include all races. All the youth are from low income families and only a few of them have parents or grandparents who attend church.

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:
There is plenty of administration for the Children & Youth Director. Must manage the program (average attendance currently is 10 and we target older elementary and middle school - but younger brothers & sisters frequently come.)
Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):
Participation in Children's Church. Occasional participation in Sunday Worship. Participation in 8:00 AM Wednesday Worship. And of course, as Youth Director, the Sunday evening Youth meetings may include worship according to your planning. There will be occasional preaching opportunities on Sundays, and periodically on Wednesday mornings.

Mission and Outreach:
The food pantry is a large mission in the community, and the children and youth program is an outreach to low income kids who attend.

Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:
This will be a good opportunity to explore Pastoral calling in a small church setting. Also, the pastor will include you in opportunities of congregational care including visitation of the sick, and in praying for people. (Often, people on Wednesdays will come up to you seeking prayer and it can be very meaningful to them to have someone lift them up in prayer.)

Religious Education:
The ministries here involve putting faith into practice. Actual participation in missions, and building faith in youth, gives practical experience that will stay with you for the rest of your ministry. It will fit in well with seminary instruction, and with congregational realities.

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<td>Location Type</td>
<td>Urban</td>
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<td>Worship Attendance</td>
<td>Sundays - 70 avg. / Weds - 200 avg.</td>
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<td>Worship Times</td>
<td>Sunday at 11:00 AM and Wednesday at 8:00 AM</td>
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<td>Weekly Schedule</td>
<td>Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship and Children's Church 4:00 PM Youth Monday: c.a. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM stocking for the Food Pantry Tuesday: c.a. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM stocking for the Food Pantry Wednesday: 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM the food line Thursday: 7:00 PM choir practice Friday: c.a. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM stocking for the Food Pantry</td>
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<td>Stipend?</td>
<td>We offer a salary specifically for Children &amp; Youth Director. But we will provide a variety of opportunities for the Contextual Education II program.</td>
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<td>Distance from Candler</td>
<td>About 14 miles or 25 minutes in light traffic.</td>
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<td>Accessible to persons with disabilities?</td>
<td>Yes. Every building has ramps, and several of the restrooms are handicap accessible. We do not have a specific ministry directed for emotional/mental disabled, but we do have an Adult Sunday School class taught by the pastor</td>
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which is mostly attended by adults from a group home for people who have emotional/mental disabilities. Some of them have joined the church also.

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<th>Accessible via public transportation?</th>
<th>Yes. There's a Marta stop in front of the church parking lot.</th>
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<td>Can women be ordained?</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
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<td>What role do women play in leadership?</td>
<td>Our food pantry director is a woman along with other women who work with her. Women are on all our committees, and most of the committee chairs are women, including the top committee, the CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL whose chair is a woman. One of our former choir directors was a Candler ministerial student (female), who preached for us occasionally while here and is now an Elder in the Alabama Conference, and who came back at our last Homecoming to preach for us.</td>
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