



The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma

The Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ

Native American Missioner

The Native American Missioner serves under the direct supervision of the Canon Missioner, with ultimate accountability to the Bishop of Oklahoma.

Overview

The Native American Missioner is responsible for advancing the mission and ministry of the Diocese throughout Oklahoma, especially when it comes to:

- (1) building up the Body of Christ among Oklahomans of Native American heritage; and
- (2) fostering mutual understanding and cooperation among Native and non-Native Oklahomans on matters vital to the Church's mission and the common good.

Vicar of the Whirlwind Mission of the Holy Family

The Native American Missioner serves as Vicar of the Whirlwind Mission of the Holy Family in Watonga. This includes all the ordinary duties of a congregational Vicar, as well as responsibility for planning, promoting, and carrying out the annual Oakerhater Celebration and Honor Dance.

Native American Ministry throughout Oklahoma and Beyond

The Native American Missioner is responsible for traveling throughout Oklahoma to encourage Native American ministry in our congregations and institutions, as well as the communities we serve.

This position serves as the Bishop's primary liaison to the Oklahoma Commission on Indian Ministry (OCIM), collaborating with lay and clergy leaders of Native American heritage in planning and carrying out a mission strategy for Native American ministry in Oklahoma.

As part of this work, this position will also help connect Native American ministry in the Diocese of Oklahoma with similar ministries in other dioceses (throughout the Episcopal Church and beyond), especially through the annual Winter Talk and other opportunities for networking and collaboration.

Mutual Understanding, Cooperation, Justice, and Reconciliation

The Native American Missioner engages, as is able, with tribal governments, agencies, and members to promote cooperation on matters of mutual concern, keeping at the forefront our Baptismal promise to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

This position is responsible for building bridges and encouraging respectful dialogue about the rich cultural, historical, and religious traditions of Oklahoma's Native American tribes among Episcopalians of all cultural backgrounds, as well as with our ecumenical and interfaith partners.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will be an Episcopal priest with at least five years of ordained ministry experience and a strong track record of collaborative leadership and missionary service in diverse cultural contexts.

Candidates with documented Native American heritage and cultural competencies (including fluency in one or more relevant languages and an extensive knowledge of Native American histories, cultures, and religions) are especially encouraged to apply.

Send cover letter, resume and OTM portfolio to:

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