Director of Children & Family Ministry Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church Jackson, Mississippi 39202

Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church, a vibrant, historic congregation in Jackson, Mississippi, is seeking a full-time Director of Children & Family Ministry to oversee and give direction to an exciting and comprehensive children's ministry. This ministry is described by members of Galloway as best served by someone who is nurturing, loving, enthusiastic, inclusive, fun, Christ-centered, challenging, welcoming, mission-oriented, prayerful, role model, passionate, and exemplary.

Galloway is a dynamic 2000 member congregation which was established in 1836. The church is located one block from the Mississippi State Capitol building and Governor's mansion. Galloway has many exciting ministries seeking to meet the needs of a diverse constituency, which includes people from various socio-economic classes and backgrounds. Galloway believes strongly that her purpose is 'revealing heaven on earth through the witness of our personal spirituality, congregational ethos, and works of ministry by faithfully following Jesus.'

We seek a Director who is called to serve children, from birth through sixth grade, and their families. The candidate would evidence a contagious enthusiasm for Christ and children with proven gifts of organization, administration and communication (oral and written). An ideal candidate will demonstrate deep Wesleyan theological grounding and gifts of leadership. The Director will oversee, organize, and implement ministry to, with and alongside children, their adult leaders, parents, and guardians to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. An effective Director will equip and empower children of the church and community to understand that they are loved by God, called by God, and equipped by God as disciples of Jesus Christ to have the hands and hearts of a servant. The Director of Children & Family Ministry will oversee Children's Sunday School, Children's Church for 4 and 5 year olds, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation (January through May); will provide pastoral care and spiritual guidance for children/parents/guardians/teachers and families; participate and engage worship planning through a team model, and lead the children's teaching time in worship.

The Director will visit Galloway's new born babies and other children in the hospital, share new parent and baby information with clergy staff; supervise and train nursery personnel, assist in the nursery as needed; enlist, train, delegate, equip and supervise volunteers for all facets of children's ministry; coordinate communication for all facets of children's ministry; follow, revise, and implement policies and procedures to ensure a safe environment for children; create and implement new member formation alongside the ministry area of congregational care. The candidate will engage in intentional relationships with Galloway's Children's Center and communicate and coordinate with the Center's director regarding events, facility, and policies, of mutual ministry; will also engage the United Methodist Bethlehem Center and other community ministries for children.

All ministry regarding children extends a call to God's Mission in the world. The Director of Children & Family Ministry requires a team oriented spirit. An ideal candidate will display passion for seeing children come to know, love, and follow Christ, as well as passion for ministry with persons who are on the margins. There is a rich opportunity to advocate for children in both church and government.

Galloway Memorial UMC has excellent resources available: collaborative staff and volunteers, well-equipped facilities, funding for continuing education, and a supportive program budget. A committed group of parents, guardians, and other volunteers are excited to journey with our next Director of Children & Family Ministry.

The competitive compensation package for this position is commensurate with experience and training. Start date is negotiable. Interested persons should submit a resume and personal statement (Microsoft word or pdf format required) via e-mail by October 17, 2013 to kevans@gallowayumc.org. The personal statement should be no more than 300 words and should address the question: How would you lead ministry with children and families at Galloway to advance our commitment to revealing Heaven on Earth and what is it about your training, experience and philosophy that uniquely qualify you for this position?

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