

Galileo Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Lead Evangelist Job Description

Galileo is called to extend the limitless welcome of God, as embodied by Jesus of Nazareth and empowered by the Spirit of the living Christ. We seek and shelter spiritual refugees, rallying spiritual health for all who come, and fortifying every tender soul with strength to follow Jesus into a life of world-changing service.

We call on our Lead Evangelist to lead, inspire, help, and challenge us to answer that call. She should seek to minister alongside church members, encouraging each one to the fullest expression of discipleship of Jesus in service of the kingdom of God.

As prerequisites for this work, the Lead Evangelist should tend to her own dynamic discipleship of Jesus; practice the disciplines of study, prayer, stewardship, sabbath, and self-care; and uphold the highest moral standards. She should be open to the work of God's Holy Spirit in her life and in the life of our church. She should demonstrate joyful hope in the fulfillment of God's calling, so that the members of the church may be encouraged in our own faith journeys.

The following lists of specific duties are suggestive of the ways **Jesus' ministry shapes our own**. The Lead Evangelist works under the supervision of the Missional Logistics Team.

Announcing the Kingdom of God and Inviting People In

- Practice relational evangelism, populating our church with (mostly unchurched) newcomers.
- Engage social media as the church's voice in the world.
- Participate in the community life of DFW to form a broad web of connections.
- Work with the Missional Logistics Team in their oversight of staff, money, calendar, and next steps.
- Produce graphic design and web presence for the church.
- Accept invitations to preach and present in order to garner support for Galileo's mission.

Preaching and Teaching

- Proclaim the kingdom of God through honest interpretation of Scripture in Sunday worship. Seek modes of homiletic communication that are creative and appropriate for Galileo's population.
- Provide additional theological education for those who wish to go deeper.
- Provide support, education, and shepherding for the Care and Feeding Team; receive guidance from the CFT about the discipleship of the church.

Worship and Spirituality

- Oversee weekly and seasonal liturgy planning; collaborate with church members to curate excellent, beautiful, reverent, participatory, varied worship events.
- Oversee execution of weekly worship, including set-up and take-down.
- Audition, hire, and supervise musicians for worship.
- Recruit and supervise mechanical, technical, and audio-visual specialists for worship.

- Empower church members (children and adults) to lead and participate in worship to the fullest.
- Teach and model the practice of spiritual disciplines (worship, study, meditation, prayer, stewardship, simplicity, sabbath-keeping, fasting, healthful living, and others).
- Attend to the weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper as the pinnacle of the church's worship.

Friendship and Hospitality

- Support Galileo Group formation; oversee and support Galileo Group leaders; recruit and support Galileo Group hosts.
- Show and encourage hospitality to newcomers; integrate newcomers into appropriate Galileo Groups.
- Welcome opportunities to serve non-members, such as counseling, weddings, and funerals.

Calling and Sending

- Invite worshipers to answer the call to baptism and discipleship.
- Support church members' involvement in ministry to neighbors outside the church.
- Work with church leaders to develop powerful, prayerful servant-leadership of the church.
- Train the church in financial stewardship.
- Work through the budget process with the Missional Logistics Team each year.
- Connect our church to the body of believers, both within Disciples of Christ and ecumenically, so that we may participate fruitfully in the wider mission of Christ's church.
- Attend educational events that may assist in the ministerial arts.

Healing and Shepherding

- Work with the Care and Feeding Team to foster growth of relationships in Galileo Groups for connecting, sharing, healing, and praying for one another.
- Cooperate with the CFT to provide pastoral care to church members in acute need; and seek out those whose connection to the church is tenuous or fading.
- Tend carefully to the administration of church life for the sake of the church's health.
- Organize and oversee the church's staff.

Bringing Good News to the Poor and Disenfranchised

- Raise the church's awareness of the tangible needs in our community and our world.
- Foster collaboration with ministries that serve locally, regionally, and globally and are in line with our Missional Priorities.
- Establish compassionate giving as an essential part of our church identity.

Welcoming Children and Youth

- Help the church incorporate children and youth in all aspects of church life.
- Oversee the Youngster Czar in the formation of at least one Galileo Group specifically for children and youth.
- Recruit, hire, and supervise childcare workers when necessary.
- Prioritize the theological education and spiritual nurture of the church's children, assuming that all parts of the church's ministry as listed above are relevant to the very young.