

Evangelist for Youngsters and Public Provocation

Job Description

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Galileo Youth and Children (G-Kids) is an extension of the Galileo Church community. Through the leadership of the **EYPP**, G-Kids provides a safe and welcoming space for the church's children; instructs them in the faith and practices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and helps them respond to the call of God in their lives, their families, and their world.

Communication *about* our church family is necessary for our evangelistic identity, and communication *within* our church family is pastoral care. The **EYPP** helps us aim for transparency, beauty, and accuracy in the sharing of our life together.

The EYPP ministers alongside the Lead Evangelist and adult congregants. His work focuses mainly on the areas of Welcoming Children and Youth, and Announcing the Reign of God and Inviting People to Come In ("Announcing and Inviting").

Welcoming Children & Youth (about 6 hours per week)

- Create and supervise weekly G-Kids gatherings, usually on Sunday afternoons prior to worship; develop or procure robust biblical-theological curriculum for such; plan multisensory activities to reinforce lessons; model prayer practice; teach kids our Sunday worship practices.
- Maintain G-Kids room at the Big Red Barn; maintain worship activity station.
- Attend worship with Galileo Church in your role as Youngster Czar.
- Supervise secondary staff personnel: Children's Ministry Helper ("Kid Wrangler") and additional children's staff as needed.
- Develop **toddler education program** in cooperation with toddlers' families, aiming for July 2017 for trial run (curriculum, books and toys, songs, snacks, volunteer rotation).
- Recruit and supervise background-checked volunteers for children's ministry, including G-Youth and G-Toddlers. Help develop curriculum or outlines for each.
- Plan, promote, and hold intergenerational events to which kids are encouraged to invite friends.
- Develop relationships with kids and their families to encourage their participation in Galileo's communal life.
- Coordinate and attend camp and conference programs – winter retreats, fall retreats, and summer camps. Encourage all eligible kids to go. Attend about 3 times per year. Compensation provided (see below).
- Gather emergency contact information from guardians and keep on hand.

Desired Outcomes for Galileo Children & Youth

- Biblical literacy, including awareness of ancient Judeo-Christian history for context
- Proficiency in the regular practices of Christian worship and private disciplines
- Development of Christian character and virtues as disciples of Jesus
- Commitment to missional practices of justice and compassion
- Identity and "placement" among world religions and the Christian family tree
- Personal adoption of Christian identity, expressed in baptism as a sacramental acceptance of God's reign and commitment to God's future

Announcing and Inviting (about 6 hours per week)

- Attend regular Missional Logistics Team meetings for ministry collaboration and coordination.
- Work in cooperation with the Lead Evangelist on these and additional administrative tasks.
- Curate and produce public content for the Greater Arlington **Inclusive Faith Coalition** (collaborating to promote justice for LGBTQ+ people), working with publicists and clergy from several congregations; including press releases, website, and social media.
- Curate and produce public content for **It Gets Better**, including website, social media, email contacts, printed materials. Consult with IGB group leaders for their input. Contact local high school counselors to invite students to participate.
- Co-manage Galileo's calendar with Lead Evangelist, including Big Red Barn reservations. **Update Google calendar** and wall calendar.
- Monitor galileochurch.org. Update when necessary, in consultation with Lead Evangelist.
- Offer consultation and contribute to Galileo's **social media**.
- Prepare and manage Galileo's **public appearances**, such as Pride, UTA student fairs, Pickle Palooza, etc.

Terms of Employment

- Salary will be calculated thusly:
 - \$750 per month, paid on the 15th and last day of each month. Taxes will be withheld, and the church will pay its FICA match.
- Galileo Church allocates up to \$1,000 annually for the Youngster Czar to attend one conference related to the work of ministry to youth and children, with the approval of the Missional Logistics Team for the event and related expenses. Expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with our Conference Grants Policy.
- Mileage reimbursement is available for trips to Disciples Crossing for kids' camps and retreats.
- Additional salary of \$250 per winter/fall retreat and \$500 per summer camp, to be paid when in attendance with Galileo kids, up to \$1,000 annually.
- Sunday absences should be pre-arranged, when possible, with the Lead Evangelist. Curriculum and supplies should be passed along to an appropriate substitute. Four Sunday absences per year are free.
- As a member of the pastoral staff of Galileo Church, the Evangelist for Youngsters shall not be committed to another church family (i.e. shall not have dual membership with another church).
- The Evangelist for Youngsters may take employment with other churches (i.e. worship leadership, consulting, etc.), so long as:
 1. the Galileo gatherings for which they are specifically responsible receive scheduling priority;
 2. Galileo Church receives priority scheduling for high holy days on the Christian calendar (Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, and Pentecost); and

3. The secondary church's identity and teaching does not overtly conflict with Galileo Church's missional priorities, such that any participant in Galileo Church's life together would be unwelcome at the secondary church.

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