

## DIOCESE OF CASCADIA

### Church Planter, Oak Harbor, Washington

#### Background information:

Oak Harbor is a city of about 22,000 people on the north end of Whidbey Island in the Puget sound. Surrounded by water and accessed by a ferry to the south and a bridge to the north it is home to some of the best scenery and outdoor activity that the state has to offer. Oak Harbor is also the home to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island which helps to shape the culture and demographics of the entire city.

Median age: 29

Median household income: \$53,792

Race:

White – 72%

Asian – 10%

Hispanic/Latino – 9%

Two or more races – 7%

Black or African American – 4%

Grace By The Sea is an ACNA parish in Oak Harbor; as the parishioners have grown older the parish is grown smaller. They aren't done yet and they still want to contribute to growing the Kingdom of God through the Anglican way of worship. While they might not have the energy to revitalize their own church they do have financial resources and a willingness to help start a new work.

This existing ACNA parish is willing to sponsor this new church plant with financial resources, use of their building, and some other help as able. While the new church would be entirely a separate entity the existing church will do whatever it can to help, and may even have some people who would join the new church planter.

#### POSITION

This Church Planter position is intended to be fulltime although we would discuss a bi-vocational role if that was preferred by the planter.

The Planter will serve in many ways including basic Priestly and church planting functions such as; preaching, teaching, pastoral care, sacramental ministries, developing a launch team as well as ministry teams, and can gather people around themselves and the mission of starting a new parish.

Nobody can do everything so the Planter should be aware of their own strengths and weaknesses with the ability to delegate to others based on their individual gifting's.

The Planter will receive Diocesan support from Cascadia's Canon for Church Planting, our Bishop and our Archdeacon.

#### EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS

Our ideal candidate is ordained within in the ACNA as a priest or is in the process of ordination currently. A Masters in Theology or Divinity is preferred as well as some experience with military culture and/or ministry. At least a year of ministry involvement in an ACNA parish with a recommendation from the Rector (if not already a parish Priest).

Experience in a previous church plant would be helpful. A willingness to learn, receive coaching, and meet with other Cascadia church planters regularly are all expectations of this position.

#### TERMS

This is a paid position but fundraising may be necessary to help make this effort as viable as possible. Along with financial support that has already been committed there is a building to use for worship that is free of charge to relieve further financial stress on the new church.

#### APPLICATION

Those interested in this Church Planter's position please send an application and a short bio to The Rev. Canon Ryan Brotherton, Canon of Church Planting. [ryan@holytrinityedmonds.com](mailto:ryan@holytrinityedmonds.com)