

# HOLY TRINITY

*Episcopal Church*



CLEMSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

## **Associate Rector for University Ministry**

*Call for Applications*

The Associate Rector for University Ministry will be a partner in priestly ministry with the Rector, with primary focus on the parish's relationship with Clemson University and its ministry with college students and young adults. Together the clergy of the parish co-labor in the ministries of teaching, preaching, presiding at the Sacraments, and equipping disciples to fulfill the mission of Holy Trinity: *to love with the heart of Christ, to think with the mind of Christ, and to act in the world as the Body of Christ.*

The primary expression of student ministry at Holy Trinity is through Canterbury of Clemson, a diocesan campus ministry housed and supported by the parish. During the academic year, this group meets weekly on Wednesdays for dinner, fellowship, and spiritual formation. Some students also choose to be a regular part of the Sunday worshipping community. The diocese identifies one or more part-time student Peer Ministers each year, whom the Associate Rector supervises in their work.

The student community at Holy Trinity is in a season of growth and renewed vitality. As a mainline campus ministry in South Carolina, Canterbury holds a distinctive identity as a safe space for post-evangelical students and LGBTQ+ people desiring to engage Christian faith and practice; strong partnerships with the local ELCA and UCC student ministries augment this work. The parish is in the first year of a two-year process of assessing and reimagining what it means to be a university parish, through participation in *The Vinery*, a campus ministry development program funded by the Lilly Endowment (thevinery.org). The Associate Rector will be responsible for continuing and expanding this trajectory of growth.

This is a full-time position, compensated according to diocesan guidelines. The Associate Rector reports directly to the Rector.

More information can be found at [holytrinityclemson.org](http://holytrinityclemson.org) and [canterburyofclemson.org](http://canterburyofclemson.org).

To apply, submit an updated resume/CV, OTM profile, and letter of interest to the Rev. Suzanne Cate at [scate@holytrinityclemson.org](mailto:scate@holytrinityclemson.org).

### **About Holy Trinity**

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is a welcoming, inquisitive, and faithful Christian community at the crossroads of Clemson, where the university campus meets the city. Founded in 1899 as a chapel to Clemson Agricultural College, Holy Trinity has strong ties to both the community and the

university. We are a vibrant and outwardly-focused congregation composed of a variety of generations, professions, and life experiences. Holy Trinity clergy and parishioners are active participants in the life of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, based in Columbia, S.C.

As part of its commitment to university ministry, the parish sponsors Canterbury of Clemson, a fellowship of Clemson University students organized around the values of faith, community, personal growth, and service to others. A close-knit group of students from various studies gather weekly at Holy Trinity and participate in diocesan events such as the annual Vocare retreat, as well as their own activities including day-trips, movie nights, coffee gatherings, and book studies on campus.

The parish also includes the Episcopal Day School (ages 2-4) and historic St. Paul's Church in nearby Pendleton, the mother church of the Episcopal presence in upstate South Carolina. Currently, Holy Trinity holds two Sunday services along with monthly services at St. Paul's and seasonal liturgies throughout the year.

## **Responsibilities**

### *University Ministry (75% focus during academic year)*

- Coordinate efforts among parish leaders and volunteers to promote the vitality and long-term viability of the Episcopal Church's presence at Clemson University
- Provide primary pastoral care and administrative oversight for the Canterbury student community
- Plan and attend weekly Canterbury gatherings and retreats (one per semester)
- Supervise the work of the Peer Minister(s) in planning weekly programming, recruitment, and fellowship events; provide leadership development and guidance as needed
- Pursue and nurture connections and partnerships with external parties (diocesan leadership, university administrators, other campus religious workers)
- Spearhead the parish's participation in The Vinery campus ministry development program through December 2023
- Foster consistency and stability for Canterbury across academic years, including administrative structures, record-keeping, transition between peer ministers, and student recruitment and retention
- Facilitate interaction between the Canterbury and parish communities
- Promote and participate in the wider diocesan youth and campus ministry community
- Support pastoral ministry with young adults not connected with college campuses

### *Parish Ministry (25% focus during academic year)*

- Share in leading worship, preaching the Gospel, and administering the sacraments on a regular rotation
- Provide back-up to the Rector for pastoral care with parishioners, including in emergencies
- Share in leading spiritual formation for youth and/or adults, as needed
- Actively participate in weekly staff meetings and in monthly vestry meetings
- Actively participate in community, convocation, and diocesan activities
- Perform other duties as needed from time to time

**Position Requirements**

- Recognition of and passion for the importance of ministry with college students
- Priest or candidate for holy orders in the Episcopal Church; or Minister of Word and Sacrament in a full-communion partner church
- Master of Divinity degree or equivalent training

**Qualities in the Ideal Candidate**

- Respect for Holy Trinity as a place of worship
- Welcoming, open, and helpful manner
- Respect for confidentiality of information
- Ability to work with a variety of personalities in a flexibly structured environment and work schedule
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work independently and with others to set and accomplish goals

*The above describes the general nature and level of the work performed by a priest called to this position but is not an exhaustive list of all duties.*