Vancouver School of Theology
Anglican Director of Denominational Formation

GENERAL INFORMATION

Accountable to: Principal of VST
Position Status: Half-time faculty member
Works closely with: Dean, Faculty, particularly the other Directors of Denominational Formation, the Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and the Director of Theological Field Education
Relates to: All Programs and Staff
Application Deadline: May 24, 2015

PREAMBLE
The successful candidate for this position will be an become part of the team of staff and faculty committed to theological education for ministry at Vancouver School of Theology. This is a half-time position and is not tenure track. The initial appointment will be made for a three-year term. The appointment may be renewed for a further term or terms in accordance with the provisions of the VST Faculty Handbook. Compensation will be related to the experience and qualifications of the candidate. The terms of employment are those set out in the VST Faculty Handbook.

Thorough familiarity with the identity, polity, ethos and history of the Anglican Church of Canada is essential. A record of effective ordained ministry - demonstrated ability at congregational leadership, revitalization and growth - in the Anglican Church of Canada and experience and demonstrated skill in Anglican formation will be crucial.

The appointment is subject to the approval of the Principal, in consultation with Faculty Association, and the Board of VST.

SUMMARY
The successful candidate for this position will become part of a team of staff and faculty committed to theological education for ministry at Vancouver School of Theology. As well as responsibility for formation of Anglican students, the responsibilities of this position include coordinating Anglican studies, worship and community life, some teaching, providing liaison with and reporting to the denomination.

RESPONSIBILITIES
As Director of Anglican Formation, the person:
1. Ensures the development and implementation of plans for meeting denominational formation needs of Anglican students preparing for various ministries, including ordination. This will involve regular consultation with the House of Bishops.

2. Exercises and/or provides for appropriate pastoral care particularly, but not exclusively, with ACC students at VST;

3. Establishes close communications with each student's diocese and bishop in order to provide appropriate information and guidance regarding the postulancy process expected of each student by their bishop;

4. Coordinates denominational worship and community life;

5. Completes all reporting on student progress to the student's bishop, as required by that bishop;

6. Mentors and guides Anglican students through the candidacy process leading to ordination in the ACC.

7. Supervises, evaluates and signs off on the Position Papers of Anglican students.

8. May be asked to represent the School in denominational gatherings and works at the development of denominational relationships including new partnerships at the request of the Principal;

9. Monitors changes in denominational life, polity and resources;

10. Keeps the School apprised of these changes as they pertain to effective relationships and support for the formation of Anglican students;

11. Coordinates the periodic visits to VST of official guests and representatives of the ACC, particularly bishops from the Anglican Province of BC and Yukon;

12. Participates in the discernment of appropriate field placements or internships for Anglican students, working in consultation with the Director of Theological Field Education and in consultation with the student's bishop;

13. Participates on faculty committees as appropriate, particularly on Faculty Council, Faculty Association and the Pastoral and Public Leadership Committee;

14. Facilitates the educational program of candidates for admission from other denominations for the ministry of the ACC;

15. Participates in oversight of community worship in consultation with Faculty Council; sits on VST worship committee;

16. Teaches two courses per annum and individual studies as necessary

QUALIFICATIONS

1. An M.Div. or equivalent, and an advanced degree in theology or its equivalent

2. Skills and gifts of pastoral care appropriate to the position, requires a degree of spirituality which includes both awareness of authority bestowed in Anglican ordination and its exercise, as well as the ability to attend to both public and private spirituality simultaneously in liturgy.
3. An ordained person of the Anglican Church of Canada, extensive experience exercising a ministry under the license of an Anglican bishop, and in receipt of Letters Bene Decessit from that bishop.

4. Familiarity with and commitment to the mission and purpose of Vancouver School of Theology, the model of theological education of the School and the mandates inherent in various programs

5. Ability to take responsibility for coordinating and teaching in the denominational studies and faith formation aspects of the School’s curriculum

6. Ability to work creatively and effectively with colleagues and our constituencies

7. Ability to work in inter-religious and interdenominational context

Applications for this position should be addressed to the Principal of the Vancouver School of Theology, richardt@vst.edu, and be submitted by May 24. Interviews will be conducted after the closing date for the position on site at the school. Applications should include a cover letter and a cv. Candidates should have three letters of reference forwarded directly to the Principal of the School at the above email address. The appointment will be made for July 1, 2015.