

Children, Youth and Families Ministry Update

St. Martin's has initiated a search for a full-time Director of Children, Youth & Families Ministry to replace our former Minister for Children & Youth, Anne Alexis Herra, who is beginning her seminary studies in September at Virginia Theological Seminary. The Parents' Advisory Council, formed in anticipation of Anne Alexis's departure, met several times over the spring and early summer to identify the types of worship and faith formation programs they would like to see at St. Martin's. Then, under the leadership of Heather Cayless Ferguson, a St. Martin's parent and professional recruiter, the group drafted a job description and announcement, which they then shared with Father Jim, the Rector's Warden and the Personnel Committee.

The position originally was conceived as a half-time youth ministries coordinator position, focusing primarily on families with young children. However, the Finance Committee and Vestry felt that ministering to families and their children is such a high priority that St. Martin's should fund a full-time lay position to plan for meeting the needs not only of children, youth and young adults, but also their parents and caregivers. Working closely together, the Advisory Council and the Personnel Committee hope to screen and interview candidates and select finalists for the Interim Rector and Rector's Warden to interview by mid to late September. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the position, please feel free to share this job announcement link:

<https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Church-of-St.-Martin--in--the--fields-1/jobs?jk=9819b54ec ef19a14&start=0&clearPrefilter=1>