

## THE EPISCOPAL HOUSE OF PRAYER in MINNESOTA

*Awakening Hope    Cultivating Wisdom    Revealing the Sacred*

Search Profile 2018 – Full Time Director

### **Our Vision:**

**The vision of the Episcopal House of Prayer is to be a contemplative ministry of spiritual transformation, grounded in the Christian tradition and in the practice of Benedictine hospitality, reaching out and welcoming all.**

### **Our Mission:**

**Our mission is to assist in the ongoing work of discerning God’s voice, both within us and in the world; provide guidance in the search for wisdom; teach forms of contemplative prayer; and offer training in the inner work of the spiritual life.**

**We believe** that spiritual transformation manifests through regular contemplative practice, study of wisdom literature, personal prayer and self-examination, and intentional community involvement.

**We support** individuals and groups as they move toward spiritual awakening

**We share** the wisdom of the Christian mystical tradition and other religious traditions

**We provide** opportunities to learn and to practice the contemplative arts

**We build** supportive contemplative communities

**We offer** an annual calendar of retreats

**We welcome** groups and individuals who desire a sacred space to seek God

### **Who we are**

**The Episcopal House of Prayer**, an intimate residential retreat center, emerged in 1990 as an independent interfaith ministry of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota and Saint John’s Abbey, a Roman Catholic Benedictine Monastery and University.

**We are located** on Abbey grounds at the geographical heart of the state on five wooded acres in Collegeville, 80 miles NW of Minneapolis/St. Paul. In 2006 the House of Prayer community began to expand its ministry into the Twin Cities. It currently hosts activities in St. Mark’s Cathedral in Minneapolis, Episcopal Homes in St Paul and the Episcopal Church in Minnesota headquarters.

**The governance** and guidance of our work is led by an active board of volunteers, under the leadership of Bishop Brian Prior, with support from the Bishop’s staff. There is one other paid employee of EHOP, a Manager who oversees the care of the facility and its activities and the business transactions.

## **Our communities**

The Episcopal House of Prayer is comprised of and enriched by many communities which interconnect and support each other in pursuit of our mission and vision. At the heart of the ministry is a committed community – the Contemplative Body of the House of Prayer - associated with both locations and with our work. The 30+ Members renew their commitment annually and are called to an ongoing relationship with other seekers who have an established personal practice of contemplative prayer. Other groups radiating outward have identified the EHOP as their spiritual home. This network of vibrant communities means that the House of Prayer is more than just a retreat center. It is fertile ground for the ongoing transformative work of many communities.

*See Episcopal House of Prayer Circles diagram*

## **Our Search**

We are seeking our fourth director in our 28-year history. Our organization and our communities are vital and visionary. We are on the cusp of developing new relationships and offerings in the Twin Cities area and are seeking a leader/collaborator to explore with us creative opportunities and relationships to enhance our vision. We are seeking a director who will serve as a container/creator, visioning and providing for the elements of the ongoing life of EHOP. We are seeking a wise and grounded director-to serve as the ambassador of EHOP so that more seekers may know of our mission. We are seeking a director who will serve as a steward of our fiscal and physical resources.

## **Director Attributes**

- a contemplative with a deep personal practice
- a visionary with energy and creativity to help us continue to expand our ministry
- a seeker with knowledge of the mystical traditions in Christianity and other religions
- a teacher or a facilitator experienced in providing for guidance in spiritual growth
- a connector with knowledge of leaders in the field of contemplative arts
- a communicator to introduce others to our ministry
- a collaborator who will encourage the talents and visions of others
- a supervisor who can oversee administrative aspects of EHOP

## **Compensation**

\$70,000 - \$90,000 total compensation package (salary, pension, health care, SECA)