

Description of our church:

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Taipei, Taiwan (“Good Shepherd”) is a multicultural community. We have two congregations: an English-speaking congregation (“English Congregation”) and a Mandarin-speaking congregation (“Chinese Congregation”). Each congregation has its own priest, executive committee, and ministries. The church has one budget and a joint vestry. The rector is the priest in charge of the Chinese Congregation. The two congregations worship together at bilingual services on the fourth Sunday of each month and on some holy days (“Combined Service”). The church campus also includes a kindergarten and a senior services center. Good Shepherd is in the Diocese of Taiwan, The Episcopal Church USA.

Description of our congregation:

The English Congregation is friendly, diverse, and inclusive. We are mostly internationals, coming from a variety of countries and church backgrounds. Many of us are working in Taiwan as business people, engineers, diplomats, or teachers. Given the transience of most international jobs, we face the challenge of regularly saying goodbye, but also the blessing of regularly welcoming newcomers. An average of about 30 people participate in our 9:30am English Service. We offer Discovery Time for two groups of children (ages 5 & under, ages 6-14), a relationship-centered approach to sharing Christian faith with them. We offer refreshments and fellowship in a multi-purpose room on the 4F of the offices building after the English Service. We gather for a potluck brunch in the same space after the monthly Combined Service.

Goals of our congregation:

- (1) Provide a welcoming spiritual home for English speakers in Taipei
- (2) Increase our Sunday attendance, expanding shared ministry
- (3) Strengthen our living witness as Christ’s disciples throughout the week
- (4) Offer more opportunities such as occasional outings or adult education
- (5) Cultivate our collaborative relationship with the Chinese Congregation

Position available beginning January 2024:

Priest-in-Charge of the English-speaking Congregation (“English Priest”)

Job Description:

The English Priest is responsible for the well-being and development of the English Congregation. This includes the following main responsibilities:

- + organizing, officiating, and preaching at worship services
- + reaching out to and engaging English speakers in Taipei
- + encouraging Christian faith and growth through one-on-one relationships and occasional group gatherings
- + providing pastoral care (such as counseling, visits, assistance from discretionary fund)

- + overseeing administrative tasks in collaboration with lay volunteers and office staff
- + representing and advocating for the English Congregation to the rector, vestry, bishop, diocese, and Episcopal leaders in the USA

Our priest collaborates with the wardens and executive committee of the English Congregation for matters related only to our congregation. Our priest collaborates with the rector and vestry for matters related to both congregations. Our priest respects the authority of the rector for matters related to the entire church. (Our current rector is The Ven. Keith Lee, Archdeacon of the Northern Deanery.)

We seek a priest with a minimum of three years ordained experience. The individual should have an established sense of professional identity and style. Our priest must be someone who can work proactively and autonomously, with minimal assistance from the rector.

The ideal candidate would have the following qualities:

- + deep, growing Christian faith
- + appreciation for other cultures
- + respect for people from a variety of denominational backgrounds
- + interest in living overseas
- + previous experience interacting with non-English speakers
- + willingness to learn to speak some basic Mandarin Chinese
- + balance of theological, scholarly grounding with pastoral concern
- + ability to incorporate music into our worship services
- + openness to long-term service in Taiwan (minimum three years)

Please note: Our priest is considered a missionary to Taiwan and interacts with the Director of Global Partnerships and Mission Personnel (currently The Rev. David Copley) as well as the Partnership Officer for Asia and the Pacific (currently The Rev. Canon Bruce Woodcock). If our priest is not able to attend the new missionary orientation in New York City before coming to Taiwan, this will be arranged as soon as possible.

Stipend: NT\$60,000 per month, plus travel allowances (domestic travel allowance NT\$6,000 per month and annual economy airfare reimbursement to home of record); one month paid leave each year (including four Sundays); Taiwan National Health Insurance; membership at the American Club Taipei; reimbursement for an orientation class & basic Mandarin class at the Community Services Center

Housing: Apartment with basic furnishings provided (large enough for four people—couples & families welcome); settling-in allowance; shipment & excess baggage allowances for moves

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