

Kids Friendly Faith Development Project Co-ordinator (Fixed Term) for Southern Presbyterians

Position Description

The person in this role will work in the Southern Presbytery region which comprises 70 churches. They may be based anywhere within the Southern Presbytery, largely determined by their personal circumstances. They will be employed by the Synod of Otago and Southland.

This project is being funded to focus on the faith development of young people aged 10-13. The position is 10 hours per week, up to two years duration. The Project Co-ordinator will work with the Kids Friendly and Synod Youth advisors to achieve the project goals as outlined below.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT GOALS:

Research

- key findings and areas of need pertaining to the 10-13 year age group, as highlighted in the April 2018 'Children and Families in the Southern Presbytery review'
- current resourcing and practice in the churches of the Southern Presbytery to assess needs going forward
- current and developing Kids Friendly and Presbyterian Youth Ministry (PYM) initiatives for this age group
- theories and best practice of faith development for this age-group

Resource

- churches in the Southern Presbytery for the faith development of their 10-13 year olds, by contributing to the creation of resources, mentoring and camp opportunities
- leaders working in this ministry context by preparing and leading training events

Report and Communicate

- with the Kids Friendly and Synod Youth Advisors, providing monthly progress reports
- faith development stories and resources via the Southern Presbyterians website, social media, newsletters and other relevant communications

Project goals will be achieved by providing a summary report, outlining the following:

- key findings from the research undertaken
- index of resources available
- opportunities available for churches to continue the faith development of 10-13 year olds

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Deepen understanding of theories and best practice of faith development, especially of 10-13yrs (via books, training opportunities and websites).
Complete Kids Friendly/PYM 'Health and Safety Warrant of Fitness' training.

REPORTING AND WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

Report regularly to the Kids Friendly Advisor and Youth Advisor on all matters of networking and resourcing undertaken in the Southern Presbytery region to ensure that this is aligned with the regional and national Kids Friendly and PYM strategy and vision.

Establish and maintain positive working relationships with ministers and leaders of any churches contacted.

PERSON SPECIFICATION AND REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

The Project Co-ordinator will have:

- A strong commitment to the Christian Faith and to the growth of the church.
- A passion for including children and youth as equal and valued members of the community of faith.
- Experience in the practice of ministry with children and youth.
- A desire to increase knowledge of children's and youth ministry practice, theology and innovations.
- Good communication and listening skills.
- Good computer skills.
- An open and inclusive personality
- An interest in inspiring and encouraging others.
- A willingness to learn and develop professionally e.g. presentation skills, facilitation skills, knowledge base
- A current NZ driver's licence
- A current Police check