

Opportunity for Young Anglicans

Editorial Staff – [Generation.anglican.ca](http://generation.anglican.ca)

The National Church is currently seeking young Anglicans, (approx. age, 18 – 26) to be on the editorial staff of the National Anglican Youth Website;

<http://generation.anglican.ca>.

This site has been operating since 2006 and its purpose has been to provide an on-line space for young Anglicans to read viewpoints, blogs, reflections on different issues/life questions from an informed Christian perspective, find out about upcoming events and opportunities and stay ‘in touch’ with the Anglican church and other youth across the country.

This is a new position and up to three people will be hired.

Each member of the editorial staff would be expected to work 8-10 hour per week on researching content, writing and posting articles, soliciting content and maintaining currency with contemporary youth and faith issues.

This is a part-time contract position for 7 months beginning May 30, 2008. There is a possibility of extension and the contract will include negotiable time in the summer allowing for changing schedules and holiday time. Because the work is web-based, applicants can be from any part of Canada and hours are flexible to fit into existing work or study commitments.

Members of the editorial staff will:

- Maintain the currency of the site through soliciting and editing articles, writing and posting new material in the website’s current sections, including (but not limited to) News, Question of the Week, Polls, Reflections and Humour.
- Suggest and follow-up on exploring new themes/features
- Monitor site usage and propose improvements to design and function
- Recommend and assist in training new bloggers
- Research on-line articles/reflections/resources and post these on the site in relevant locations
- Maintain familiarity with issues relevant to youth, culture and faith

Applicants should:

Be currently involved in some capacity in the Anglican Church of Canada (parish, diocese or nationally) and have some familiarity with current issues, opportunities, practices and structure.

Have the ability to write in fresh, relevant and appealing ways on a diversity of issues related to youth and young adults (targeted to ages 14-30) and the intersection of youth, culture, faith and life.

Be available for training and semi-weekly editorial meetings (on-line) at mutually agreed upon times.

Be able to work approximately 36 hours per month (9 hours per week average, allowing for flexibility of that time within a given month and over the summer).

Applicants must have access to high-speed Internet and a computer with Windows XP or higher or Mac OS 9. The browser must be Internet Explorer 7 or above, Safari 3 or above or Firefox 2 or above or equivalent.

Skills

Familiarity with a variety of issues relevant to youth.

Research skills using a variety of media (both print and on-line)

Solid writing and editing skills

Ability to discern appropriateness of content for a national website and moderate blog comments and other postings as necessary

Ability to work independently and as a contributing and active member of a collaborative team

Demonstrated Internet and computer literacy, with a particular interest in interactive web-based tools (i.e. blogs, photo sharing, and message boards). Computer programming experience is not necessary, but editorial staff will be expected to learn how to use a web-based Content Management System (CMS) for posting directly to the Generation website. Basic training will be provided.

Demonstrated initiative, creativity and capacity to work with others to develop new ideas and plans.

Application is by:

1. Letter of introduction and description of what specific skills and interests you bring (eg, music, justice issues, faith praxis, youth ministry, experience with or interest in particular social issues, etc).
2. Resume of relevant work experience including jobs, church involvements, volunteer positions and specific areas of personal interest.
3. Sample of writing (500 words or less) reflecting on a current issue relevant to youth and faith. The style of writing can take many possible forms – this is not supposed to be an academic paper but an exposition that engages, challenges and offers well articulated food-for-thought to readers. Visit generation.anglican.ca (click link to “See a list of all articles, news stories and features”) to read some examples.

Supervision and Pay

The editorial staff will be supervised by the Coordinator of Youth Initiatives

Staff members are responsible for tracking their hours and submitting semi-weekly report of hours worked for payment.

The salary rate for this position is \$10.00 per hour up to a maximum of 36 hours per month (hours may vary from week to week).

Submit your application by email to Manager, Human Resources, Anglican Church of Canada at careers@national.anglican.ca. Deadline for application is May 12, 2008.

Any questions about this contract can be directed to Judy Steers, Coordinator – Youth Initiatives at jsteers@national.anglican.ca