TRINITY-BRAZOS AREA

The Trinity-Brazos Area of the Southwest Region is accepting resumes/profiles for the Minister of Connection and the Minister of Nurture positions. Candidates should be ordained ministers in good standing with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and have ministerial experience with individual congregations. Resumes/profiles should be submitted to Trinity-Brazos Area office via either email at tba@ccsw.org or mailed to 1000 Bonnie Brae Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76111 by January 15, 2016. Shortly thereafter the Area Ministry Search Committee will evaluate the submitted information for further consideration.

The Board of the Trinity-Brazos Area desires to evolve a new model of area ministry. While a limited number of specific areas of ministry are indicated in the job descriptions, through collaboration between the two positions, area ministry will continue to be defined and developed over time. Area ministry must continue to adapt as our society and communities change in order to better help individual congregations to be successful in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Contact Rick Seeds, Area Ministry Search Committee Chair, at 817-832-3845 or rseeds@airmail.net for questions. Please indicate for which position you are applying.

**Minister of Connection – 18 hours – $27,000/year total compensation package plus a travel and professional expense allowance of $3,000 per year**

*Connect congregations and their clergy with each other to strengthen our sense of community. This is more of a “macro” ministry – seeing the big picture of ministry in the TBA as carried out by local congregations, collaborative efforts, and constituency groups.*

- administrate search and call
- work with Area Committee on Ministry in identifying new ministerial candidates
- fulfill administrative office with special focus on inter- and intra-church communication
- participate in area constituency groups and including Tarrant Churches Together

**Minister of Nurture – 18 hours – $27,000/year total compensation package plus a travel and professional expense allowance of $2,000 per year**

*Nurture individuals into and through the fulfillment of their vocation, providing pastoral care and counsel. This is more of a “micro” ministry – meeting the particular needs of persons, groups, and congregations in the TBA with appropriate and specific programming.*

- attend to youth camp-and-conference ministry by way of collaboration with the Youth and Children’s Ministry Network, Disciples Crossing, and the Tri-Area Board
- plan worship and retreat opportunities for adult groups (women, men, clergy, elders, etc.)
- communicate with area shepherds to keep apprised of congregational and clergy needs
- provide conflict resolution assistance and training

**Areas of Collaboration**
The ministers of connection and nurture collaborate to identify areas of overlap between their responsibilities.

- provide 2-3 special events per year depending on identified needs: clergy professional development, elder training, special seminars, spiritual retreats, etc.
- joint reporting to the TBA Board and Executive Team
- joint involvement with the Regional Area Minister Team (weekly calls, etc.)
- work with congregations that desire “future visioning” for discovery of new possibilities