Chaplain Search

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Are you a leader with a pastor's heart?

As St. Simeon's Chaplain you will serve...

... by proclaiming by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

... by loving and serving the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor.

... by preaching, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners,

... by pronouncing God's blessing,

... by sharing in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood.

... by performing the other ministrations entrusted to you
The Chaplain We Seek

The ministry of the Episcopal priest serving as Chaplain will be to provide spiritual, religious and personal counseling or guidance to residents, family members and employees. In this ministry, you will actively engage liturgical, sacramental, and pastoral ministry on a daily, weekly, and monthly schedule. The Chaplain also will strive to support the staff and management to attain the highest degree of quality resident care can be maintained at all times.

The Chaplain will plan, develop, coordinate and conduct regularly scheduled religious services for residents, employees, family members, etc. The Chaplain will review pastoral care programs/services, to assure spiritual objectives are being met and will participate in making recommended changes. The Chaplain assumes the authority, responsibility and accountability for directing the religious services, programs and activities of this facility.

The Chaplain will be required to manage administrative, budgetary, and policy oversight for various areas of pastoral care and spiritual programming, as well as advise and report to the CEO on the status and progress of all programming.

NOTE: Job Description is available which outlines specific duties and responsibilities of the Chaplain.
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Education
- Must have an undergraduate degree, BA or BS or its equivalent. A Masters of Divinity or other equivalent theological degree from an accredited theological school is preferred.
- Must be an ordained Priest of the Episcopal Church and will be licensed by the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma.
- Must have completed one (1) quarter of Clinical Pastoral Education.

Experience
- Must have, as a minimum, five (5) years’ experience in a pastoral ministry.
- Must be orientated to health care practices and procedures.

Compensation
- $70,907 (Inclusive of Cash Stipend/Housing/SECA Reimbursement)
- Family Health Insurance Coverage and CPG Pension Contribution
Saint Simeon’s senior living community is nestled among 50 acres in the beautiful Osage Hills of Tulsa, offering senior residences that provide a majestic and peaceful retreat for the mind, body and soul. Kay Herring, an assisted living resident, describes the panoramic view of downtown Tulsa from her apartment as “something people would pay millions of dollars for.”

**Campus Wildlife & Gardens**

As a Natural Wildlife Habitat accredited by the National Wildlife Federation, Saint Simeon’s is a safe place for beautiful creatures such as peacocks, koi, doves, and others, to raise their young and find food and shelter. Our residents enjoy watching these peaceful forms of wildlife roam throughout the courtyards.

Residents also have the opportunity to tend to the grounds if they wish through our resident garden. Each year, our campus “green thumbs” yield a bountiful harvest of tomatoes, sunflowers, pumpkins, and more. Residents of our senior living community benefit from the many walking paths campus-wide. Our own Eckel Park, situated on campus, allows residents the opportunity to take a morning or evening walk while enjoying the hundreds of types of flora and fauna on campus.
Our History

When the Rev. Dr. Edward Eckel arrived in Tulsa in 1929 to serve as the fifth rector of Tulsa’s Trinity Episcopal Church, no one could have guessed the legacy he would leave 60 years later. Dr. Eckel and his wife had been impressed with the “homes for the aged” they’d seen during their travels in England. Tulsa, they believed, could benefit from such a home.

By 1950, Dr. Eckel was working on making this dream a reality. He shared his vision with Roy Hoffman, an Oklahoma City banker and leader in Oklahoma Episcopal affairs. Soon, Mr. Hoffman and his wife began a drive for funds and the Diocese of Oklahoma established a non-profit corporation for the project. Dr. Eckel’s passion for this venture was spreading.

In 1958, the dream moved one step closer to reality. After an extensive search for the right location, a 22.5-acre plot of land on a hill overlooking downtown Tulsa was purchased for $45,000. A few months later, Trinity parishioners donated enough funds to cover the entire cost. In today’s economy, that’s more than $391,000; an impressive amount to be collected from the congregation.

Saint Simeon’s is Born

With the site secured, construction could begin. Phase I included 12 resident rooms, lounge, a kitchen and a dining room. Just four residents—three women and one man—called Saint Simeon’s home those first months. It was a truly “home-like” atmosphere, as reliable help proved hard to retain and the residents found themselves pitching in to help with the cooking and cleaning. Soon, however, a hostess was hired—Mrs. Welch—along with a cook, maid, and yardman. Operations began to run smoothly.
With these new hires came the need for more financial support. The women on the Board came up with a solution, forming the Home’s Auxiliary in February of 1961 to broaden support. By the end of the year, the Auxiliary had grown to more than 300 members and raised $27,000 (more than $230,000 in today’s dollars). These successful efforts emboldened the Board, and they soon moved forward with a five-year plan for the Home. By 1963, the Home hired its first administrator and within two years had adopted plans for 34 additional resident rooms, a larger dining room and kitchen, a laundry, and an arts and crafts room.

**Changing Times**

Tulsa’s tourism business saw a boost with the opening of the new, thoroughly modern, Tulsa Convention Center. Just down the road, Saint Simeon’s Home for the Aged adopted a new name and became known, officially, as Saint Simeon’s Episcopal Home. More changes were coming as well.

In the spring of 1966, yet another of Dr. Eckels’ visions became a reality: a 21-bed infirmary was completed and a registered nurse was hired as medical director. By 1970, 21 of Saint Simeon’s 68 residents were in the infirmary. The B exceeded 30 applicants. In fact, interest in the Home was so strong, an additional residential wing—the E-Wing—was completed in 1977.

**Growing Into a New Role**

In the 80’s, two additional residential wings were added, along with two duplexes and a new medical center/infirmary. Still, the Home was near capacity as the waitlist swelled to more than 100 applicants. Construction continued, adding Saint Anna’s Chapel and the Common Room. A formal task force was convened to develop guidelines for future expansion and a strategy on how to strike a balance between retirement-living facilities and higher care levels. This group also began studying the growing need to provide care for senile dementia and Alzheimer’s, both afflictions that were beginning to show themselves in some current residents.
As the 1990’s began, Saint Simeon’s prepared to launch its largest and most challenging expansion to date: the creation of a $5 million senile dementia and Alzheimer’s facility. By the end of 1991, two-thirds of the funds had been raised (half coming from the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma) and by mid-1992, ground was broken. The facility opened debt-free in 1994 and, due to its advanced design, was toured and studied by medical professionals from across the country.

**New Millennium, New Opportunities**

In the 2000’s Saint Simeon’s was preparing for a decade that would see more expansion and facility upgrades than in all the previous 40 years combined.

The Health Care Center Courtyard was transformed with the addition of a water garden pool, bronze statue, new plantings, and two beautiful peacocks donated for the enjoyment of Saint Simeon’s residents. Other courtyards soon received makeovers as well.

In 2005, a “Great Room” was added to the Health Care Center, offering a beauty/barber shop and a spa-like bathing area, as well as audio, visual and physical stimulant areas. In 2009, a $23.3 million campaign to replace three wings with a new Assisted Living Center including 60 new apartments, a state-of-the-art Wellness Center, plus new activity, entertainment, and dining areas, was successfully completed.
Because of the generosity of Saint Simeon’s donors, the Dotson Assisted Living Center could be completed debt-free. The next year, 50 years after the home’s first four residents occupied them, the original A, B, and C wings were razed as part of the project. The last 10 years of the 2000’s have seen dynamic growth. Saint Simeon’s has continued to upgrade and improve, including the renovation of 5,300 square feet of communal living and dining areas in the Health Care Center known as the Bishops’ Plaza. Skilled Nursing covered by Medicare Part A has been added. Most recently, Saint Simeon’s has taken a leading role in Parkinson’s Disease care in Northeast Oklahoma. In 2019, Saint Simeon’s became the first Struthers Parkison’s Care Network – Certified Community in Oklahoma. A grant provided Parkinson’s-specific exercise equipment and, as a Struthers partner, staff receives specialized Parkinson’s training, undergoes performance audits, and maintains a specific standard of care unmatched in the area.

The Future Looks Bright
Today, we see the fruits of Dr. Eckel’s vision, his tenacity, and his heart for ministry every time we drive through the gates onto the beautiful campus at 3701 North Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Just as important, however, have been the generous gifts of our donors. A non-profit from the start, Saint Simeon’s is built on the belief that we can provide the best care at reasonable costs. Residents’ fees pay operating costs and generous contributions handle everything else. That’s what has made our history so successful... and it’s what we rely on for a bright future.
Tulsa is the second-largest city in the state of Oklahoma and 47th-most populous city in the United States. With a population of 401,190, an increase of 11,129 since the 2010 Census, it is the principal municipality of the Tulsa Metropolitan Area, a region with 991,005 residents.

When we say "the heart of Oklahoma", fine arts, culture and recreation is what we mean. Whether it's a stroll in the park, world class art, opera or just an escape to the zoo, the City has a lot to offer. These sections cover the many opportunities to learn and experience more about the spirit, culture and history of Tulsa. Tulsa is located along the Arkansas River in the northeast part of the state. It is a commercial, industrial, and cultural center for a large agricultural and oil-producing region. Many say it is “where the South meets the West”, mixing characteristics of a traditional, genteel and historic Southern city with the ruggedness, ambitions and appearances of the West.

Tulsa's cost of living is 16.8% lower than the U.S. average. May, October and September are the most pleasant months in Tulsa, while July and August are the least comfortable months. The median home cost in Tulsa is $118,700. Home appreciation the last 10 years has been 4.1%. Tulsa public schools spend $9,719 per student. The average school expenditure in the U.S. is $12,383. There are about 16.9 students per teacher in Tulsa. *

*Source: https://www.bestplaces.net/city/oklahoma/tulsa
The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma

The Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed was elected Bishop Co-Adjutor on Saturday, December 14, 2019 and on August 8, 2020, assumed leadership as the sixth Bishop of Oklahoma, a diocese that covers the entire state of Oklahoma. The Diocese of Oklahoma comprises 16,000 baptized members and approximately 150 resident clergy in its 68 congregations.

Outreach is a priority in Oklahoma. The Diocese has a long history of support in a variety of ministries throughout the state addressing the needs of people and communities. Ministries include feeding programs, after-school mentoring, mission camps, and a very active prison ministry.

Multi-cultural ministry is also a priority in the Diocese of Oklahoma. From the days of the Rev. David Pendleton Oakerhater, deacon and first Native American to be included in the Episcopal Church’s Calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, Oklahoma has inherited an active ministry to Native American in the state, primarily through Oakerhater Episcopal Indian Ministries Center in Watonga. In recent years Oklahoma has also assumed a leadership role in ministry to the growing Hispanic community in Oklahoma through Latino ministries at Santa María Virgen Mission in Southwest Oklahoma City, the fastest growing congregation in the diocese, and through the Latino Episcopal Community, Espíritu Santo Episcopal Church, Tulsa, OK.
There is a long tradition of effective youth work in the diocese. A diocesan summer camp program at St. Crispin's Conference Center provides nurturing, education, and fun for young people from grade three through high school. There are Episcopal schools throughout the diocese which serve children in preschool through high school.

Episcopal residential facilities for the elderly include Ardmore Village in Ardmore and St. Simeon's in Tulsa. Both of these facilities have undergone major expansion and renovations during the last few years. Each facility provides excellent care to the residents and their families.

The Diocese of Oklahoma is recognized nationally as a leader in the renewal of the diaconate and for its emphasis on the shared baptismal ministry of all Christians. Although young in years (celebrating its 80th anniversary as a diocese in 2017), it is one of the most financially sound dioceses in the country. Through prudent stewardship, it has been able to invest significantly in special ministries, including strong campus chaplaincies at five universities throughout the state.

The Diocese of Oklahoma seeks to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.
Submit all materials to: (electronic submission preferred)

- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- A copy of your updated OTM profile
- A “Letter of Interest” that highlights why you believe you may be called to serve as Chaplain at St. Simeon's Senior Living Community.
- Certificate of completion Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma
Attn: The Rev. Canon Eric Cooter
Canon to the Ordinary

Email: canoneric@epiok.org          Questions: 405/232-4820

Submissions will be within four (4) days of receipt.

Applications must be received by 10/25/2020

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