

Director: Briarwood Leadership Center

This position will report to the Board and the office of bishop of the NT-NL. The position will oversee the mission of the leadership center providing guidance and supervision to all Briarwood staff.

Position Summary: Provide innovative leadership for the leadership formation ministries of Briarwood Retreat Center and the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana (NT-NL) Synod (ELCA). This will be accomplished by growing, planning, and implementing with staff a coherent year-round program of Christian leadership formation. This programming will also engage the growing secular and academic areas of leadership study. The work of the leadership center will be local and global in nature and include oversight of program staff to develop age appropriate leadership formation events for youth (including oversight of summer camp and retreats), young adults, adult lay leaders, and clergy as well as the wider business, educational and secular leadership environment. The director will relate to various existing committees and organizations of NT-NL (ex. Coaching Team, Parish Lay Ministry Academy, Public Witness, World Hunger Team, Global Companion Synod Team, etc...) as well as ELCA Churchwide Units, Colleges/Universities, Seminaries, ecumenical partners, and educational/secular business partners. The director will relate to individuals/congregations of NT-NL as well as those impacted by the work of the center, working with the board to grow participation, investment, and financial support for the ministry.

What does this position entail?

Building on decades long investment into leadership formation programming at Briarwood, particularly camping and retreat ministry, the director will work with the board and the bishop of NT-NL to bring into reality a vision for a center for life-long leadership formation. This center will engage both existing relationships with faith communities and secular institutions as well as cultivate additional connections. The director will work with staff, synod leadership, and others to develop and maintain an ongoing program and curriculum for the Leadership Center that will establish it as a pre-eminent center for the development of leaders for the church and for the sake of God's world.

The ideal candidate will be/have?

- A Christian leader who supports the mission of the ELCA and Briarwood Retreat Center
- Experience that reflects the ability to create, direct, and supervise programming in faith formation and leadership development for all ages
- Ability to coach/train staff to implement quality programs, particularly for youth/young adults
- Entrepreneurial spirit, ability to connect and develop relationships, desire to build a ministry
- Demonstrated organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills
- Ability to both supervise others, work on a team, and cultivate accountability
- Strong work ethic, with the ability and willingness to work 5-6 days/week when needed and including weekends as needed, particularly for congregational visitation
- Ability to understand, monitor, and manage a program budget
- Skillful in public relations and marketing

Legal Requirements:

- Must have, or be able to obtain, certifications in CPR, first aid, and potential other certifications as well as maintain a valid Texas driver's license with an unrestricted driving record
- Must be willing to submit to criminal background checks

What compensation is offered?

- Competitive Salary and Benefits including housing (if desired) on Briarwood property
- Private office in new building with technological resources
- Personal use of the Briarwood facilities (i.e., swimming pool, hiking trails, etc.)
- A collegial and faith filled work environment with a strong sense of purpose and mission

Interested Parties: Submit Resume and Cover Letter to Bishop Erik K.J. Gronberg, NT-NL Synod, ELCA at BpGronberg@ntnl.org by October 19th