

# ★ The Episcopal Diocese of Texas

## Church Planter

**Reporting:** The position reports to the Canon for Mission Amplification, who serves on behalf of the Bishop Diocesan.

**Summary:** The planter is a spiritual leader to a city, town, or neighborhood to develop a worshipping community in the Episcopal tradition. The planter provides a bridge between their context and the Church, through evangelism, a ministry of presence, working to strengthen collaborative ties with neighborhood leaders, and participating in neighborhood activities.

### **Primary Tasks:**

1. Gather a community as a local expression of the Body of Christ for the purposes of discipleship formation, worship, and service.
2. Build relationships with persons and institutions of the local community
3. Provide meaningful worship, spiritual formation, and service for the unchurched in a specific context
4. Identify and equip leaders for ministry
5. Develop systems in a fellowship that will support movement towards mission status, as appropriate, with the eventual goal of parish status
6. Perform the administrative tasks required of the ministry, including goal setting and evaluative reports of ministry initiatives
7. Maintain ministry partnerships within the diocese and participate in diocesan life
8. Perform special projects and other duties as assigned

### **Required Knowledge Skills & Abilities:**

- Compelling spiritual life and a passion for the Gospel
- Ability to communicate the Gospel in ways that others find engaging and relevant
- Spiritual maturity, self-awareness, and authenticity
- Ability to lead, organize, and equip others in ministry
- Entrepreneurial leadership
- The ability to lead through change
- A willingness and ability to be vocationally flexible
- Ability to develop a good rapport with diverse groups
- Ability to work in collaboration with others
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to use social media tools to promote the ministry
- Professional accountability and transparency

### **Required Education & Experience:**

Ordination in the Episcopal Church or a Church in Communion with the Episcopal Church.

- MDiv or equivalent Masters Degree

- Demonstrated ability to gather community and start ministry
- Two or more years of leadership experience

**Environment:**

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas is currently recruiting church planters for the development of new faith communities in a variety of contexts. Applicants are encouraged to study the locations listed [here](#).

This is a full-time position with competitive salary and generous benefits. Relocation expenses are included where required. Please email an OTM portfolio and resume to [kjohnson@epicenter.org](mailto:kjohnson@epicenter.org).