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Intern for Children's Ministries

Katrina Paxson has applied for an intern position at CCUM in the area of Children's Ministries. She has been attending Christ Church and is in our handbell choir. She is attending Presbyterian Seminary and will be here during the fall and spring semesters. She will be assisting with Sunday School and TKD on Sunday mornings, helping with Psalm Kids on Wednesdays, meeting with the children's ministry team and attending retreats, outreach projects, etc. She will be working 15-18 hours each week for nine months. SPRC approved her position.

Director of Student Ministries

Ryan Young will be leaving CCUM in early July. Ryan has been working with the Search Committee that is chaired by Mark Ray. The committee received 33 applications for the position and after telephone interview with five candidates, held face to face interviews with three. They have recommended to Staff Parish that we extend an offer to Nathan Calvert and Staff Parish has agreed. The offer will be made with the next week.

Nathan has nine years of full-time experience as a youth minister. He holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown College and is half way through his master of divinity degree at Asbury Seminary. Nathan and his wife are currently living in Bloomington where his wife is completing her PhD work in clinical psychology and they have a young son, but they are anxious to locate in Louisville where they both have family.

Our youth have been very involved in this process. Representatives are serving on the Search Committee and Nathan taught a high school seminar and interacted with both our middle-school and high-school students during a snack supper and youth group meeting. Everyone was impressed by his outgoing nature, his sincere interest in students, his vision for growing the program and his ability to communicate effectively with both students and adults.

Nathan comes highly recommended and we hope we will be able to add him to our staff. He is interviewing with another church tomorrow, but we are hoping he will choose to come to us.

Director of Young Adult Ministries

Scott Keadle, Chairperson of the Search Committee, reports that they have held phone interviews with seven candidates and have selected two candidates to pursue at this time because of their experience with young adults. The other five have qualifications that seem to transfer well, but may not be specific to either Young Adults or work directly related to church employment. Face-to-face interviews are being scheduled.

Director of Communications

Travis and Elizabeth Doster are chairing this Search Committee. They received nearly 40 resumes. They have selected the top four candidates and scheduled time for interview with the committee. So far they have interviewed three of the four. The remaining candidate lives out of town and they are working on the logistics of making that interview happen. Of the three initial interviews, one candidate really stands out as the leader and a good fit.

THANK YOU TO ALL members of our Search Committees!