



ST. STEPHEN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

10TH STREET & CHEESEMAN AVENUE, SINKOR
P.O. BOX 277 – Monrovia, Liberia



With the imprimatur of the Bishop of Liberia, the St. Stephen Episcopal Parish, member of the Episcopal Church of Liberia, itself a part of the Anglican Church of the Province of West Africa (Anglican Communion) has begun the process of calling a rector and invites priests to register their interest in taking on the tasks attached to this office. SSEC is looking for a priest to serve God's people in performing a series of tasks, and not just hold a portfolio.

The St. Stephen Episcopal Church (SSEC) began in the early 1950s as an outreach of the St. Thomas Parish on Camp Johnson Road. The edifice is located on 10th Street, Sinkor & Cheeseman Avenue in one of the primary commercial and residential centers of the City of Monrovia. It is situated on one-half acre close to the Country's coastal beaches. It is within a few blocks of Capitol Hill, several banking institutions, supermarkets, hardware stores, high end hotels, car dealerships, and other educational establishments, including the University of Liberia. SSEC is looking for a priest to identify opportunities for mission in this urban locale, and good at networking to this effect.

With two clergy (a curate and a priest) and a team of 15 dedicated staff (including Security personnel) who are supervised by a parish administrator, this robust administrative structure is superintended by the Rector, Wardens and Vestry. SSEC is looking for someone with interpersonal, team-playing skills and deft in managing people, and crises.

The church's compound includes a rectory, multipurpose hall, administrative offices, library, vestry room etc., a generator house and a storage facility. Additionally, it has a parking lot and a well-manicured yard. The entire complex is enclosed and exhibits the hard work and pride of its dedicated members. SSEC is looking for a priest able to ensure these facilities are managed and utilized well for mission purposes.

In 2012, the Church adopted a Strategic Plan affirming as its mission and overall objective: *Winning souls for Christ through worshipping, preaching, teaching, discovering, and using our talents in helping each member grow spiritually; thereby, fostering Christian love and fellowship by sharing, caring, and serving those in need, the community, and the nation*".

The important components of the Strategic Plan were:

1. To retain or increase membership.
2. To increase active membership by 20% annually.
3. To significantly increase the Church's intake each year and subsequently increase the Church's income by at least 25% annually.
4. To expand the Church's scope of evangelism.

SSEC is looking for a priest who will use his or her strengths in ministry to assist the congregation to further or expand these aspirations.

The Church has about two thousand members, one fourth of whom are active and devoted parishioners that exuberate warmth and love among each other in fulfillment of the church's goal.

This makes our Church a wonderful place to congregate for worship. With an average Sunday

intake of 370 persons, nearly 50% are youths. The parish is accustomed to Anglo-catholic worship, values pastoral visitations, and takes equally great interest in a delivery of the word that is inspiring, scriptural, and impactful. Services are broadcasted via radio and online (Facebook). SSEC is looking for a priest with a deep pastoral interest, an appreciation of her worship style, a good communicator and teacher within the Anglican tradition.

The core organizations of the Church are the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Men, Women and Youth Fellowship. The Children's Ministry (Sunday School) is among the largest in the Diocese and presents an awesome opportunity for Christian formation. In furtherance of forming close bonds among members, an annual Family Day and Walk event is hosted by the men of the Church, an Easter Luncheon is held by the women, and the church hosts an annual Patronal Festival in December. While church activities are mostly organized by experienced and dedicated members, the clergy provide supervision. As part of its evangelism, the Church currently has All Saints Episcopal Church, Old Road, Congo Town, and St. Jude Episcopal Church, Back Bush, Arthington, Montserrado County. SSEC is looking for a priest with flexibility in his leadership style who is able to lead in a way that allows the potential of others to flourish. It may require leading from the back, and at other times, stepping forward when circumstances require it.

The current major sources for financing the ministries of the Church are tithes and pledges. Funds of the Church are used only for the objectives and purposes of furthering the mission of the Church. The Church owns half an acre of land on 9th Street in Sinkor, 100 acres in Gbarpolu County, 15 acres in Back Bush, Arthington, Montserrado County; one-fourth acre on 13th Street in Sinkor. SSEC is seeking leadership in the management and development of these assets for the mission of the Church.

SSEC seeks a priest who is proclaiming by word and example the gospel of Jesus Christ, fashioning his or her life in accordance with its precepts; serving people among whom one works; caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor; who roots oneself in the scriptures and perseveres in prayer (both private and public).

Interested candidates must be qualified per the Canons of the Episcopal Church of Liberia, and submit via both media below, a resume in a sealed envelope as an expression of interest, with a photograph.

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and deliver to St. Stephen Episcopal Church
10th Street & Cheeseman Avenue, Sinkor
P. O. Box 277, Monrovia, Liberia
Attention: The Administrator
Subject: Rector SSEC

Deadline for receipt of applications is September 30, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.,

Signed:

Bro. Debar W. Allen
Senior Warden

Approved:

Rev. Canon Dr. Herman B. Browne
Priest in Charge