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## Job

### St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church

at Vicar	
Location	Philadelphia
Date Posted	March 18, 2024
Category	<a href="#">Pennsylvania (Jane Gober)</a>
Job Type	<a href="#">Full Time</a>
Setting	Urban
Compensation	92,557
Diocesan Compensation Info	<a href="https://diopa.org/uploads/attachments/clt3iy0q4ao9l7iqsxc3v2idu-2024-compensation-guidelines-converted.pdf">https://diopa.org/uploads/attachments/clt3iy0q4ao9l7iqsxc3v2idu-2024-compensation-guidelines-converted.pdf</a>
Health Benefits	Clergy Only
Housing	None
Is there a rectory?	No
Equity Allowance	No
Communicants in Good Standing	139
Average Sunday Attendance	39
Child Population in Church School	This is an Acts 2 congregation whose priest is a part of the diocesan staff, is appointed by the Bishop, and is compensated directly by the Diocese.
Budget	73,000

## Description

### Additional comments re: compensation, benefits and housing.

The congregation hopes that their vicar will live within 20 minutes of the congregation.

### Liturgical style and practice

Our liturgy is warm and friendly, reflecting a liturgical center practice, using primarily the BCP, as well as Spanish liturgy elements.

The music is primarily from the authorized hymnals.

### Strengths

St. Gabriel's is a small, highly diverse mission congregation located at Front Street and Roosevelt Boulevard in lower northeast Philadelphia. Here the Gospel is preached and learned and shared and lived. We carry Jesus with us as we

leave the space to go into the community. We desire a Vicar who will walk with us and empower us in all aspects of our ministry to the community and parish. We provide spiritual nourishment to this rich zone of human and holy resources in partnership with city and suburban congregations, as well as by our ad hoc participation in civic coalitions. St. Gabriel's is only alive because of our vital engagement with our neighbors in this connected, holy space. Many city and suburban Episcopal congregations join with us in this ministry.

- As a parish that is situated in the ever-changing North Philly landscape, we are dedicated to being comfortable on the streets, learning on our feet, and responding flexibly to transitioning and complicated contexts.
- We are committed to our flourishing diversity and are always looking to learn and grow through anti-racist teaching, care, advocacy, and programming.
- We are formed and shaped by collaborative mutual ministry from every person in our midst, and we highly value working as a team that discerns our next steps together.

## Challenges

Inner city ministry is both challenging and rewarding. While the Christian church has certainly not left the inner city, mainline protestant denominations are not well represented. Saint Gabriel's is an unusual Episcopal mission congregation. We are a bridge, rare in our continuing impact in the community for many decades, in our diversity, in the love of our members for one another, in our networked connections with suburban parishes, and in our core of active members ready to support a vicar in our ministry. Raw Christian community like this is liberating and daunting at the same time.

## Comments

All applicants must be bi-lingual (Spanish and English), and comfortable in an urban setting with all its realities, including persons experiencing homelessness, the drug epidemic, and gun violence.

We hope for a priest who

- desires to focus on this ministry in this community
- easy to talk to
- collaborates
- preaches well
- has street smarts
- is attentive to the needs of the physical plant
- addresses problems straightforwardly
- is a healing presence.

## Contact Information

All interested persons should send a resume', OtM profile and letter of interest to the Reverend Canon Jane Gober, Office of Transitions, Diocese of Pennsylvania. [jgober@diopa.org](mailto:jgober@diopa.org)

Anyone with questions about this ministry should also contact Canon Gober.