

**Priest-in-Partnership
Position Description
Christ Episcopal Church, Montpelier, Vermont**

The major goal of the Priest-in-Partnership's ministry is to assist the congregation in deepening its call to baptismal ministry. To this end, the Priest-in-Partnership and the Vestry shall:

- Research community needs, have intentional conversations with our neighbors, and use that information to generate how we use our space and what forms of outreach might best meet those needs.
- Collaborate with Partners for Sacred Places to evaluate the feasibility of a capital campaign to upgrade and restore our buildings and grounds -- especially our courtyard (the community sanctuary without walls), the Northwest Corner, and the Bell Tower -- to enhance opportunities for ministry.
- Incorporate transformative moments into worship services on a regular basis. Expand our music program with periodic concerts and new music. Explore a variety of liturgies.
- Develop a consistent and welcoming process of hospitality.
- Empower mutual ministry for pastoral care through support and encouragement of our newly formed pastoral care team.
- Use flexible ministry teams as centers of creativity, to address specific issues or concerns, long range planning, etc. (Recent examples of flexible ministry teams are the small group that researched the district heating project, and the community life focus group.)
- Maintain a lively connection with the diocese, for mutual support, learning and enrichment.

Extend Christian formation opportunities – youth and families ministry, book study groups, Bible study, vestry retreats, choir retreats, worship committee retreats, silent retreats, youth community service projects, interfaith youth projects, mission trips.

This position description is an adaptation of the description for a Priest-in-Charge, as found in the canons of The Episcopal Church under Canon III.9, Sec. 5.