
Job Description for Storyteller Internship

Job Summary

Working under the direction of the Executive Director of Shannondale Ministries, the Storyteller will curate and renew the story told in the Froeschner Nature Center at Shannondale so that the Center becomes a resource for learning about rural poverty in the Ozarks and the economic justice emphasis of Shannondale's ministry. The primary focus is the renewed presentation of the existing museum materials, as well as capturing the stories of the local artisans and other community members whose lives are impacted by Shannondale's ministries today.

Essential Functions:

- Assess and archive/curate the one-room Froeschner Nature Center collection, presenting Shannondale's history of and impact for economic justice in the Ozarks.
- Identify opportunities to add to the collection through interviews, records, art projects, photography, etc., as appropriate.
- Interact with volunteers, artisans, and customers at Wobus Craft Center, learning the stories of the people and place.
- Occasional volunteering in the Craft Center.
- Stipend is provided through a grant from UCC's Office of Volunteer Ministries. Storyteller will work with Shannondale's Executive Director to complete grant reporting requirements at the end of the summer.

Core Competencies:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to organize and present information clearly and creatively.
- Ability to work independently, with self-directed time management and project management.
- Cultural competence: Ability to interact and connect with a diverse array of people, navigating relationships with people of varied political, socio-economic, and faith backgrounds.
- Comfortable living in a remote area; nearest towns are 25-30 minutes away.
- Storyteller not required to profess Christian faith or hold membership in a UCC church, but must demonstrate respect for and understanding of progressive Christianity and be willing to work in a faith-based setting.

Benefits:

- **Hours and Compensation**
 - This position will be full-time/seasonal for the summer. Precise start and end dates are negotiable, but approximately 2.5 months is expected.
 - Compensation: \$2500 stipend, plus on-site housing provided at Shannondale.
 - Will be paid biweekly.
- **Vacation and Paid Time Off**
 - Vacation and Paid Time Off is allocated according to the Conference Personnel Manual and Policies.
- **Accountability**
 - A background check will be made as detailed in the Conference Personnel Manual and Policies.

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- An evaluation will be conducted by the Conference Minister or appropriate supervisor at the end of the summer.
 - The processes of resignation and termination are outlined in the Conference Personnel Manual and Policies.

Application Process:

Questions about the internship should be directed to Rev. Mary Nelson, Transitional Conference Minister, and Nate Fulk, Executive Director at Shannondale: Mary@mmsucc.org and Nathan@mmsucc.org

Applications for this internship will be received through the national setting of the United Church of Christ's online portal.