MARITIME CHAPLAIN – INTERNATIONAL SEAFARERS’ CENTER (PORT NEWARK, NJ)

The Seamen’s Church Institute (SCI) is North America’s largest mariners’ service agency with an annual operating budget in excess of $6 million. Founded in 1834, SCI provides pastoral care services, maritime education and training, and mariner advocacy for the workers who transport billions of tons of cargo each year across the world’s oceans and along our nation’s inland waterways.

Summary

Maritime Chaplains based at SCI’s International Seafarers’ Center provide direct pastoral care to international seafarers and port workers in the Port of New York & New Jersey, and report to the ISC Director. This is a full-time position, and the Chaplains provide services Monday through Friday.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Visit docked commercial ships within the port to provide pastoral care to seafarers, offering practical, emotional and social support, and assistance where appropriate
- Deliver Christmas at Sea knit gift packages or Shop at Sea items during ship visits
- Provide hospitality and transportation services from the ISC when needed
- Conform with all safety and security protocols required by the U.S. Coast Guard, CBP, shipping company policies, and SCI’s internal policies
- Other duties as assigned

Requirements

- Ordination as a Priest or Deacon in the Episcopal Church preferred or other mainline denomination required. Clinical Pastoral Education, military, maritime, or hospital chaplaincy is helpful, as is work experience in the maritime industry
- Valid, clean driver’s license
- Possession of a US Transportation Worker Identity Credential (TWIC) card, or the ability to obtain one
- The ability to use a gangway to embark and disembark ships docked at port in varied weather conditions, and lift and carry packages up to 30 lbs
- Candidates must relocate or reside within one (1) hour of the Port Newark location.

SCI Chaplains are required to abide by the International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA) Code of Conduct:

- Show an unconditional love to the mariner as a human being, created in the image of God, and a sincere respect for his or her personal values and beliefs
- Fight prejudice, intolerance, and injustice of any kind
- Respect the loyalty of those engaged in maritime ministry to their particular ecclesiastical discipline and tradition and refrain from proselytizing mariners
- Co-operate with persons, organizations, and institutions, Christian or non-Christian, which work for the welfare of mariners

The International Seafarers’ Center, located at 118 Export Street, Port Newark, NJ 07114, is most easily accessible by car.

SCI offers a competitive salary, generous paid leave, comprehensive and affordable insurance options, and a retirement plan. The salary range for this position is $55,000 to $70,000 based on education, experience and skills, plus benefits.

Electronic applications only. Qualified candidates, please email your resume and cover letter to HR@seamenschurch.org

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