

ALBANY UU SERVICE OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Service Opportunity Name/Title: Growth Through Service Leadership Team

Service Opportunity Brief Description:

The Growth Through Service (GTS) Leadership Team is responsible for overseeing the creation of a new culture at Albany UU around volunteering. They work with team members to alter the perception of what it means to volunteer here, discouraging the discredited concept that people can be cajoled or persuaded to take on volunteer jobs, and, instead introducing the concept that people take on a volunteer job because they find it rewarding in some way. And that before asking someone to volunteer for a particular task, the asker needs to determine whether that person is likely to find the job rewarding in some way. For instance it may be that the person will find in the job provides a welcome challenge, a sense of satisfaction, the joy of working closely with others, or maybe the satisfaction of working to bring about something they care deeply about.

Service Opportunity Detailed Description:

The Leadership Team of three meets monthly and consults by email and phone in between meetings. The leadership Team oversees the Conversation Leaders in their quest to have conversations with every member of the congregation at least once every two years. The GTS Leadership Team runs the meetings of the conversation leaders, which take place approximately 4 times per year.

The leadership Team is responsible for coordinating the creation of Service Opportunity Descriptions for every volunteer position at Albany UU, to edit them for consistency, to have them put up on the AlbanyUU website, and to update them as necessary.

Length of Service Commitment: 2 years

This opportunity will enable you to exercise your leadership skills in inspiring others to spread the word about how volunteering at Albany UU is approached differently than at other organizations that rely on volunteers, and that the spiritual needs, hopes for personal growth, and ambitions of the potential volunteers are taken seriously. Working closely with others who are enthusiastic about the concepts behind GTS is a reward in itself.

Skills Needed:

All leaders must have good interpersonal skills and leadership skills. At least one of the leaders must be comfortable working with a GoogleDocs spreadsheet to track conversations. At least one of the leaders must have good editing skills.

Training, assistance, and safety requirements:

The current two leaders are experienced in this job and are happy to help and support new Conversation Leaders who join the team.

Number of positions available: 3

Key words: write, computer skills