# Diocese of Eastern Oregon **Communications Specialist**

### **Position Description**

Title: Communications Specialist

Pay Range: TBD Depending on Experience

Status: Part-time; 20 hours per week

FLSA Classification: Nonexempt

### I. Position Summary

The Communications Specialist enthusiastically promotes the mission and ministry of EDEO and its congregations. He/she is responsible for the development and/or updating of print and electronic communications materials, consistent with the organization's mission, values, and guiding principles. S/he ensures that they are clear, timely, visually appealing, effective in achieving the intended purpose, and consistent with the organization's desired branding.

## **II. Key Relationships**

The Communications Specialist reports to the Bishop and works as part of the administrative team. S/he works collaboratively with all staff members. S/he also interacts with people across the Diocese regarding print/electronic content and use of media.

#### **III. Essential Functions**

The Communications Specialist creates a consistent "brand," clear messaging, and effective design, with specific responsibility for the following activities:

- Gathers, produces and edits weekly updates for the websites in partnership with website manager.
- Makes effective use of social media to engage people and keep them informed.
- Serves as the editor of print media, which includes writing original content, creating/identifying graphics and photos, and editing content submitted by others.
- Solicits content from, and provides related feedback to, people across the Diocese.
- Assist with designs for special projects and events.
- Creates brochures, posters, etc. for Ascension School and Diocesan events.
- Advises the Bishop and Diocese on press matters and the parishes regarding use of media.
- Helps Parishes develop communication strategies.
- Attends key diocesan meetings and events and reports on them
- Write press releases for parish or diocesan news or events
- Promotes a network of communicators in the diocese and is part of the TEC Communicators Network
  - Manages and reports on Communications budget.

This position description is subject to change based on organizational needs.

### **IV. Other Functions**

The Communication Specialist also performs other duties as needed to support Diocesan Office operations.

### V. Position Specifications

At least three years of responsible experience in communications, journalism, or related field, especially in a religious or other nonprofit organization is preferred.

To best serve EDEO the Communications Coordinator must be, or be willing to become, knowledgeable about the organization's mission, programs, services, and activities. S/he must also be committed to the organizational values, faithfulness to the Episcopal Ethos, quality service, clarity of purpose, a welcoming environment, and sense of community.

In order to be successful in this position, s/he must demonstrate the following competencies:

- The ability to speak and write in a clear, concise, and convincing manner for the intended audience, using standard English.
- Intermediate to advanced knowledge/skill using Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Cloud, and website applications, with the capability to master other computer programs.
- Proficiency with social media.
- Talent with regard to original writing and graphic design.
- Exceptional planning and organizational skills, and a strong ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks.
- A personable and friendly attitude, with a strong sense of professionalism, collaboration, and client service.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in challenging situations.

## **VI. Working Conditions and Environment**

This position requires the ability to see, sit for long periods, and sufficient manual dexterity to write and use typical office equipment on a regular basis. It requires the ability to occasionally stoop, bend, reach, and lift items weighing no more than 35 pounds.

Please send resume and cover letter to EDEO, PO Box 236, Cove, OR 97824 or email to diocese@episdioeo.org by July 31st

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