Coastal and Environmental Justice Organizer
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Organization: Georgia Interfaith Power and Light is a state affiliate of National Interfaith Power and Light. GIPL inspires and equips communities of faith in the stewardship of Creation as a direct expression of our faithfulness and as a religious response to global climate change, resource depletion, environmental injustice, pollution, and other disruptions in Creation.

Responsibilities: Under the supervision of the Executive Director, the Coastal and Environmental Justice Organizer will work to build GIPL’s constituency and to maintain relationships primarily with congregations in Coastal Georgia, as well as those located in other parts of the state as appropriate. Specifically, the Coastal Engagement Associate will have the following responsibilities:

● Coordinate efforts for outreach to congregations and faith community along Georgia’s coast
● Establish and maintain relationships with denominational structures representing coastal congregations
● Represent GIPL to the public in ways that encourage people of faith to engage in sustainability and environmental justice initiatives within the community
● Support and promote existing environmental education workshops while also developing educational curriculum and events specific to the needs of coastal congregations
● Teach, preach, and speak in regional faith communities, clergy gatherings, and interfaith groups about environmental justice, climate change, conservation, and the need to utilize renewable energy sources and sustainable practices
● Develop and maintain relationships with local, state, and federal elected officials and other stakeholder across Georgia’s coastal communities in conjunction with other GIPL staff members
● Support existing coastal programming, including those related to: Green Team Coaching, protecting the Okefenokee Swamp, Disaster Preparedness programs, and Superfund sites, Savannah’s 100% Clean Energy Plan, etc.
● Assist in developing and promoting both a short-term and long-term strategy for disaster preparedness and resilience for coastal congregations
● Contribute to GIPL’s online presence through content development in the form of videos, interviews, blog posts, and related content creation

Qualifications:
● Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science degree (or equivalent) required; theological/religious training preferred
• Passion for environmental justice, combatting the effects of climate change, air and water quality, clean energy issues, coastal resilience/disaster preparedness, conservation, etc.
• Proven self-starter with the ability to work remotely
• Experience working in faith communities, experience as a congregational leader, or direct experience in the non-profit sector preferred
• Proven communication abilities, excellent writing abilities, and skills in public speaking
• Someone who is a resident of Georgia’s coast, or has extensive experience working with coastal communities is preferred
• Experience in community organizing, grassroots mobilizing, or public policy
• The ability to effectively navigate basic computer skills and an ability to learn database management

Salary and Benefits

This is a full-time position, and will require work some evenings and weekends for event support. Regular travel, especially along Georgia’s coast, is expected. Salary for this position ranges between $40,000 - $52,000 based on experience. This position includes 10 days paid vacation (pro-rata in the first year) and 5 paid days of sick leave. GIPL also offers a competitive benefits package, including insurance, retirement, and cell phone/internet reimbursements.

Georgia Interfaith Power and Light values a diverse workforce and an inclusive culture. People who identify as BIPOC and/or members of the LGBTQ+ community are encouraged to apply.

Submit resumes electronically to:

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