

Park Street Church
Director of the Wilson House
Job Description

OVERVIEW

Park Street Church (“PSC”), founded in 1809, is a large, historic church in downtown Boston. We are a diverse community of people whose mission is to make disciples of Jesus who become like him together. We believe and are united by the good news that Jesus is Lord. Our common life together is fueled by the joy that God has been so good to sinful and broken people like us, bringing us forgiveness, healing, and salvation—new life! Our response to God’s gift is to follow Jesus on the way of the cross, the way of love. This means that our life together consists of growing in loving God, loving one another, and loving our neighbors, and we regularly feed upon the word of God, the Bible, to inform and guide us in this way of love. We are committed to life-giving biblical proclamation, to transformative relationships with one another across the diverse generations and ethnicities that are found in our community, and to faithful worship of the triune God. Our mission and life are shaped by our location in the heart of the city of Boston and by a longtime passion for mission across the world.

Our staff are committed to serving one another as we serve Christ and to growing to greater maturity in Jesus. We meet weekly for a time of prayer and engagement in the Scripture. In our teammates we value godliness, collaboration, excellence, courage, and a commitment to healthy relationships.

The Director of the Wilson House (or Directors—we are open to a married couple in this role) oversees the college student ministry house of Park Street Church as well as the college ministry lunch that occurs after the 11:00 AM service on Sundays. The Wilson House (the “House”) is located at 1626 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA, very near Harvard Square. The occupancy of the House, apart from the Director and his/her family, is approximately ten persons. The Director and his or her family resides in the second-floor apartment at the House. Compensation is in the form of rent-free accommodations. The expected time commitment for this role is approximately 15 hours/wk.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Director of the Wilson House will report directly to the Minister of Discipleship but will also work closely with the Minister to Youth in the execution of day-to-day duties.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develops and executes activities for campus outreach at the Wilson House.
- Partners with local universities, campus ministries, and other organizations when possible, enabling the House to be a center for ministry to students.
- Selects qualified residents in close consultation with the Minister of Discipleship and/or Minister to Youth.
- Ensures residents are well-oriented to the house, community, life in Boston, and their commitment to attend and join PSC.

- Facilitates healthy community in the House by:
 - › Mentoring residents towards Christian maturity and equipping them for ministry to students. Being aware of the spiritual, emotional, and physical health of residents and providing informal counseling and ongoing discipleship.
 - › Encouraging sharing, mutual support, and accountability among residents, and modeling and promoting godly resolution of conflict.
 - › Coordinating house activities such as dinners, house devotions, faith-based gatherings/seminars, outings, workdays, retreats, and other activities. Assigns residents responsibilities (to care for the facilities and living areas) and holds them accountable.
- Coordinates needed repairs with PSC's Director of Facilities. Manages the House fund.
- Oversees and coordinates the post-11a service college lunch at Park Street Church.
- Partners with the Van Baay House Director(s) (residence for international students that is connected to the Wilson House) to ensure good communication and collaboration between the two houses.
- Meets regularly with the Minister of Discipleship and Minister to Youth.

REQUIREMENTS

It is a requirement for this position that the Director of the Wilson House will signify agreement with Park Street Church's Covenant of Faith and Confession of Faith and all church policies and become a member of the church as soon as possible within the first year of service.

QUALIFICATIONS

Faith:

The Director of the Wilson House requires a person with a strong faith which is recognized as consistent with the Statement of Faith of Park Street Church. The Director of the Wilson House must be comfortable with Reformed theology, which is the historic perspective of the church and the predominant perspective of our staff, but also irenic toward other responsible Evangelical viewpoints.

Education:

The ideal candidate for Director of the Wilson House should have, or be on track to complete, a master-level degree from a well-regarded institution. This person must be able to engage at a deep level intellectually to effectively address the questions of college students. A Master of Divinity, or equivalent, is desirable but not required.

Experience:

The position of Director requires a deep love for college students and experience relevant to ministry to and among students. The Director should have a willingness and desire to be involved in student events and campus activities, as well as experience with and understanding of the challenges and rewards of community living. Strong candidates will have a well-rounded set of skills in counseling, administration, and ministry. Candidates with a history of effective discipleship are preferred.

The ideal candidate should have a familiarity with student culture, challenges, and contemporary issues facing college students.

Personal:

The Director of the Wilson House must have a warm and infectious devotion to Christ that is exemplified by obedience to the Word of God and a life of prayer. The Director should be someone who models a loving, Christ-centered family and the pursuit of personal holiness. This position also requires someone who is blessed with strong pastoral, administrative, and interpersonal skills. An approachable and humble spirit must be evident in the candidate as well.

Technological:

The Director of the Wilson House must have strong technical and computer skills, showing skill and comfort in Microsoft Office 365 and related products. The candidate must also be able to navigate, utilize, and train others in our online church community platform.

To apply, please send a resume to whdirector@parkstreet.org

First round of applications will be reviewed on May 15.