

Dear Candidate:

St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Portland, Maine is a liturgy-loving, Bible-teaching worship community serving Christ and welcoming neighbors with faith, love, and joy. Located in the East Deering section of Portland, St. Peter's was established over one hundred years ago as part of then Bishop Codman's plan to extend the Episcopal Church's presence beyond the peninsula of Portland into the recently annexed town of East Deering, home to the newly built Grand Trunk Railroad terminus. Today, East Deering is experiencing renewed residential and commercial growth due in part to its proximity to waterfront, parks, schools, and Portland's creative arts, theaters, and restaurants.

The Mission Statement St Peter's Episcopal Church in Portland, Maine remains:

“To all who are lonely and in need of friendship  
To all who mourn and are in need of comfort  
To all who love God and want to praise him  
To all who need prayer and want someone to pray with them  
To all who sin and long to know their Savior  
Saint Peter's Church opens wide its doors and hearts and welcomes you  
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior”

St. Peter's is blessed with a physical campus consisting of a classic century old stone (like its namesake) church building surrounded by generous lawns and gardens, an adjacent administrative building with an upstairs residential rental unit, and a rectory located opposite the church on Washington Avenue. These facilities (pre-Corona virus) are used by folks of differing worship styles and credos, by non-profit organizations, and by neighborhood groups. The parish itself consists of loving worshipers who believe Christ's love is for all.

The future St. Peter's will create an enhanced online and technological presence, while simultaneously re-building into its resurgent surrounding physical community. The goal for St. Peter's includes securing the assistance of a half-time Priest In Charge to guide the parish in the right use of the parish's collective time, talent, and treasure to create an enhanced spiritual physical and technological presence within the Greater Portland Community. The specifics of some of that work will include preaching God's word, enhancing our growth, and coordinating spiritual life at St. Peter's among assisting and supply priests, the greater worship community, neighbors, vestry and, of course, parishioners. Please see the accompanying documents for more information and details on how to apply.

If the life, ministry and hopes of St. Peter's call to you, we would love to hear from you. Blessings as you search for your next ministry, wherever it may take you.

The Wardens and Vestry of St. Peter's