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JOB POSTING: DIRECTOR OF UNITED CHURCH STUDIES

In anticipation of the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Alyson Huntly, Montreal Diocesan Theological College—widely known simply as Dio—seeks to appoint a new Director of United Church Studies, to begin in the summer of 2024.

Following the integration of the United Theological College in 2021 and 2022, Dio is an ecumenical institution that is recognized by the United Church of Canada to grant *testamur* to candidates for ordination. The college works closely with our ecumenical partners in the Montreal School of Theology and McGill University to prepare people for faithful and creative ministry in the church and the world.

The mandate of the Director of United Church Studies is to lead United Church educational programming and contribute to the maintenance and deepening of a United Church ethos within an ecumenical institution. The Director works closely with the Principal to oversee the education and formation for ministry of students preparing for ministry in the United Church of Canada.

Key responsibilities for the Director of United Church Studies include:

- Teach courses to students in line with the post-holder's areas of expertise, with a particular focus on subjects related to the ministry and mission of the church.
- Work with the Director of Field Education in the successful planning and delivery of field placements for United Church students.
- Support students in vocational discernment process in the United Church of Canada.
- In conjunction with the principal, serve as a liaison with the United Church of Canada's General Council Office and Office of Vocation to ensure the college maintains its status as a *testamur*-granting institution.
- Engage with the application and admission process for prospective students from a United Church background, including reviewing student files and interviewing applicants as needed.
- Offer academic advising and oversight of student progress for United Church students in the Master of Divinity and Diploma in Ministry programs, as well as other programs leading to *testamur*.
- Support students in planning, leading, and evaluating United Church worship.
- Be an active member of the college's worshipping life and take a regular turn on all college worship rota.
- Contribute to the life of engaged reflection on the church and its ministry that is characteristic of the college.

The college is looking for a person who:

- Has an earned doctorate (Ph.D., Th.D., D.Min. or equivalent) in a field of study related to our work, or equivalent experience.
- Has experience teaching in theological education, particularly of adult and mature students, in a variety of formats (in-person, online, intensive, etc.)
- Has experience fostering belonging and inclusion in inter-cultural contexts.
- Is committed to a flourishing ecumenical environment for theological education
- Can be a pastoral, supportive, challenging, and energizing presence in our community.
- Is able to support candidates for ministry in either English or French.

In addition, it is desirable that the person:

- Have a graduate degree in theology, such as a M.Div., MTS, STM, or equivalent from a theological college.
- Be ministry personnel in the United Church of Canada.
- Be able to teach courses related to the history, theology, worship, or polity of the United Church of Canada.

This position is currently at 0.6 FTE. Our hope is to be able to increase this position to 0.8 FTE pending further financial review but this is not guaranteed.

The position is open from 1 August 2024. The period of appointment is to be negotiated with the candidate.

A complete application includes a cover letter, CV, and the names and contact details of three references, at least one of whom can speak to the applicant's teaching and academic background and one of whom can speak to the applicant's ecclesial experience. A review of applications will begin on 11 March 2024 and continue until the position is filled. Complete applications may be sent to info@montrealdio.ca.

The successful candidate must be legally authorized to work in Canada or eligible for a work permit or for a work permit exemption under R186(I).

For more information or an informal conversation about the position, please contact the Rev. Dr. Jesse Zink, principal of the college, at jessezink@montrealdio.ca or 514.849.3004 x222.