

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY · Harris Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Camden, NJ

Director of Community Engagement

Senior volunteer leadership role · Unpaid

See the Light · Be the Light · Share the Light

Our Mission: To develop and sustain community partnerships that extend the love and presence of Harris Temple into Camden and beyond.

POSITION OVERVIEW

Harris Temple A.M.E. Zion Church is seeking a mission-driven, experienced leader to serve as our first Director of Community Engagement. This is a senior volunteer leadership role designed for an individual with a proven track record in community organizing, nonprofit partnerships, or public service who is passionate about the holistic flourishing of Camden and its surrounding communities.

The Director of Community Engagement will serve as a strategic bridge between Harris Temple and the broader community — identifying partnership opportunities, building lasting relationships with local organizations, and coordinating initiatives that align with our mission to See the Light, Be the Light, and Share the Light.

ROLE AT A GLANCE

Position type

Volunteer (unpaid)

Level

Senior / leadership

Reports to

Rev. Lauren Williams, Pastor

Location

Harris Temple A.M.E. Zion, Camden, NJ

Time commitment

Approx. 8–12 hours per month

Background check

Required

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Partnership development

- Identify, cultivate, and maintain relationships with local nonprofits, schools, civic organizations, businesses, and government agencies
- Represent Harris Temple at community meetings, coalition tables, and public events
- Negotiate and formalize partnership agreements, MOUs, and collaborative initiatives
- Expand the church's network of community partners to address needs in Camden and surrounding areas

Program and initiative coordination

- Develop and oversee community engagement programs aligned with the church's mission
- Collaborate with ministry leaders to connect church programming with community needs
- Coordinate volunteer mobilization efforts for community-facing initiatives
- Track and report on the impact of community engagement activities

Strategy and leadership

- Develop a multi-year community engagement strategy in partnership with pastoral leadership
- Advise the Pastor and leadership team on community trends, needs, and opportunities
- Lead and mentor a team of community engagement volunteers

- Identify grant and funding opportunities to support community programming

QUALIFICATIONS

Required

- Minimum 5 years of experience in community organizing, nonprofit leadership, social services, public administration, or a related field
- Demonstrated track record of building and sustaining community partnerships
- Strong interpersonal and relationship-building skills across diverse communities
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Experience leading teams or volunteers in a collaborative environment
- Alignment with the mission and values of Harris Temple A.M.E. Zion Church
- Active Christian faith and commitment to Kingdom-centered community service

Preferred

- Deep knowledge of the Camden, NJ community and regional landscape
- Experience in grant writing or resource development
- Existing relationships with local organizations, government, or civic leaders
- Background in faith-based community development or ministry
- Bachelor's or advanced degree in social work, public administration, divinity, or a related field

WHAT WE OFFER

- The opportunity to help shape Harris Temple's community presence at a pivotal moment in our growth
- A collaborative, mission-driven leadership team
- Meaningful impact in the City of Camden and surrounding communities
- Leadership development and professional networking opportunities
- A spiritual home that values service, excellence, and the next generation

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