



## Position Description for Port Newark Chaplain

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The **Port Newark Chaplain** provides direct pastoral care to seafarers via ship visits, van transportation and site hospitality; mentors interns; and coordinates tri-state church relations outreach. This full-time position for an Episcopal Church ordained minister reports to SCI's Port Newark Center Director.

In particular, the Port Newark Chaplain:

- Visits ships and other port vessels to provide pastoral care, spiritual/humanitarian support, worship upon request, telecommunications support, and transportation of seafarers to SCI's hospitality center and nearby shopping venues;
- Mentors chaplaincy interns, field education students, and volunteer ship visitors;
- Strengthens ongoing ministry protocols with other port chaplains, including emergency on-call coverage, travel to accident/fatality sites, disaster planning with port officials, and consultation with SCI's Center for Seafarers' Rights (CSR) in suspected cases of seafarer maltreatment;
- Collaborates with CSR to maintain strong ties with port officials, the US Coast Guard, terminal officials and security staff regarding SCI access to ships, seafarer shore leave, SCI's presence in the greater port community, and chaplains' compliance with port security requirements;
- Represents SCI upon request at tri-state maritime industry events, including networking, dinner invocations, and presentations on SCI's ministry;
- Participates in ongoing SCI church outreach visits, and champions SCI's Mariner Friendly Church initiative with related recruitment of volunteers and potential donors;
- Harnesses social media outreach and thought-leadership articles to connect SCI with seafarers, donors and churches in consultation with SCI's Communications Director;
- Liaises with the manager of SCI's Christmas at Sea program regarding the distribution of holiday gifts to seafarers;
- Serves as adjunct member of SCI's development team to expand SCI's presence in the port community and to secure maritime and church financial support.

The ideal candidate brings outstanding pastoral experience, ecclesiastical relationships, fundraising experience and team collaboration to this position. He/She must be able to travel and work such hours as to cover occasional pastoral crises, and other assignments including occasional evenings and weekends. He or she must possess a valid driver's license and pass a Transportation Worker Identity Credential (TWIC) background check for which SCI pays any associated fee. The successful candidate also must be able to climb and descend ship gangways, and lift and carry up to 50lbs. Advanced Clinical Pastoral Education, military, maritime or hospital chaplaincy provides a definite credential, as does experience in the maritime industry.

Interested candidates should submit an application including:

- 1) a resume;
- 2) contact information for three references;
- 3) text of a sermon recently preached; and
- 4) copy of an additional recent writing sample

to: [humanresources@seamenschurch.org](mailto:humanresources@seamenschurch.org). Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience.