Lower School Chaplain
National Cathedral School for Girls, Washington, D.C.

National Cathedral School (NCS) announces a search for a full-time, 10-month, Lower School Chaplain beginning August 2022.

NCS seeks a school chaplain who is passionate about working with 4th-6th grade children to encourage their spiritual exploration and creative growth, who is willing to walk alongside our students, faculty, staff and families with insight, warmth and good humor.

As a chaplain in an Episcopal Cathedral school, the Lower School Chaplain will be both grounded in Episcopal tradition and offer joyful and sensitive support for the broader spiritual life of the school community. We root our chaplaincy in Episcopal tenets, traditions, and rhythm of the Church year, while attending to and celebrating the diversity of religious expression and values in our community. The chaplaincy supports NCS’s mission statement: We believe in the power of young women and educate them to embrace our core values of excellence, service, courage, and conscience.

Serving on a three-person chaplaincy team, the Lower School Chaplain is the primary chaplain for the Lower School (grades 4, 5, & 6), and is responsible for pastoral care, worship, courses in the academic study of religion, and coordinating community service programming. The Lower School Chaplain leads the weekly chapel services for the Lower School and collaborates with the other chaplains to plan all-school weekly services in the cathedral. The Chaplain is a member of the Religious Studies Department and reports to both the Senior Chaplain and to the Lower School Head.

Salary is competitive and based on experience. A qualified candidate will be an ordained Episcopal priest, or an ordained deacon with the intention of priesthood. NCS is committed to leadership in multicultural education and a culturally diverse faculty and staff. The school therefore seeks applications from candidates who will contribute to an atmosphere in which all are valued and supported. Qualified candidates will have experience in working with students, families, and colleagues from diverse backgrounds and identities and demonstrate a commitment to equity and inclusion.

The typical Lower School day runs from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Lower School Chaplain teaches one course each trimester. Other responsibilities include dismissal time coverage, recess, lunch table oversight, regular grade-level team discussions, faculty meetings, department meetings, and other duties as assigned.

National Cathedral School requires all employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including any boosters recommended and available to the general public, absent eligibility for medical or religious exemptions.

National Cathedral School serves 593 students in grades 4 through 12. Faculty and staff are curious intellectually, flexible, and collaborative, and they view education as an engaging vocation. Our students are engaged, fun, and kind, and they love to be challenged and viewed as confident individuals. Faculty and staff maintain a lively conversation about the meaning of an excellent education, an interest in pedagogy, and innovative uses of technology. As an Episcopal school, NCS welcomes people of all backgrounds and faiths while maintaining a close identity with Washington National Cathedral's commitment to being a house of prayer for all people. Located in Northwest Washington on 57 beautiful acres, the Cathedral Close is home to NCS, St. Albans School for Boys, and Beauvoir: The National Cathedral Elementary School.

Interested candidates should send an electronic application that includes a brief cover letter, résumé and the names and contact information of three to five references. A complete application should also include a
statement (no more than one page) of the vision and wisdom the candidate brings to the particular ministry of school chaplaincy. Please submit these materials as one combined attachment in Word or pdf format with “Lower School Chaplain” in the subject line to: NCSemployment@cathedral.org