**Summer Student Job Description**

**Climate Motivator**

The Climate Motivator will be employed for an 8-week term in the summer of 2024. Their work will include liaising with a local community of faith (could be a camp, regional office, etc.), team meetings, leadership development, action planning for local context, advocacy to align United Church policies with climate commitments, and advocating for climate justice with MP in local ridings. The Motivators will, at times, work remotely and will need capacity for online communication and learning. Supervision for the position(s) will be carried out by The GO Project in partnership with the General Council Office. Climate Motivators must qualify for a Canada Summer Jobs Grant, and be within the age range of 15-19 years.

In order to complete an application, each applicant must be sponsored by a local community of faith who appoints a local mentor. This community of faith and mentor will help the Motivator to identify local climate priorities, projects, connections, activists, and government officials.

There five main goals for the Climate Motivator Program:

* Engage in climate education and advocacy
* Leadership development
* Vocational discernment
* Engage with Indigenous, ecumenical and global climate activists
* Participate in spiritual/faith practices that celebrate/are informed by Indigenous wisdom, and that explore intersections between ecological justice, social justice, and deepen eco-spirituality

The program and employment will begin July 8th and run until August 30th. Motivators will be encouraged and supported to attend Rendez-vous July 3rd - 6th, and required to attend a week in person at Five Oaks Education & Retreat Centre July 8th - 13th.

**Climate Motivators Activities & Responsibilities**

1. **Learn and Prepare**
2. Motivators will be responsible for submitting all employment paperwork and reading any necessary training materials at the beginning of their employment.
3. **Build and Plan**
4. Motivators will connect with other young people across the church who are engaging in leadership and decision-making related to climate justice and advocacy.
5. Motivators will work together to plan service and learning activities, as well as opportunities for worship and spiritual practice.
6. Motivators will learn skills in community assessment and engagement such as team building, community meetings, and launching neighbourhood-based projects with other community groups.
7. **Engage and Act**
8. Motivators will engage in service and learning activities, as well as opportunities for worship and spiritual practice.
9. Motivators will attend an online training at the beginning of the summer, and then fulfill the rest of their summer contract through remote work, in a local setting, and in a communal on-site setting working on action plans, community engagement, program development and more.
10. **Learn and Develop**
11. Motivators will learn about the ministry of the United Church in the area of climate justice and eco-theology.
12. Motivators will work with their cohort to develop a project, resource, or action plan on their chosen theme.
13. Motivators will communicate their project, resource, or plan to others in the church.
14. **Debrief and Evaluate**

1) Motivators will participate in a debrief of the program that will include:

 a) A full review of the summer – all activities, projects, and decisions made;

 c) Affirmation of work done, learnings made, and courage shown;

 d) Feedback on the continuation of the position and program for future.

2) Motivators will be open to providing insight, expertise, and mentoring of future programs.

In order to apply, you must:

* Be between the ages of 15-19 & eligible for work in Canada
* Have a sponsoring community of faith and mentor
* Have a government-issued ID acceptable for travel documentation
* Be passionate about climate activism and care of Creation

**To apply:**

Interested applicants are invited to submit their cover letter and resume quoting job #24-20 Canada Summer Jobs on the subject line to Human Resources:  careers@united-church.ca