**Summer Student Job Description**

**Climate Motivator**

The Climate Motivator will be employed for an 8-week term in the summer of 2025. Their work will include liaising with a local community of faith (could be a church, camp, regional office, etc.), team meetings, leadership development, action planning for local context, advocacy to align with United Church policies and 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
* Learn about and enhance the denomination’s commitments to climate justice
* Leadership development
* Engage with Indigenous, ecumenical and global climate activists
* Participate in spiritual/faith practices that explore intersections between ecological justice, social justice, and deepen eco-spirituality

The program and employment will begin June 30th and run until August 22nd. Motivators will all travel to Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre in Paris, Ontario from July 2nd - 9th. Motivators will then go and work in their local communities for the remainder of the summer.

**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. Motivators will create an action plan, to be submitted along with their applications, which will outline the local project that they will work on throughout the summer. The action plan must indicate how it aligns with the denominations climate goals of: putting our house in order, raising our spirited voiced, connecting with the earth, responding to climate impact, and how they plan to help the denomination in reaching their stated goals.
4. **Build and Plan**
5. Motivators will connect with other young people across the church who are engaging in leadership and decision-making related to climate justice and advocacy.
6. Motivators will work together to plan service and learning activities, as well as opportunities for worship and spiritual practice.
7. Motivators will learn skills in community assessment and engagement such as team building, community meetings, and launching neighbourhood-based projects with other community groups.
8. **Engage and Act**
9. Motivators will engage in service and learning activities, as well as opportunities for worship and spiritual practice.
10. Motivators will attend online training and project honing at the beginning of the summer, and then fulfill the rest of their summer contract through remote work, in a local setting, and engaging in experiential learning and engagement in Alberta.
11. **Learn and Develop**
12. Motivators will learn about the ministry of the United Church in the area of climate justice and eco-theology.
13. Motivators will communicate the impacts of 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:**

**Please submit your resume, expression of interest along with a brief project plan by April 15th to** **alana@thegoproject.ca**

**Once the project plans are evaluated, the hiring committee will invite selected applicants to interview in May.**