

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Applications for the job listed below will be accepted from the time of posting from **NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION** employees **WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF SERVICE IN THEIR CURRENT POSITIONS.**

TITLE OF JOB: Associate Director

DEPARTMENT: Children's Ministries (NAD/CHM)

SUPERVISORS: Director

CLASSIFICATION: Full-Time / Exempt

REMUNERATION RANGE / ANNUAL SALARY: 96% - 108% / \$100,814.72 - \$112,506.56

BENEFITS: Healthcare, flexible spending accounts (FSA), life insurance, long-term disability, retirement, continuing education, student loan repayments, moving/relocation assistance, tuition assistance for students who attend Adventist schools, paid time off for holidays, along with paid vacation and sick leave.

LOCATION: Columbia, MD—On-site/In-office at the NAD Headquarters

NOTE: This position is not eligible for any type of regular remote or teleworking arrangement. For candidates living outside of the MD geographical area, relocation is required.

POSITION SUMMARY: This position is a ministry and its sole purpose is to advance the mission of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. In addition, this ministry and position require the ability to serve as an associate leader within the Children's Ministries Department, partnering with the Director in the planning, implementation, coordination, and management of the department's mission and objectives within the North American Division. Responsibilities include providing leadership in administering departmental programs and operations, in alignment with the mission and values of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, providing guidance and support to staff as delegated, and working collaboratively with Division leadership to support the goals of the Church across the North American Division territory.

AUTHORITY, ACCOUNTABILITY: Authority as defined by the North American Division Working Policy. Responsible for supporting the administrative activities of the Children's Ministries Department in accordance with North American Division policy and objectives. Responsible to the corporate church body, through the Director and assigned Officer, for administration and implementation of church policy in harmony with the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Associate Director is responsible for management functions as delegated by the department Director. This role requires a high level of independent judgment and discretion.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Provides leadership for the development of the Children's Ministries Team, including Sabbath School and Certification Training.
- Oversees the development of curriculum, educational resources, and training initiatives in collaboration with the Department Director.
- Acts as consultant to the unions and conferences in any aspect of Sabbath School and Certification Training.
- Determines the scope of content, activities, and delivery timeframes for Children's Ministries resources in collaboration with the Director.
- Establishes processes to obtain, review, and incorporate feedback from Children's Ministries Union and Conference Directors.
- Serves as the Children's Ministries liaison to Pacific Press, AdventSource, and other ministry partners in collaboration with the Director.
- Makes recommended edits to content in collaboration with the Children's Ministries

Director.

- Provides day-to-day supervision and work direction for assigned Floaters, including work assignments, scheduling, training, coaching, and ensuring effective support of departmental operations.
- Serves as Secretary of the Children's Ministries Training Committee and supports the development of train-the-trainer materials.
- Serves on various boards and committees as assigned.
- Performs other duties as assigned by supervisor.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE/CREDENTIALS: A Bachelor's degree (BA/BS) in curriculum and instruction, elementary education, or a related field is required; a Master's degree is strongly preferred. Appropriate successful work experience may be acceptable in lieu of scholastic requirements.

Professional experience should include a minimum of eight years in a related field, with denominational experience at higher levels of church organization, including conferences, unions, divisions, and/or other denominational institutions. Experience should reflect increasing responsibility and demonstrated effectiveness in overseeing department-level functions, managing programs, supervising staff, and supporting strategic initiatives.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL: Knowledge of principles, policies, and beliefs of the North American Division and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Knowledge of church structure and organization, including committee procedures, etc. Knowledge and skill in appropriate methods of dealing with human behavior in various circumstances. Advanced command of language skills, including proficiency in verbal and written form. Bilingual proficiency in Spanish is preferred. Specialization in Children's Ministries is required.

Ability to perform administrative functions; develop long- and short-term plans and programs to effectively evaluate work accomplishments; establish and maintain effective relationships with internal/external personnel. Must possess advanced ability to effectively present facts and recommendations in oral and written form. Ability to organize, support, and motivate.

Ability to delegate, supervise, and assist employees in personal and professional growth.

CONTACTS, ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS: Must possess the ability to deal tactfully and effectively with own departmental personnel, others within the North American Division, and outside personnel on a daily basis. Employee must remain calm under pressure and exhibit courtesy, diplomacy, and kindness at all times, both in person, on the telephone, and in written communications. Employee must exhibit the ability to effectively handle confidential information/situations at all times and maintain a high degree of loyalty and support for the supervisor, department, North American Division, and Seventh-day Adventist Church.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: The individual must be able to read, speak, and hear clearly, and must communicate effectively in English, both orally and in writing. As a leadership-level exempt employee, the position requires a high degree of flexibility in work schedule and location. While regular office presence is expected to support collaboration and leadership responsibilities, the nature of the role may require extensive travel throughout the North American Division (NAD) territory and participation in off-site meetings, events, or conferences.

When not traveling or attending off-site commitments, the employee should expect to maintain a consistent on-site presence at the NAD office. The position may also require extended hours beyond the standard workweek to fulfill leadership duties and organizational objectives.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Essential responsibilities are primarily performed in a standard office environment with minimal discomfort. Work is typically sedentary and performed under normal conditions in well-lighted and ventilated areas. Employee should expect irregular hours, including evenings and weekends. On-site supervision of departmental operations may be required. When traveling, the employee may be expected to utilize various modes of transportation, including trains, planes, and automobiles. Travel may involve complex itineraries, multiple days away from

the primary work location, and overnight stays throughout the North American Division territory.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

The North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists® ("NAD") is an equal opportunity employer which does not discriminate in employment policies and practices on the basis of race, national origin, gender (except for positions requiring ordination), color, age, marital status, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law. The employment practices of the church reflect religious preferences in harmony with the United States Constitution and controlling law, and it, therefore, hires only Seventh-day Adventist Church members in regular standing.

AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT:

Employment with the North American Division is at-will. This means that either you or the North American Division may terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without cause or notice, as long as it is not in violation of applicable federal or state laws.

If interested in the above position please visit our site [CLICK HERE](#) to complete a NAD Employment Application. Or send email to jobs@nadadventist.org and follow instructions from response email.

This position will remain available until filled.

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