



Maritime Bethel at Savannah

Physical address:

**193 Main Street, Garden City
Savannah, GA 31408**

Ministry job offer: Executive Director and Chaplain

With our current Executive Director and Chaplain retiring in the Spring of 2019, The Maritime Bethel at Savannah (MBS) is seeking to appoint a new Executive Director and Chaplain in April 2019. The Maritime Bethel at Savannah is a faith-based, ecumenical 501(c)(3) non-profit ministry serving the thousands of international and American seafarers arriving in the Port of Savannah each year. Supported by a team of dedicated volunteers, the MBS runs a hospitality center for seafarers in Garden City and a fleet of vans for a ship-visiting program to ships throughout the Port of Savannah.

Life at sea for months at a time is socially isolating and wanting to leave your ship in a foreign port can be a difficult, costly experience. Our port ministry provides visiting seafarers local transportation and a few hours of relaxation away from the ship, helps them contact their families, and offers them prayer and pastoral support. MBS is one of more than 400 such seafarers' missions in ports worldwide.

As a growing mission in Savannah, the ideal candidate as Executive Director and Chaplain would focus on the development of the mission in its financial resources, but also its ability to minister to seafarers. The candidate would be passionate about the work and serve as the public face of the ministry.

Position description:

- Supervision of all ministry programs of The Maritime Bethel at Savannah, including ship visiting, volunteers, vehicles, and the seafarers' center building;
- Management of all outreach and fundraising efforts of MBS, including organization of annual fundraising events, regular communication with donors and ministry partners, presentations about MBS to supporting churches or other organizations, and participation at other events in the Savannah area that strengthen the ministry or the resources of the ministry;
- Serve one day a week as ship visitor to provide pastoral care and humanitarian support, worship upon request, telecommunications support, and transportation of seafarers to the MBS hospitality center and nearby shopping venues;
- Liaise with partner ministries or individuals in industry, government or labor to respond to seafarer problems, as needed;
- Actively participate in North American and worldwide networks of seafarers' ministry providers;

- Assist MBS board president in organization of board meetings;
- Active encouragement of prayer and spiritual fellowship for board, volunteers, and staff

Requirements include:

- Minimum 5 years management or ministry experience in a church or non-profit;
- Minimum a Bachelor's degree;
- Ordination in a Protestant denomination;
- Strong fundraising and donor management skills and experience;
- Strong administrative and organizational skills;
- Ability to work with and serve those from diverse cultures, backgrounds and religions;
- Proficiency in computer applications (Word) and Internet tools (Email, Facebook, Skype) is essential;
- Editorial experience with print or online newsletters or publications is a plus;
- Willingness to work outside of regular hours when required;
- Knowledge of the maritime world or previous sea-going experience is advantageous;
- Drivers license and willingness to drive MBS van required;
- Ability to qualify for a TWIC card to enter port facilities required (disqualifying offenses listed here: <https://www.tsa.gov/disqualifying-offenses-factors>)
- Ability to work effectively in a Christian ecumenical setting is essential;
- Proficiency in foreign languages used by large numbers of seafarers is an asset (i.e. seafarers from The Philippines, Indonesia, China, Russia, South America);
- Ability to operate both independently and collaboratively;
- High level of professionalism and confidentiality;

Salary will be commensurate with experience. Strong possibility of salary increase if fund-raising targets achieved.

For more information or to apply, please contact:

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