

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KENT (CTK)**

EXPERIENCED RESEARCHER /DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

***Churches Together in Kent (CTK)\* is seeking to appoint a part-time Christian Researcher/Development Officer for two days per week from the 5th May 2009, on a one year contract.***

### **Job Description**

In co-operation with the CTK church leaders, the successful candidate will undertake research to determine the current issues and opportunities for collaborative mission between Christians in Kent. This will require co-operation with the CTK church leaders, and the use of appropriate and effective consultative practices and processes with Churches Together groups, denominational Ecumenical Officers, CTK Council, representatives of other churches in Kent, those engaged ecumenically in specific church-based projects and relevant secular agencies, etc. This radical review of ecumenical working is needed to establish a fresh vision and new strategies for Christians in Kent and Medway to help us engage in effective mission together.

At each stage of the research project, the brief will be determined and agreed in consultation with CTK. CTK will appoint a Line Manager. It is expected that the successful candidate will facilitate relevant workshops/seminars within the year.

### **Candidate Specification**

Practising Christian, experienced and committed to helping Christians work effectively together in mission.

The appropriate research/ development experience and skills necessary given the diverse context of existing scenarios and ecumenical relationships.

Self motivated, timely and proactive. Able to reflect theologically and ecumenically with relevant organisational, reporting, and IT skills.  
Effective spoken and written communication skills.

Prepared to work flexible hours as required.

Car driver / or able to make own arrangements for transport around the county

### **Salary**

£8,500 per annum, plus appropriate expenses, on the basis of working two days (minimum 14hrs) per week. Statutory holidays (*currently 9.6 days*) will be included in the package and the salary will be paid in arrears at the end of each month.

### **Apply Now**

To apply for this exciting opportunity please send your CV (including evidence of research skills) to The Reverend Nigel Uden, Chair of CTK, Synod Office, East Croydon United Reformed Church, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, CO 5LP by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

Interviews will be held in Kent on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009. If you have any queries about the vacancy please contact Nigel Uden on 020 8688 3730 or [moderator@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:moderator@urcsouthern.org.uk)

\* Within the **County of Kent**, the **Medway Unitary Authority**, and the **London Boroughs of Bexley and Bromley**, we are the organisation supported by the Baptist, Church of England, Methodist, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, and United Reformed Churches to:

- \* sponsor Local Ecumenical Partnerships between the Christian denominations;
- \* provide information exchange (Newsletter, advice, etc), and
- \* be the formal link between local Christian/Churches Together groups and the national organisation which is Churches Together in England
- \* be the formal church link to "county" wide groups  
(Police, Media, Regional Government,etc)

The Right Reverend Dr Brian Castle - Bishop of Tonbridge (CofE), Major Anthony Cotterill (Salvation Army); The Right Reverend Graham Cray (CofE), The Reverend John Hellyer (Methodist), The Right Reverend John Hine - Bishop for Kent (Roman Catholic), The Reverend Stuart Davidson (Baptist), The Reverend Nigel Uden (United Reformed Church) and The Right Reverend Dr Stephen Venner - Bishop of Dover (CofE)