

Title: Everyday Faith Project Facilitator, Shine Curriculum

Reports to: Shine Project Director

Location: Remote office

FTE: 1 FTE, salaried



Shine Priorities

Shine: Living in God's Light creates Bible-based faith formation resources that engage Christian communities and families in their life together by calling all ages to experience the transforming power of God's love. Shine is jointly owned and produced by MennoMedia and Brethren Press.

Position Summary

The Project Facilitator provides oversight for Shine's Everyday Faith project, a Lilly Endowment-funded initiative that aims to help parents and caregivers share their faith and values with their children.

Responsibilities

- Oversees the Everyday Faith cohort process, including but not limited to the recruitment of churches and families, developing group processes and facilitation plans, hosting and facilitating cohort meetings, and analysis and reporting of feedback.
- Oversees the comprehensive and "Everyday" surveys that are a part of the project plan.
- Provides outreach and communication to partners and constituents.
- Nurtures close relationships with churches and households in the cohorts and focus groups.
- Communicates in ways that show theological depth and a commitment to multicultural diversity and "discovery" methods of learning.
- Work with current Shine staff and contractors to develop faith practice resources.
- Collaborates with Project Director and Project Editor to facilitate and incorporate feedback into new products and initiatives.
- Participates in resource development and project meetings as requested.
- Continues to learn, read widely, research carefully, and stay culturally relevant.

Qualifications Required

- Close familiarity with Shine's faith formation resources and its pedagogical and theological approaches to faith formation in congregations.
- Passion for and experience in understanding the spiritual development of children and youth and understanding of children's strengths, vulnerabilities, and needs.
- Passion for and experience in understanding the needs and challenges facing today's families.
- Strong interpersonal skills that contribute to effective interaction with colleagues, staff, pastors, church leaders, parents and caregivers.
- Excellent facilitation and communication skills.
- An undergraduate degree in education, communications, theology, Christian education, or related field is a minimum; master's level work in any of these areas is preferred.
- Competent with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Zoom, and flexible in learning new programs.

Organizational Fit

- Passion for sharing Anabaptist-Pietist Christian values with the church and the world.
- Knowledge of or willingness to work within Mennonite, Church of the Brethren, and related Anabaptist business and church culture.
- Committed to Jesus Christ. When possible, a member in good standing of a church affiliated with Shine's publishing partners or project denominations.
- Committed to Shine's emphasis on helping children, youth, and families love Jesus, grow in faith, and change the world.

Term

This salaried position is for the length of the five-year grant project.