



## Position Description for Chaplain for the Ohio River Region

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The **Ohio River Chaplain** coordinates the Seamen's Church Institute's (SCI) pastoral presence along the Ohio River and its tributaries, including direct pastoral services to mariners and SCI's relationships with church and maritime industry stakeholders. This full-time position works collegially with other SCI chaplains and reports to SCI's Executive Director.

In particular, the Ohio River Chaplain:

- Spends 60% of time providing direct pastoral care to river mariners in greater Paducah and along the Ohio River region via routine boat visits and related crisis ministry;
- Spends 40% of time expanding the work of SCI's Ministry on the River and River Friendly Church programs, including frequent Sunday and mid-week visits to current and potential River Friendly Churches and representation at judicatory events in consultation with SCI's church relations coordinator;
- Interacts with SCI's development office to stimulate church outreach giving to SCI in selected parishes near the inland river system, including daily use of Razors Edge database and assigned solicitor status among a negotiated number of parishes representing significant in-kind gifts for COR/EOR and \$15K of annual aggregate donations to SCI;
- Strengthens SCI's relationships with river transportation company management regarding boat visit policy, crisis response and the spiritual welfare of the river workforce;
- Shares a crisis response protocol with other SCI chaplains, including emergency on-call coverage and travel on short notice to accident or fatality sites;
- Supports SCI's Christmas on the River (COR) and Easter on the River (EOR) programs, recruiting volunteers and coordinating with SCI's knitting program and other river chaplains.

The ideal candidate brings outstanding pastoral experience, ecclesiastical relationships and team collaboration to this position. He or she should have significant vocational experience in one or more denominations that touch our inland rivers. He or she must be able to travel for extended river visits and occasional pastoral crises. Advanced Clinical Pastoral Education, military, maritime or hospital chaplaincy provides a definite credential.

Interested candidates should submit an application including: 1) a resume; 2) contact information for three references; 3) text of a sermon recently preached; and 4) copy of an additional recent writing sample to: [humanresources@seamenschurch.org](mailto:humanresources@seamenschurch.org)

SCI offers attractive salary and related benefits, including participation in The Church Pension Fund retirement plan. A leased automobile is provided for SCI travel in accordance with prevailing SCI policies. This field position works from SCI's Paducah Center for Maritime Education facility.