

## **FACULTY POSITION IN PASTORAL ARTS AND PRAXIS**

The Faculty of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary invites candidates to submit applications for a full-time, residential position at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor of Pastoral Arts and Praxis in the Seminary's Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Program, with a starting date of 1 July 2023.

The successful candidate will offer graduate level courses in Pastoral Arts and Praxis, which include courses in such areas as Liturgics, Pastoral Theology, Pastoral Care, and Parish Leadership and Administration. The successful candidate will also serve as Chair of the Department of Pastoral Arts and Praxis. In this position, the successful candidate will play a significant role in partnering with contractual/adjunct faculty in providing for cohesive course offerings in this curricular concentration. In addition, it is expected that the successful candidate will engage in appropriate scholarly and professional activity, and will be actively involved in institutional service in such areas as curriculum design, programmatic assessment, and institutional self-study through participation in standing faculty committees and working groups of the Seminary. Of particular note in the area of service, the successful candidate will be a significant participant in the coordination and supervision of field education and internship programming offered as part of the Master of Divinity Program. Finally, it is understood that the successful candidate will be an active participant in the broader life of the Seminary community, taking part in convocations and formal events called together by the President, Rector, or Dean of the Seminary.

The Seminary seeks candidates who possess broad knowledge and experience in various areas of American Orthodox pastoral ministry, who demonstrate sound teaching ability in engaging students in the classroom, and who demonstrate the ability to successfully conduct academic research within their discipline. As the Master of Divinity Program is primarily aimed at forming individuals for pastoral ministry, the successful candidate must possess the ability to cover appropriate subject areas with the goal of pastoral formation. The successful candidate must be an ordained priest of a canonical jurisdiction of the Eastern Orthodox Church and be an engaged practitioner in the field of ministry. The candidate will also support, advance, and embody the established ethos of the Seminary as articulated in its formative mission and purpose, which can be found [HERE](#).

### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

Position candidates must possess a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Degree. The possession of terminal professional or research doctorate (e.g., D.Min., Ph.D., Th.D., D.Phil., S.T.D., etc.) during the application process, or at the time of hire is preferred. Given the nature of the Seminary's mission and purpose, as well as the nature of the position, the possession of a degree from an Orthodox institution of higher education is preferred.

In addition to educational qualifications, position candidates must be ordained to the Holy Priesthood and possess significant experience in the area of ministry in a parish setting.

Applications for this position must be received by 6 August 2022. Please submit a cover letter of application, current curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation to the Search Committee at [employment@stots.edu](mailto:employment@stots.edu).

### **Faculty Status**

Assistant Professor or Associate Professor (based upon previous professional experience and qualifications).

Full-time, revolving three-year term appointment position, with health care and pension benefits. Salary commensurate with Assistant Professor or Associate Professor rank, with salary information available upon the candidate's request.

### **About the Seminary**

St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary is a tightknit community of Orthodox Faith and learning nestled in the beautiful surroundings of the Pocono region of northeastern Pennsylvania. Since its founding in 1938, St. Tikhon's Seminary has dedicated itself to the spiritual, pastoral, liturgical, and academic formation of those who seek to serve the Orthodox Church in positions of either ordained ministry or lay leadership.

### **Background Check**

This appointment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background check. Applicants will be asked to identify all felony convictions and/or pending

felony charges. Felony convictions do not automatically bar an individual from employment. Each case will be examined separately to determine the appropriateness of employment in the particular position. Failure to be honest with respect to felony disclosures will result in the disqualification of a candidate.