

The General Board of Church and Society

Director for Economic, Health, and Gender Justice

The General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) announces a national search and invites inquires and applications for the Director for Economic, Health, and Gender Justice position. GBCS seeks a highly skilled professional to lead the programmatic team to advance economic justice, guarantee access to affordable equitable health care, and to advance the rights of women and children. This includes implementing programming to support agency priorities such as poverty, worker rights, domestic violence, human trafficking, education, addictions, and health care – including racial disparities in access and outcomes, mental health, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, and other emerging global health concerns.

GBCS is dedicated to the work of living faith, seeking justice, and pursuing peace. Located on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. and in New York City, New York, GBCS is the social justice and public policy agency of the denomination and is responsible for seeking the mandate of The United Methodist Church (UMC), the implementation of the [Social Principles](#) with an outward facing presence and witness in society.

The Director for Economic, Health, and Gender Justice is responsible for ensuring legislative and policy advocacy aligns with the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church related to Economic, Health, and Gender Justice. The Director will manage program staff and work closely to represent UMC positions on Economic, Health, and Gender Justice in the United States Government, the United Nations and with other policy and decision makers

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage and develop GBCS's legislative and policy advocacy to advance United Methodist positions in support of Economic, Health, and Gender Justice. Working as a strategic thought partner and collaborator with United Methodist, faith and secular coalitions to develop and implement strategies that advance identified agency priorities.
- Connect with United Methodist leaders in Annual Conferences, UMC General Agencies, and other networks to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice priorities.
- Monitor policy developments and research economic, health, and gender justice issues to communicate timely information and action opportunities to GBCS networks and broader United Methodist and other audiences.
- Practice and promote Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility values within the team and across the organization.
- Manage the unit's budget; support fundraising efforts to secure additional resources for advocacy efforts.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in a field related to the major issue areas is required. Master's degree is preferred.
- 4 to 6 years of relevant experience developing and advancing issue advocacy strategies, including fluency and familiarity with social change movements.
- 2 to 4 years' experience managing staff, with a track record of cultivating high-performing and inclusive teams.
- Experience in member-based organizations and/or in grassroots activism preferred.

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- Strong creativity and strategic thinking skills, including ability to connect and unify cross-functional strategies for issue advocacy including communications, lobbying, research, campaigns and organizing.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including strong diplomatic skills used to influence others, resolve problems, manage projects, or achieve appropriate solutions.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Strong team management, leadership development, and facilitation skills. Highly collaborative style.
- Ability to handle a variety of key initiatives concurrently.
- Strong commitment to building and working with diverse teams.
- Computer training sufficient to research using internet sources.
- Ability to travel, internationally and domestically, approximately 10-15% of the time, or as needed.
- Residence in Washington D.C. is required.

To apply click on the link below

[Director for Economic, Health, and Gender Justice \(paycomonline.net\)](https://paycomonline.net)

Closing Date: **November 29, 2021**

GBCS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks and encourages applications from minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities. All offers of employment are subject to the applicant successfully completing background, reference, and other applicable checks.

No Staffing Agencies or Recruitment Firms