

Opportunity to Serve

Ecumenical-Interfaith Committee Chair

Application Process Open

The National Executive Council is seeking applications for the position of Ecumenical-Interfaith Committee Chair. This appointment begins November 5, 2016, and runs for a period of two years. A description of the mission and responsibilities of this committee follows.

To apply please email National Secretary Mattie Ward at mamamattie1@gmail.com. Application deadline is August 15, 2016.

The Ecumenical-Interfaith Committee

That they all may be one; ... John 17:21

The Ecumenical-Interfaith Committee exists to inform and engage our membership in working collaboratively with people of all faiths. The committee's activities are relational and action-oriented with a goal of developing relationships of respect and trust with those of different faith expressions. The committee strives to promote dialogue and an understanding of other faith expressions and to initiate and engage in activities and events that promote unity and peace.

The challenge is to foster relationships and participate in activities despite theological differences. This takes more than cooperation; it takes commitment. How to do this? That is the challenge each new committee faces in discerning its own unique path. Below are some committee responsibilities to consider:

- The chair chooses and invites OFS members to serve on the committee. The present committee has four members in addition to the chair. The committee will meet at least once each year.
- The chair attends the National Fraternity Chapter, submits a report of the committee's activities for the year, and draws up a budget for the next fiscal year.

- The chair is a member of the Joint Committee for Franciscan Unity, which consists of two Secular Franciscans, two TSSF [Episcopal] Franciscans, and two OEF [Ecumenical] Franciscans. The Joint Committee meets annually, and in past years has conducted one or two workshops.
- The chair may be asked to attend the Chapters of TSSF and OEF.
- The chair or a designee writes an article for each issue of TAU-USA.
- The chair exercises a leadership role and endeavors to bring forth the gifts of not only the committee members, but also the OFS.

Consider Pope Francis' statement in *Evangelii Gaudium*.

We must never forget that we are pilgrims journeying alongside one another. This means that we must have sincere trust in our fellow pilgrims, putting aside all suspicion or mistrust, and turn our gaze to what we all seeking: the radiant peace of God's face. Trusting others is an art and peace is an art. (n.244)