

Ministry Opportunity: Listener

About the Organization: Underhill House is a quiet place to pray. This place is for all people, devoted to prayer and holy simplicity. This place is meant to reconnect people to one another and to God.

Imagine **a place of quiet, hospitality, & welcome**...where people can sit undisturbed in contemplation, reflection and prayer; and then leave as they are ready. Where trained Listeners can help people find their way. Not get in the way, but be there, truly present. Where people of faith or no faith can seek and discover the presence of the holy in their lives.

Underhill House is a Washington State non-profit corporation and a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia (the Episcopal Church in western Washington.)

Purpose: Foster a welcoming space at Underhill House, create an invitational environment and an opportunity for another person to be heard, and when prompted, provide prayer for anyone who enters Underhill House. An opportunity to increase an individuals listening skills and prayer life.

A Listener is NOT therapist or spiritual director. The role of the Listener is to simply listen, reflect appropriately, and when asked, to pray.

Duties, Expectations, & Requirements:

- Welcome people when they enter Underhill House
- Be available if someone desires to have someone listen to his or her story
- Pray for those who enter the space
- When prompted pray with people
- Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality
- Complete training session (a part of this training will be discerning with the group if this volunteer opportunity is a good fit for you and for Underhill House)
- Have an opportunity to meet as a group as needed
- Commit to being a Listener for a minimum of 3 hours per month. (Current hours are on Thursday from 11:30am – 2:30pm)
- Pass Background Check & Take Safeguarding God's People (Free Training offered by Diocese of Olympia) within 6 month of start date.

Skills/Qualifications: Align with Underhill House mission and values, belief in prayer, desire to grow in listening and prayer life, a general desire for openness and change when hearing stories- especially when related to different beliefs and faiths.

One of the greatest gift we can offer another human is to truly listen to them, with no agenda of our own. Here is an opportunity to offer this gift. If you desire to sit and be present with people and meet our qualifications, please fill out our Listener application.

To Apply: Please send application and two references (that can speak to your spiritual life) to Susan Dean via email: susan@underhillhouse.org or mail: Underhill House Post Office Box 243 Mercer Island, WA 98040