

CHURCH ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR

Job Description

Principal Function

The Church Organist/Music Director is a committed Christian who provides organ music and accompaniment for scheduled worship services and other activities in support of the music ministry of the church. Having a pivotal role in the musical life of the church, this individual is a strong team player, being a full partner with the ministerial staff, the church choir, and the relevant Lincolnia United Methodist Church (LUMC) committees. This is a part-time position, annual position. Expectation of attendance is for Sunday worship services, rehearsals with the Choir and any other musical groups or other special services, including (but not limited to) Christmas and Easter. The Organist/Music Director will be responsible for music at LUMC and as such is expected to advocate for the music program as appropriate.

Job Requirements

1. A disciple of Jesus Christ, committed to growing in faith through practicing the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Scripture study, worship participation, and service at LUMC
2. Experience in church worship, with both organ and other music and hymnody (understanding and familiarity with blended worship preferred).
3. Flexibility to play in blended style services that include all types of worship music.
4. Knowledge of the instrument and keyboard ability sufficient to play hymns, songs, and anthem accompaniments. Ability to sight-read and improvise is desired.
5. High degree of competence on organ, and the ability to accompany groups and individuals.
6. Knowledge of basic music theory and ability to perform simple transpositions or harmonization.
7. Willingness to rehearse sufficiently to maintain a high quality of music.
8. Sensitivity and the ability to interact with a diverse group of people.
9. Ability to take direction and feedback and work as a team member.
10. Ability to communicate well and in a friendly manner with the church leadership, church choir, and members of the congregation.
11. Desire to maintain a constant program of self-improvement.

Accountability

The Organist/Music Director is accountable to the Minister of Music as head of the Worship and Music Ministry of the church. This individual will need to notify the Minister of Music a minimum of three weeks prior to planned absences (preferably as soon as known) to allow for scheduling of a substitute organist. Successful compliance with good general employment practices such as timeliness and accountability. An annual performance review will be performed for this position.

Responsibilities:

1. Support the church's worship environment through the well-prepared execution of music presented by the choir, orchestra, and other musicians.
2. Serve as accompanist for the church choir in regular and special rehearsals and performances.

3. Facilitate congregational singing and worship through the excellent execution of hymns and other songs.
4. Lead the church choir.
5. Plan, select (in consultation with ministerial staff), and prepare preludes, postludes and offertories, according to the needs of the worship services.
6. Serve as accompanist for other choirs, ensembles, and soloists, when needed.
7. Play for weddings and funerals, as requested (and upon availability), being permitted to receive additional compensation from the parties involved.
8. Maintain an accurate account of organ needs and maintenance, and notify the ministerial staff and SPRC of updates
9. Assist the ministerial staff in finding a substitute for Sundays when not available.

Salary

Negotiable, consistent with candidate's education, experience, and skill level.