**Job Description Form** 

Division/Departme Programs				
Job Title:	Handbell/Instrumental Music Leader			
Reports to:	Director of Music Ministries			
Level/Grade		Type of position: Part-time	Hours: Not to exceed 31 hours per week Exempt	

## POSITION SUMMARY

Under the direction of the Director of Music Ministries, the Handbell/Instrumental Music Leader is responsible for leading all handbell ensembles, church orchestra, and other instrumental combinations for worship, concerts and outreach.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Vision

- Assists Director of Music Ministries to creatively develop and communicate vision and tone for instrumental music in cooperation with the Senior Pastor, Worship Committee, and leaders of other elements of the music program.
- Commitment comes from an understanding of God's love for us and God's desire for us to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ through music
- Seeks ways for musical groups to support outreach opportunities to engage the community beyond the walls of Messiah

#### Direction

- Responsible primarily for leading handbell choirs of various age and skill levels. Leads, coaches, nurtures and conducts these handbell choirs to include rehearsals for worship and seasonal performances
- Introduces children to Christian music through ringing
- Promotes. forms and leads instrumental groups of various sizes, composition, and skill levels as congregation interest warrants

# **Music Preparation**

- Reviews, selects, procures/reuses and prepares appropriate music for each musical group
- Identifies opportunities for various groups to participate in festivals and concerts
- Explores possibilities for special concerts and musical offerings
- Ability to arrange music using music notation software to suit unique instrumentation of an ensemble and/or work cooperatively with an arranger
- Familiarity with technology that supports the creation of digital music offerings (such as Logic Pro, Audacity, or GarageBand)

#### Relational

- Participates in the life of the church to enhance relationships among Messiah staff and with the congregation, lay volunteers and parents of participants
- Recruits volunteers to support the music program
- Solicits feedback toward continuous improvement of the music program. Promotes participation in music programs
- Promotes community-building within each group
- Meets regularly with the Director of Music Ministries in order to plan and collaborate

### **Supervision and Assistance**

 Oversees the work of lay volunteers and shares expertise toward continuous improvement of the music program Division/Departme Programs

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- Works under supervision of the Director of Music Ministries
- Provide conducting skills in order to fill in or assist other members of the music ministry team in special circumstances

## Administration

- Organizes and archives music in cooperation with the Director of Music, Organist and Volunteers
- Handles communications among participants, publicity and advertising
- Maintains participant database
- Helps develop and administer music budget as approved by Church Council

# **Professional Development**

- Keeps abreast of new developments in church music
- Participates, and encourages lay musicians to participate, in professional activities such as seminars, retreats and workshops

# **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Adhere to policies set forth in the MUMC Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual
- Ability to work independently and in concert with other music personnel
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills in English
- Discretion in dealing with the public and ability to handle confidential information
- Ability to complete tasks with little or no supervision; takes pride in work
- Work cooperatively with staff, church members and guests
- Adjusts easily to variable work loads and church seasons
- Maximizes resources including supplies and equipment
- Ability to be flexible when needs change

# **EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**

- Music degree at the baccalaureate with an education concentration; ability to play a piano, keyboard, or other musical instrument desirable
- At least five-years of experience as an employed musician/accompanist, with experience teaching and conducting instrumental ensembles

#### COMPENSATION AND MINISTRY SUPPORT

- Compensation/benefits are set by SPRC in accordance with Messiah's Personnel Policy
- Evaluation procedures will be in accordance with Messiah's Personnel Policy
- Sponsorship (partial or whole funding) of continuing education will be considered on an individual basis upon the SPRC's receipt of a written request stating need and benefit to the church and its members
- Working hours may be flexibly fulfilled through work in the office, attendance at church committee meetings and weekend and evening activities required by the position

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