

First Congregational Church of Woodstock is a vibrant, inclusive Christian community where we gather to worship God, serve our neighbors, and grow in our faith through our relationships with one another. We believe that God's love is for everyone—no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey.

We are seeking a Music Director who, in collaboration with the Pastor, Creative Worship Team, and Music Ministry Team will craft and implement a vision for our music program that enhances the life and ministry of the congregation, incorporates a variety of musical styles, and uses an intergenerational approach to worship music.

**Job Description:**

The Music Director is a critical member of the ministry of the First Congregational Church of Woodstock (FCCW). The primary purpose of the director is to support the mission and further the vision of the congregation by enriching and expanding worship life through music. FCCW has an experienced organist/accompanist on staff; several talented musicians; vocalists; and a volunteer bell choir that plays seasonally.

The Music Director will lead and develop FCCW's music ministry team.

**I. MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Coordinate and schedule song leaders and accompaniment for worship services
- Plan and direct the music programs of the church. Such programs will integrate music into the various aspects of church life in a way that supports and complements the overall ministry of the church's intergenerational worship services.
- Work with the Pastor and Creative Worship Team to plan music for all worship services in support of the liturgy and liturgical themes, including seasonal services such as Lent, Holy Week, and Christmas.
- Collaborate with the Pastor, Creative Worship Team, and other ministries of the church, to develop music programs that connect the congregation to the greater community through and beyond Sunday worship.
- Prepare musical aspects of occasional intergenerational worship services, including but not limited to selection of a variety of music, rehearsals, and coordination with organist, song leaders, singers and musicians.
- Use a broad spectrum of music and a variety of instruments.
- Introduce and teach unfamiliar songs to the congregation and facilitate congregational participation in singing of hymns and responses.
- Invite vocal soloists, groups, and instrumental musicians to provide a variety of musical styles.
- Provide or arrange for accompaniment in worship and special gatherings of the church, as needed.
- Encourage participation of children and youth in worship.
- Contribute to creative worship and music planning meetings.

## II. POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- Experience in teaching and conducting choral groups; experience in a faith setting preferred.
- Ability to read music, vocal coaching skills, and keyboard proficiency.
- Familiarity with a broad base of musical styles, including both liturgical and secular.
- Flexibility, sense of humor, and strong collaborative and communication skills.

## **EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

This position is part-time, averaging 8 hours per week. Policies regarding sick leave, vacation time, and grievances are those stated in the Employee Handbook. Background check will be required.

Salary Range: \$8,500 - \$9,500

The congregation is open to combining this position with that of organists/accompaniment.

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