

AINSWORTH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT FOR
THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Ainsworth United Church of Christ is a multi-racial, multi-cultural, open and affirming congregation in northeast Portland. Worship is a multi-cultural experience and expression of our identity.

Responsibilities and Expectations

1. Lead the transition of the music ministry from pandemic to in person in cooperation with the congregation's guidelines.
2. Provide musical direction for the AUCC Choir 42 rehearsals per year, choir performances for about 40 weeks/year and occasional small group rehearsals as the music minister's discretion. They will direct the hymns for worship services for up to 50 weeks per year. Sunday morning time required – 9:00am – average: 11:30am for rehearsal and worship. Rehearsals also include 1 evening for 1 ½ hours per week from mid- August - June.
3. Specific presence is required at rehearsals and services for Christmas Eve, MLK Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday, and Easter Sunday. The Director will be paid extra for services held on apart from Sunday mornings.
4. Be responsible for musical selections for the choir with assistance from the accompanist and pastor based on the scriptural/ theological focus.
5. Supervise and support the accompanist and the choir.
6. Coordinate with the Faith Formation Ministry Team, attend bi-monthly staff meetings and be accountable to the Pastor.
7. Provide leadership in developing the music ministry of the church, recruiting congregants for the choir and special performances.
8. Provide direction and/or music for special choir and church events such as funerals, as able, for additional compensation.
9. Schedule special music and guest musicians in addition to or in the absence of the choir.
10. Weekly rehearsals of the adult choir and worship; bi-monthly staff meetings.

Minimum Qualifications

- Choral music experience as a director in a multicultural & multiracial congregation.
- Proficient in working with music by ear and teaching choral parts;
- Ability to work with a broad diversity of music, especially jazz, gospel and spiritual;
- Ability to work with people having a wide range of musical skills and talents.

Preferred Qualifications

Ability to play the piano.

Proficiency in reading music.

Salary: Negotiable depending upon training, education and experience.

Posted: updated July 15, 2021; Intend to interview candidates August, 2021.

Please send resume with references, cover letter and a recording if available to: Ainsworth United Church of Christ; Attn. Music Director Search Committee, 2941 NE Ainsworth St., Portland, OR, 97211 or pastor@ainsworthucc.org.