

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 new development of the music ministry as we live into hybrid worship (livestream & in person) in cooperation with the congregation's guidelines.
2. Provide musical direction for the AUCC Choir and/or ensembles for rehearsals and worship performances throughout about 40 weeks/year at the music minister's discretion. The director will direct the hymns for worship services for up to 50 weeks per year.
Sunday morning time required – 9:00am – 11:30am (average) 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 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/ thematic focus.
5. Supervise and support the accompanist and the choir.
6. Coordinate with the Faith Formation Ministry Team, attend periodic 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 and needed, for additional compensation.
9. Schedule special music and guest musicians in addition to or in the absence of the choir.

Minimum Qualifications

- Choral music experience as a director.
- 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

Experience working with a multiracial/multicultural group.

Ability to play the piano.

Proficiency in reading music.

Salary: Negotiable depending upon training, education and experience.

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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 office@ainsworthucc.org.