

UU Church of Medford
Director of Music
August 1, 2017

About the Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford (UUCM) is a liberal, welcoming community that embraces and celebrates diversity. As the result of a merger of three Unitarian and Universalist Medford churches, today's UUCM and its forebears have been a spiritual community since 1696, spanning the history of Medford from its early colonial days up to the modern day.

Comprised of approximately 97 adult attendees, our community is a casual, child-friendly congregation that seeks to nurture one another's spirituality and express our shared values through worship, religious education, community service, and social action. Performing and appreciating music of various styles and traditions is an important part of our weekly worship and spiritual practice. Our community spans a wide range of ages, musical interests and skills and is ready to be inspired by an energetic and creative musician.

About the Position of Director of Music (Part Time)

The Music Director will lead and administer a congregation wide music program for Sunday services. The Music Director will work closely with our minister and our Worship Committee and will report ultimately to the Board of Directors. This is a 20-hour per month position from the second week of September through the third week of June.

Members of the congregation are actively engaged in providing worship, music and RE assistance. The minister, DRE and Music Director provide the spiritual and creative leadership in this joint effort to achieve a meaningful and fulfilling spiritual and religious education experience for all members of the community.

Responsibilities of the Music Director

Oversee the music program for the Sunday worship services of the Church in consultation with the Worship Committee and the Minister.

- Provide professional leadership for a total of 24 Sunday or other special services from mid-September to mid-June, including water communion, flower service, Christmas Eve and Easter.
- Prepare and perform music, rehearse and direct the choir for Sunday services where Director is leading the service. Choir rehearsals take place before these Sunday services, and occasionally at other times.
- Arrange for appropriate musical contributions to services on scheduled Sundays off.

- Recruit and provide support to volunteer choir members.
- * Provide support for special music services and music-related fund-raising events.

Attend meetings related to Sunday worship.

- Attend regular staff meetings with Minister to plan for all worship services.
- Meet monthly with Worship Committee.

Qualifications and Abilities

We seek a Music Director with skills and experience in choral and instrumental music who is creative and flexible and willing to take an entrepreneurial approach to enhancing the worship experience through music. With a limited financial budget, maximizing the use of community talents and resources will be important. The ability to energize and motivate a varied community to participate in and appreciate a music from many traditions and genres will be a plus.

Hours and Compensation

This is a 20-hour per month position from the second week of September through the third week of June. Salary is commensurate with experience and within the range of \$6000 - 7000. There is a budget for some professional expenses, music supplies, and piano tuning.

To Apply:

All inquiries and application materials, including resume with cover letter, may be submitted in confidence to:

Director of Music Search Committee
Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford
147 High Street
Medford, Massachusetts 02155

Or by email to search@uumedford.org.

Electronic submissions are encouraged. Applications accepted until August 21, 2017 or until position is filled. Position is immediately available.