



Wesley United Methodist Church

Music Director of Contemporary Worship

Description

Who We Are: Wesley United Methodist Church is located in downtown Aurora. We seek to build an all-inclusive, vibrant Christian Community from the heart of Aurora. We are a diverse community looking for someone who can celebrate, expand, and build upon our diversity through contemporary worship.

Job Purpose: Provide vision and leadership for the Wesley United Methodist Church music program for the contemporary worship service. Provide professional guidance and leadership to the vocalists, musicians, children's music programs and other musical groups and individuals for performance in worship and special services.

Job Expectations:

1. Collaborate with the pastor and CORE worship team to create worship services that are meaningful and memorable.
2. Plan and execute the music program for the contemporary worship service and special music events.
3. Develop weekly script to be used by worship participants.
4. Organize and prepare vocalist/musicians for rehearsals, worship, and special events.
5. Coordinate the performances of all musical groups and individuals.
6. Prepare for and conduct weekly rehearsals in preparation for combined worship service.
7. Assist in planning Wednesday Night music programs.
8. Lead worship every Sunday.
9. Actively recruit new singers and musicians.
10. Assist with special church services, including Holy Week and Christmas Eve.
11. Oversee the sound system and coordinate the sound team schedule and training.
12. Oversee multimedia production and coordinate with tech person to prepare videos and slides for worship.
13. Develop a plan for acquisition, maintenance and upgrades of instruments, including the sound system, microphones, and other related equipment.
14. Ensure that the music library and musical instruments are operational, maintained, and stored when not in use.
15. Work with Worship Coordinator to develop an annual music budget.
16. Report worship information for publication to the office in a timely manner.
17. Plan music which is in keeping with the mission and vision of Wesley UMC.
18. Secure guest musicians (vocal and instrumental) as needed.
19. Set and maintain a regular schedule to perform these assigned duties, in addition to rehearsals and Sunday services.

20. Serve as a resource to church staff and committee leaders, as necessary, for special events.
21. Provide updates and reports regarding music programs, as needed.
22. Perform other duties as required or assigned.

Job specifications:

- Honor the Christian faith and worship experience.
- Hold a minimum of an undergraduate degree in music, have knowledge of church and Christian music, and church liturgy.
- Demonstrate significant experience in music and multiple instruments (piano, guitar, etc.)
- Maintain familiarity and competence with all styles of music appropriate with the mission and vision of Wesley UMC.
- Be relational with the congregation by being available before and after services and practices.
- Take initiative in seeking ways to expand and enhance the music program.
- Provide or coordinate music in the absence of vocalist/musicians.
- Have good organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills.
- Have a highly collaborative work style and be able to adapt to change easily.
- Possess an entrepreneurial spirit to facilitate a dynamic church and its mission.
- Work independently as well as follow directions of supervisor.
- Cross-cultural experience desired.

Immediate Supervisor: Worship Coordinator

Final Amenability: Pastor

Cooperative Relationships: This part-time employee will be considered Church professional staff [paid servant] and will work with and under the direction of the Worship Coordinator. This employee will work as a team member with the Pastor, coordinators, church staff, worship Core Planning team and congregational volunteers. To the extent that the Pastor may have connectional responsibilities within the Conference or the General Boards of the Church, the Music Director for Contemporary Worship will cooperatively work with persons in the larger church.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Attend weekly staff meetings
- Meet when needed with the Worship Coordinator
- Meet every four to six weeks with Worship Core Planning Team.
- Be present & participate at events that require “all hands on deck”
- Develop goals on an annual basis.
- Attend a minimum of one annual training for continued growth as it relates to responsibilities.

Suggested hours: 20 hours per week.