

Minister of Music/Director of Music - Full-time Position

Seeking candidate for Minister of Music/Director of Music (organist and choir director) for First Congregational Church, UCC, in downtown Columbus OH. All candidates will be considered without reference to race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or age.

Requirements

- Excellent organ proficiency for hymn playing, repertoire, and accompanying choral and instrumental repertoire
- Excellent knowledge of the voice, choral and vocal technique; and conducting ability

Responsibilities

- Prepare the First Church Adult Choir (including professional section leaders)
- Prepare organ literature and play for 11 a.m. service, special liturgies, and concerts
- Oversee plans and music selections, and scheduling pianists, for 9 a.m. service of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion in Parish Hall
- Serve as Artistic Director for Concerts at First Church
- Serve as Curator of two pipe organs: W.W. Kimball (1931) organ in Chancel: 4 manuals, 66 ranks, 73 stops; and Rudolf von Beckerath(1971)organ in Gallery: 3 manuals, 73 ranks, 47 stops
- Re-build Children's and Youth Choirs, on hiatus during the COVID pandemic
- Collaborate with Director of First Church Ringers (handbells)
- Serve as Curator of grand pianos (5) and two-manual French-style harpsichord
- Provide music for approximately nine weddings/funerals per year

The selected candidate will be a person who works collaboratively with clergy and staff, demonstrates exceptional musical skills, understands the pastoral nature of the position as regards to choirs and congregation, and has the technical and organizational skills to administer what is also a major outreach music program to the Columbus community.

Salary and benefits will be commensurate with position requirements and the education, skills and experience of the candidate selected.

For a detailed job description, visit the church website at www.first-church.org

Interested candidates should submit the following: cover letter, current curriculum vitae, a list of significant organ and choral repertoire performed and/or conducted, three references, and a video recording of recent choral conducting, and organ work.

Submissions should be sent as a complete packet via e-mail or postal mail beginning Nov. 11, 2022, until the position is filled, to:

Dr. Sandra Mathias, Chair of Music Search Committee: sjmath5659@gmail.com OR

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