

WEST SIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Part-Time Position Description
Director of Music Ministries

West Side United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, MI is hiring a salaried (commensurate with experience plus 4% of salary contributed to pension) part-time (20 hours/week) Director of Music Ministries. Applicants interested in this position must possess a desire to connect people with the love and life of Jesus Christ through our rich musical traditions. West Side is an inclusive community dedicated to excellence in the development of creative and meaningful worship experiences.

The Director's charge is to nurture and energize a high-quality music program that is relevant and real to all attendees. West Side offers Sunday morning worship that has traditionally included the Chancel Choir, and at various times a children's choir, talented instrumentalists and a bell choir. Worship honors traditional and modern styles of music while allowing for synergistic combinations to evolve. Services may often offer an English cathedral anthem alongside gospel and American vernacular music. We also want to broaden the style of our worship to include a substantially more contemporary musical style as we strive to reach a broader group of Christ-seekers in our worship.

The Director of Music Ministries plays an integral role in working with the other staff members to explore and develop ever more engaging worship experiences. The goal always will be to energize, underscore, and give added spiritual power to the movement of the Holy Spirit. The ideal candidate will possess a willingness to work with the lead pastor to innovate new worship experiences that are intentionally appealing to a broad demographic of participants.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Director of Music Ministries works directly with the Lead Pastor in planning and preparing all music for worship services. The Director is in charge of the choir, rehearsing with instrumentalists, and providing instructional and inspirational leadership as well as developing additional forays into worship music and styles.. We expect the Director to actively encourage musical involvement by youth and adults, and to promote a welcoming environment for newcomers. Other duties include supervising the organist, securing the services of guest musicians, maintaining an organized music library, ensuring the church's pipe organ and grand piano are maintained regularly through appropriate service contracts, and communicating clearly with church staff, and musicians. The Director of Music Ministries is expected to attend regularly scheduled staff and planning meetings. The successful candidate will demonstrate a passion for excellence in music ministry.

TO APPLY

Qualified applicants should submit résumés to Doug Weber (Board Chair) at westside@westside-umc.org by June 1, 2022.