Metropolitan United Methodist Church

**Position Description**

**Handbell Choir Director**

**Position Summary:**

Metropolitan United Methodist Church, located at 8000 Woodward Avenue Detroit, Michigan, is searching for a part time Handbell Choir Director to serve 9 months/year: September through May. The church has a long history of handbell music ministry, spanning over 40 years. Metropolitan owns two 5+ octave sets of Malmark handbells and handchimes. The current 11-member choir rings music at level 3+.

**Responsibilities**

* Select music, rehearse and lead the handbell choir participation in Sunday worship according to an agreed-upon schedule. Currently one day/week is required: 1-hour rehearsals prior to Sunday services. [Pre-Covid church calendar held rehearsal one evening per week instead of Sunday.] Participation in one Sunday service per month.
* Select music, rehearse and lead the handbell choir participation in special events at the church, primarily a pre-Christmas service.
* Coordinate handbell and handchime maintenance and replacement
* Operate within budget guidelines set for handbell music library and handbell maintenance.
* Report to and work collaboratively with the senior pastor and director of music

**Skills**

* Knowledge and experience of handbell directing and current handbell ringing techniques
* Enthusiasm for playing handbells and desire to share this with ringers
* Desire to challenge current ringers and develop ringing skills of newly-recruited ringers
* Ability to encourage and build mutual trust, respect, and cooperation among bell ringers.
* Standing as a Christian role model through word, action, and deed. Nurture the musicmaking process to feed mind, body, and soul of listeners as well as ringers.

This is a paid part-time position of Metropolitan United Methodist Church. For more information, please contact Jan Hamilton, Staff Parish Relations Committee chair at [hamj2789@aol.com](mailto:hamj2789@aol.com) or call the Metropolitan church office at 313-875-7407.