



Director of Music Job Description

Primary Responsibilities:

The Church Pianist is willing to fulfil the mission of Hope United Methodist Church (“To connect people with God and one another”), providing piano accompaniment for scheduled worship services and other activities in support of the music ministry of the church. Having a pivotal role in the musical life of the church, this individual is a strong team player, working under the direction of the Lead Pastor and Director of Music.

Job Description

This year-round position is, part time. Expectation of attendance is for Sunday worship services, rehearsals with the choir and other special services, including (but not limited to) Christmas and Easter. The work is done cooperatively, especially with the Director of Music. The pianist is compensated per session.

Job Requirements

1. A disciple of Jesus Christ, committed to growing in faith,
2. Experience in church worship, and familiarity with The United Methodist Hymnal
3. Flexibility to play in blended style worship services (incorporating both traditional and modern music)
4. Knowledge of the instrument and oversight for care of church musical equipment. Ability to sight-read and improvise is desired.
6. Knowledge of basic music theory and ability to perform simple transpositions or re-harmonizations
7. Ability to sight read music as well as chord charts and lead sheets
8. Willingness to rehearse sufficiently to maintain a high quality of music
9. Sensitivity and the ability to interact with a variety of people
10. Ability to take direction and work as a team member
11. Ability to communicate well and in a friendly manner with the church leadership, church choir, and members of the congregation

Accountability

The Pianist is accountable to the Director of Worship. This individual will need to notify the Director of Worship a minimum of three weeks prior to planned absences (preferably as soon as known) to allow for scheduling of a substitute pianist.

Responsibilities:

1. Support the church's worship environment through the well-prepared execution of music presented by the choir.
2. Serve as accompanist for the Sanctuary Choir in regular and special rehearsals and performances as assigned.
3. Plan, select, and prepare preludes, postludes and offertories, according to the needs of the worship services.
7. Play for weddings and funerals, as requested (and upon availability), being permitted to receive additional compensation from the parties involved.
9. Maintain an accurate account of piano needs and maintenance, and notify the Minister of Music.
10. Assist the Director of Worship in finding a substitute for Sundays when not available.

Salary

Negotiable, consistent with candidate's education, experience, and skill level.

Please send Resume and Cover Letter to:

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