

Part-Time Director of Music Ministry wanted, Peninsula United Church, South Surrey/White Rock, BC

Who We Are:

Peninsula United Church is an inclusive community of faith where people can grow spiritually and share their gifts. Our purpose is to follow the way of Jesus, opening ourselves to the Spirit and making known God's transforming love.

PUC was formed in 2017 as an amalgamation of three United Church congregations in the South Surrey/White Rock area. Currently, worship is held at the Crescent site near Crescent Beach. We provide professional quality live-streamed worship services at 10 AM each Sunday morning with the videos of the services posted soon after on our PUC YouTube channel.

Who We Seek:

Music is an important and integral part of the worship life of this congregation. PUC has a long tradition of choral singing, accompanied by piano or organ. We embrace a wide range of music styles, ranging from traditional hymns to contemporary sacred music and welcome a variety of instrumental music. We are willing to explore broader dimensions of musical expression.

We are looking to hire a permanent, part-time Music Director. The individual will be an outstanding musician on piano and possibly organ, who is able to rehearse and lead the choir while playing the accompaniment and conducting from the piano keyboard.

About the Position:

The Music Director, under the leadership of the PUC Minister(s) collaborates in planning the musical components of the 10 AM Sunday morning worship services, as well as a few other services throughout the liturgical year. The Music Director leads weekly choir rehearsals, conducts a brief rehearsal prior to the commencement of Sunday morning worship services, plans and rehearses special music with individuals or small groups, and supports the musical development of lay people. A volunteer Ukulele Group is part of our music ministry and would enjoy occasional support from our Director.

Prior experience as a church musician, including familiarity with liturgical music is desirable. Requests to provide music for funerals, memorial services and weddings held at PUC will be offered to the Music Director with the right of first refusal and are remunerated by the families involved separately.

The Music Director works with our Videographer in support of our live-stream ministry, and is responsible for the administrative aspects of the music ministry under the supervision of the Worship Committee. The Music Director is accountable to the Strategic Leadership Council via the Ministry and Personnel Committee.

This is a permanent part-time position. Salary is negotiated based on education and experience and will be guided by the RCCO <https://www.rcco.ca> salary scale for church organists. The scope of work and compensation is based on an assumed regular requirement of 12 hours per week, subject to minor variances depending on the season of the church year, including increased demands during certain liturgical seasons.

The closing date is July 31, 2022. Preferred start date is August 28, 2022. This date is negotiable.

A full job description and instructions on how to apply can be found at: www.peninsulaunited.com

Specific Duties and Responsibilities for PUC Music Director Position - Sept. 2022

- Plan, rehearse and present music for all worship services, including special seasonal services which may fall on days other than Sundays, in collaboration with the Worship Committee, Minister(s) and/or worship leader.
- Provide leadership and accompaniment on the piano and/or organ for choral anthems and choir led congregational singing of hymns and responses. Support and collaborate with volunteer Ukulele Group occasionally.
- Attend meetings of the Worship Committee as required. Provide consultation to the Worship Committee and Minister(s) on musical matters as required. Maintain open communication on musical matters.
- Conduct weekly choir rehearsals at a time and place acceptable to choir members and an additional brief rehearsal and warm up **prior to commencement of** Sunday morning worship services.
- In addition to rehearsing anthems or other special music to be presented in worship, ensure the choir is familiar with the hymns that are planned for each week.
- Select anthems, solos, special music or other presentations appropriate to the liturgical season, in consultation with the Minister(s) as part of advance worship service planning.
- Encourage and develop the musical talents of congregation members, seeking to create opportunities and forms of musical expression within the congregation (vocal or instrumental, solo or ensemble).
- Work with minister(s) and provide guidance, as needed, on music selection appropriate for use in worship settings involving children and young families.
- Notify the church office of musical selections to be included in the Order of Service for the following Sunday worship service no later than Wednesday afternoon.
- Be responsible for maintaining the music library and keeping the spreadsheet database up to date.
- Communicate with choir members and guest musicians directly and in a timely fashion.
- Ensure in advance a suitable substitute for a planned absence and arrange for recruitment of supply accompanists when on planned leave.
- Comfortable with live-stream and YouTube technology.
- Work with the Worship Committee to develop an annual budget for the music ministry.
- Recommend volunteer and paid guest performers to the Worship Committee for **consideration and approval**.
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- The Board of Vocation, United Church of Canada expects all ministry personnel who are actively serving to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 unless medically exempt.
- A Criminal Record check is required.

Church Instrument Assets

- Grand Piano - Samick WSG-185 B/P
- Electronic Organ - Renaissance Model R270 by Allen
- Electronic Keyboard
- A standard Taye drum kit
- Two Djembe drums
- Assorted hand-held percussion instruments

Please submit a resume and covering letter with two references which support your application to the attention of Raquel Merriman, Chair, PUC Music Search Committee at search@peninsulaunited.com