

MUSIC/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Could you be the new part-time, fun-loving Music/Choir Director for Community Unitarian Universalist Church in northeast Plano? This church is a progressive environment that welcomes you, whatever your background, gender or orientation. You love to develop amateur singers into a polished choir, and you have mastered the head-nod entrance that lets you accompany and conduct at the same time. You set a cheerful, encouraging energy in rehearsals and performance, taking advantage of the wide range of music our congregation enjoys. Finally, you have excellent communication and organizational skills; you welcome collaboration with the minister on services and are unafraid to work the coffee hour to recruit new singers.

Community UU Church has about 150 members and, pre-pandemic, had 15-20 enthusiastic amateur choir members. The building has been undergoing repairs, and we expect to resume in-person services in February.

The Music Director's duties include once-a-week evening choir rehearsals (August-June), conducting the choir and playing piano for two Sunday services per month, scheduling musicians for the remaining Sundays, and general planning and leadership of the church music program. The choir also sponsors/organizes a fundraising show once a year. The position (nominally quarter-time) usually requires about 20-25 hours/month and pays \$900/month. Benefits include use of church facilities for private instruction and recitals and right of first refusal to perform at weddings and funerals held at CUUC, for additional compensation, and paid one-month vacation in July.

You can learn more about the church at www.communityuuchurch.org. All qualified people are encouraged to apply by sending a resume and cover letter to: MusicDirectorSearch@communityuuchurch.org.

Here is what our previous Music Director has to say about this job opportunity:

"As the former music director at Community Unitarian Universalist Church for nearly 10 years, I can attest that this congregation is very supportive of the choir and values the music as part of the worship service. The choir members are dedicated, hard-working and talented. They are open-minded and will work to overcome any challenges put in front of them. After every rehearsal, I would leave feeling refreshed and rejuvenated and would look forward to the next week."

--Christopher Wolff Gabel