

Part-Time Choir Director

The Union Church of Hinsdale (UCC) seeks an accomplished choir director who has had experience working with staff, musicians and the congregation within a traditional worship setting to support our traditional worship service as well as special and seasonal services and events such as Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, and Maundy Thursday. The choir director should desire to take an active role as a leader in worship. The candidate should have a comprehensive understanding of choral music, including sacred music, as well as knowledge and experience planning music appropriate for a worship service in the reformed tradition.

The candidate should provide strong leadership for choir, ensemble, solo and congregational singing and will be expected to lead weekly choir rehearsals (typically September – May and occasional Sundays during the summer) as well as work collaboratively with the pastoral and music staff. The candidate should have strong collaborative skills, a cooperative spirit, and a passion for nurturing musicians of all skills levels and ages.

The worship style at our traditional service, as well as the music, is traditional in a broad sense. It includes voices, organ, and piano as well as occasional additional instrumentalists.

The theology is reformed and progressive, in line with the United Church of Christ. We are a welcoming congregation that uses texts that include all of God's children as well as respecting the long traditions of the church.

B.M. in Music, Church music or equivalent with at least three years of church music experience, preferably in church choir directing. Choral conducting experience is required, instrumental conducting experience is desirable. Knowledge of choral technique and/or vocal technique is also required.

Time estimate: 8-10 hours per week
Position available August 21, 2011

Interested persons should submit a letter of interest and CV to the attention of the Chair of the Music Ministry, Kearney Kilens, c/o The Union Church of Hinsdale, Third and Garfield, Hinsdale, IL 60521; musicministry@uchinsdale.org. Phone inquires may be directed to 630-325-5627.