

## Job Description

**Position:** Assistant to Music Director/Soprano or Mezzo Soprano Section Leader

**Reports to** Music Director, Bill Merrill

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Music is an integral and much valued part of the worship experience at the Union Church in Waban. Singing in the choir provides an opportunity to grow spiritually as choir members share in fellowship together and offer beautiful music to glorify God and as a loving gift to all who gather for worship. The Union Church is looking to find ways in enrich our Sunday morning music program through increased participation by the congregation as a whole and in the development and enrichment of the choir.

The Union Church in Waban is seeking a skilled singer/musician on a part-time basis to help us reach these goals. This is an excellent opportunity for someone looking to explore a possible career as a church musician to work with a great core of volunteers and a skilled and capable music director.

The job requires a time commitment of between 10 and 12 hours a month for 10 months, with additional time required at Christmas and Easter time.

Required skills:

- Enthusiastic leader who is ready and willing to work with the choir in learning music and building confidence in singing in the choir and encouraging increased congregational participation in the choir;
- Strong vocal skills and ability to sing solos and either soprano or alto choral parts.
- Excellent musicianship
- Ability to sing repertoire from broad range of musical styles, i.e., classical, gospel, and contemporary praise.
- Sufficient piano skills to lead vocal warm-ups and assist in teaching individual choral parts; ability to substitute for music director on occasion is a plus.

- Previous church choral experience and /or knowledge of basic church repertoire helpful.
- Attend meetings with worship team and pastors three or four times during the church year.

#### Responsibilities:

- Work with music director, pastoral staff and worship team to enhance congregational participation in the music program including testing out and implementing recommendations gleaned from congregational conversations and input.
- Attend choir rehearsals twice a month and participate in Sunday services two to three times a month.
- Assist music director with communication with the choir and congregation and consult with music director on selection of repertoire.
- Sing solos when requested (approximately once every 4-6 weeks) and mentor volunteer singers.
- Assist director in recruiting singers to augment the choir at Christmas, Easter, and in general.
- Fill in on occasion when the music director is away including leading choir in rehearsal and leadership of all musical offerings during the service.

Compensation would be a combination of an hourly rate and specified amounts for rehearsal and worship services; the expectation is that the position will pay between \$450-\$550 per month, depending on experience.