

Music Director – Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Bellevue



Aldersgate United Methodist Church (AUMC) is a vibrant, inclusive Christian community growing in faith, love, health and service, located in south Bellevue. We seek a music director to lead our choir and other musical activities with a welcoming, enthusiastic spirit matching our joyful mission.

AUMC holds two weekly Sunday services, one centered around the chancel choir and traditional music, and one around a contemporary praise band. The music director's primary responsibilities are to lead the choir and other music of the traditional service, but in close contact and cooperation with all musicians of the church.

The music director leads the Chancel Choir in one service and one evening rehearsal each week, September through mid-June. The choral music for each service normally includes an introit, anthem, and a prayer response. The music director selects music appropriate to the worship themes of each service, in consultation with the senior pastor. Additional choral music, and extended or additional rehearsals, may be required for special services in connection with Christmas, Easter and Holy Week. During summer months when the choir is on hiatus, the music director recruits and coordinates soloists and small ensembles, typically members or friends of AUMC.

AUMC separately employs a pianist/organist who accompanies the choir in all rehearsals and services.

Depending on interest and qualifications of applicants, AUMC may also assign to the music director responsibility for leading the bell choir, which rehearses once per week and presents music in one service per month (in place of the choir).

The level of effort for the music director position is 12 to 14 hours per week, not including the bell choir, and 14 to 17 hours including the bell choir. These are averages for the entire year; hours will be lower during summer and higher when preparing for holidays. This is a salaried, rather than hourly, position.

Primary Skills:

- Excellent choral conducting
- Interpreting music of many periods, styles and moods
- Welcoming, teaching and nurturing singers of all skill levels
- Managing rehearsals efficiently
- Evaluating and selecting music suitable to available singers and to worship themes
- Working effectively and cooperatively with diverse people

We believe all people are of sacred worth and welcome everyone into the worship life, membership and leadership of our church, regardless of race, gender, national origin, sexual orientation or economic condition.

To apply, send your resume and cover letter to office@aldersgate-church.org, or to the address below. The position is open as of September 18, 2016, and applications will be accepted until October 9 (this date may be extended).

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