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Worship Leader – Job Description

Archwood UCC is a nearly 200 year old congregation on the near west side of Cleveland. Membership has been declining but we still welcome guests who come in off the streets most Sundays. We continue to engage in vital worship and ministry in our neighborhood, maintain our strong commitment to be open to and affirming of all God's people, and work for justice and peace in our city, nation, and world.

Profile of the Congregation

The congregation is small and struggling but also engaged in dynamic ministries. We are in the midst of major change, especially an exploration of what is ahead. Everything is under consideration including giving our building away and making major changes in the format of worship.

Building: We are exploring the possibility of gifting the building to the MetroWest Community Development Organization.

Worship: We are exploring ways our Sunday worship can more closely reflect our needs and values including our investigation and appreciation of progressive theology as reflected in the works of Marcus Borg, John Shelby Spong, the *Living the Questions* DVD series, and others. We are open to a variety of worship experiences. Worship usually includes music with a piano, drums, saxophone, and recorder accompaniment.

Study and Education: We regularly engage in Adult Education (book study and discussion) led primarily by our very part-time, unpaid licensed minister.

Mission: A number of community and congregation members organize and staff a fresh fruit and vegetable sale in front of the church twice a month.

Duties of the Worship Leader

- Provide a worship experience each Sunday with at least a short lesson/message and discussion.
- Explore with the Worship Committee and congregation members meaningful ways to worship.
- Create the bulletin each Sunday (if we continue to use a bulletin).
- Provide pastoral care, as needed and agreed.

Hours

We expect the leader to be at the church between 10am and 1pm Sunday mornings. It is possible that the worship leader would want to attend very occasional evening meetings.

Compensation

\$300 per week. The parsonage could be available in lieu of part of that compensation.

To Apply

Interested candidates should send a resume with a cover letter outlining their interest and fit for this position to Kathryn Harlow at cwlegal@gmail.com. Final candidates will be asked to submit three letters of recommendation. Candidates must be eligible for authorized standing in the UCC.

An Open and Affirming Congregation

God is still speaking,
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