

Countryside Church

Unitarian Universalist

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Position Title: Interim Choir Conductor*
Reports to: Senior Minister
Type of Position: Contractor (32 hours/month)**

JOB SUMMARY

The Interim choir conductor directs the Countryside Choir at rehearsals and for worship services.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Directs the Countryside Choir at rehearsals and for worship services
- Collaborates with the Minister or pulpit guest to select music for worship services
- Plans and implements selected choral and instrumental music for worship services, including special seasonal programs including Christmas Eve service.
- Song leads during services to introduce hymns/songs to the congregation
- Leads music in worship services
- Conducts by using gestures to shape the music being played/sung, communicating desired tempo, phrasing, tone, color, pitch, volume, and other musical aspects
- Educates and instructs choir participants about choral singing techniques
- Studies music scores to learn the music in detail, and to develop interpretations
- Coordinates regularly with CCUU staff members including but not limited to the Senior Minister, Assistant Minister of Lifespan Religious Education, and Congregational Administrator
- Sets-up rehearsal areas (e.g., music room)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Choral conducting experience or equivalent training
- Sight reading and keyboard skills to play choral parts

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Our church is unique in that we do not have one set of beliefs that everyone must share in order to join. Rather, we believe in pluralistic religious ideas and the freedom of their expression. And we believe that seeking truth is a never-ending journey.
- Duration of position: 6 months with a possibility of extension dependent upon the start date of the permanent position.
- Compensation \$600-\$960/mo depending on experience – Contract position/No benefits
- Start date Sept. 2, 2014

**Per month - 2 Sundays (2 Services each Sun), 3 Thurs nights, Music Committee Meeting, Planning with Minister, Prep Time (Pay Period – every 2 weeks)

*In accordance with best practice, the advice of the UU office of church staffing and transitions, and, as in most congregational staff transitions, the Interim Music Director is not to be considered for the permanent Director of Music Position.