



Job Posting

Director of Faith Formation **The First Church in Oberlin, UCC**



General Job Description:

The First Church in Oberlin United Church of Christ (Oberlin, Ohio) is seeking a passionate Christian educator to join our community of faith. The Director of Faith Formation will be responsible for planning, coordinating, and implementing year-round opportunities for all ages, with special emphasis on children and youth, to deepen faith through worship, fellowship, learning, celebration and service. The First Church in Oberlin is a vibrant, historic church and meeting house with a longstanding commitment to being intentionally inclusive, multicultural, just and loving. The individual in this position will be expected to further First Church's welcome by fostering positive relationships with church families as well as organizations, people, and resources relating to youth and youth ministries in our wider community.

Responsibilities:

- To ensure that there is a comprehensive and year-round approach to the development and implementation of the child/youth ministry program of the United Church of Christ within our local church.
- To ensure that there is a comprehensive and year-round approach to faith formation opportunities for adults within our local church.
- To lead, plan, develop, coordinate and implement a balanced child/youth ministry through worship, learning, outreach, celebration, and service in cooperation with the Pastor, Director of Music, Christian Education Committee, and Church's Administrative Staff.
- To coordinate Sunday School curricula for children/youth (grades K-12) and recruit teachers in partnership with the Christian Education Committee.
- To coordinate and teach Confirmation classes in partnership with the Pastor and provide leadership for confirmands, mentors, and parents beyond the classroom.

- To plan opportunities to include children and youth in worship services.
- To work to make First Church more welcoming, particularly to young adults, families, and the unchurched.
- To communicate with partners in ministry within and beyond the congregation.
- To recruit and train volunteers who work with the children/youth of the church, ensuring adequate support and oversight.
- To ensure that the Safe Church Policy is observed in all youth ministry settings.
- To assist with administrative duties as assigned.
- To give attention to professional development and self-care.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in a related field (minimum requirement)
Professional Certification in Youth Ministry (desired)
- Minimum three (3) years of relevant experience
- Self-starter with the ability to work independently
- Proven ability to work effectively with children, youth, diverse individuals and teams
- Highly organized with great attention to detail
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Basic computer skills with a willingness to learn
- Must meet all occupational requirements for working with youth and children including Ohio FBI and BCI background checks

Compensation & Benefits

Competitive salary and benefit package commensurate with experience and qualifications.

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter, resume, and list of 3 references to office@firstchurchoberlin.org. Deadline for application materials is November 25, 2019.

For more information please contact Anne Sprague, Search Committee Chair <spragueag@gmail.com>.

About The First Church in Oberlin, UCC:

Founded more than 175 years ago, the First Church in Oberlin U.C.C. is an open and affirming, just peace, global mission, and green justice church. In the heart of Oberlin, OH, it enjoys strong relationships with the Oberlin College & Conservatory of Music, Kendal at Oberlin, and faith communities throughout Northeast Ohio.

For more information about First Church, please visit <http://firstchurchoberlin.org/>.