

# Christian Education & Youth Group Leader – UCC Southbury

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The United Church of Christ, Southbury is committed to fostering a church community built around hope. Hope for the future. Hope for better. Hope for progress. Hope in Jesus. Inclusion and belonging are at the center of who we are as followers of Christ. We build relationships among children and teens, between young people and adults, and between each person and God. We invite children and youth from the wider community to join in all we have to offer.

This part time position for a Christian Education and Youth Leader will be approximately 20-22 hours per week throughout 48 weeks per year. Actual hours will vary from week to week. Starting rate is \$1,833 per month.

Our current children's programs include a weekly "Kids' Chapel" (20 minutes), both in-person and via Zoom, events related to the church seasons (Palm Parade, Egg Hunt & Farm Animals, Christmas pageant, etc) and occasional fellowship and mission gatherings. Our youth program include one weeklong or two weekend long mission trips, two mission/fellowship events each month, and regular fundraising events. We are seeking to strengthen what we have and expand to more events and community-building. A successful candidate will integrate themselves into the life of the church including worship, fellowship and missions.

The Christian Education and Youth Group Leader will report to the Interim Senior Pastor. S/he will work with and be supported by the Board of Christian Education and the Youth Ministry Committee. Goal-setting and evaluation will be collaborative through a Ministry Team designated for this role.

Primary responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Create and lead regular children and family events with a faith, mission and fellowship focus;
- Create and lead regular youth group events with a mission and fellowship focus;
- Recruit and equip volunteers to join and support these ministries;
- Participate in monthly meetings of Christian Education Board and Youth Ministry Committee;
- Participate in weekly staff meetings;
- Adhere to Safe Sanctuary Statement of Policy.

Core Competencies include but not limited to:

- Commitment to the church and all it has to offer;
- Enjoy working with children, youth and families;
- Excellent interpersonal skills with people of all ages;
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, with consistent follow-up;
- Strong organizational skills while focusing on multiple projects.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Craig Perry.

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