

Music Director for St. Andrew's United Church

Cochrane, Alberta

St. Andrew's United Church in Cochrane is looking for a dynamic and enthusiastic part time Music Director.

The Music Director enriches the congregation's worship and spiritual life through music. In Partnership with the Minister and Worship Committee, the Music Director is responsible for planning, leading and directing music for worship services.

This is a part time position (estimated 10 hours a week) and is scheduled to commence in January 2020. Fixed hours are 7 pm to 9 pm Thursdays for choir practice, and 10 am to noon Sundays for choir practice (10 to 10:25 am) and church service (beginning at 10:30 am). The remaining hours can be scheduled during the week to suit the individual.

We have an 18 member choir, a Yamaha Studio grand piano and a Baldwin organ.

Resumes may be emailed to mandp.cochraneunited@gmail.com

Background:

"We are located in the centre of Cochrane, Alberta, and have been involved in a lot of community history here, as we've been on this site since March 1909.

This church has been part of the life of Cochrane for over a century. The walls of our sanctuary have absorbed the prayers of generations. And we know that our life together as St. Andrew's United Church isn't about the building. It's about the people. Together we have gathered to baptize our young, to marry new lovers, and to bury our dead.

For a hundred years we have found our communion with each other and with God. For a hundred years we have marked the anniversaries of our lives and the changing seasons of our community.

Our life together has taught us how our life with God makes it possible for us to love each other more deeply. It is a gift of God that we have been called to hold this church as a sacred trust for generations yet unborn."

The Music Director will:

Work with the Minister in selection of anthems and other service music.

Plan music and lead choir in rehearsals and worship services.

Choose choral literature according to seasons of the church year, special events and themes.

Be willing to use both traditional and contemporary music styles and explore new music, and be open to new forms of musical leadership in worship.

Fulfill role of service accompanist.

Organize and rehearse with additional musicians as required (e.g. instrumentalists, singers)

Be responsible for some services outside of Sunday worship (eg. funerals, weddings)

Organize occasional Gifts of Music as needed, example: arrange for music presented during the summer months.

Engage in ongoing professional development.

Provide input and guidance in the preparation of the annual music budget

Attend meetings as required.

Qualifications/Competencies/Education/Experience:

The Music Director will:

Exhibit strong music leadership skills

Work independently, be responsible and self-managed.

Have high keyboard competence

Have an advanced level of music education (university or conservatory).

Experience as a choral director would be a great asset

Be competent in, and comfortable with, both traditional forms of worship music and contemporary and emerging forms of church music

Be familiar with the ethos, structure and practices of the United Church of Canada.

Remuneration/Benefits:

Salary is based on education and experience guidelines of the Royal Canadian College of Organists
Continuing education expenses are reimbursed, not to exceed budgeted amount.

The Music Director has the right of first refusal for playing at weddings, funerals and memorial services. Remuneration for these services is payable to the Music Director and is separate and in addition to Music Director's salary.

Remuneration and benefits will be reviewed annually by the Finance committee and Ministry and Personnel committee

Three (3) weeks of vacation will accrue each year.

***A complete job description is available and will be provided on request.**
