

Director of Music: Open Position

Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society (CVUUS)

Summary

- The Director of Music accompanies Sunday services, leads the choir, and coordinates with other musicians.
- Typical Sunday services include a prelude, 3 songs/hymns, transitional music, offertory, and postlude.
- The Director of Music selects and provides music to support summer and special seasonal services (such as: Water Ingathering, Indigenous Weekend, Winter Solstice, Christmas Eve, Contra Dance events, Earth Day, June 19th, Pride March, or Open Mic.)
- Music choices are coordinated with the Ministers and Worship Team to fit the goals of each service.
- This is a part-time position: 18 hours per week, 52 weeks/year, with 12 Sundays off per year, inclusive of vacation.

Our Shared Vision

The Director of Music at Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society (CVUUS) will partner with us to support dynamic Sunday services that reflect a progressive spirituality of compassion, justice, and pluralism. Together we will explore music from various traditions and styles, and experiment with different ensembles to invite the congregation into a worship experience that enriches and celebrates life.

We trust the Director of Music will enrich our minds and hearts with inspiring, creative and thoughtful music that reflects our spiritual, cultural, and lifestyle diversity (Jewish, Agnostic, Christian, Buddhist, Pagan, Young, Not-so-young, Queer, and Quirky).

Essential Functions

Choir and Music Program

- Plan, direct, and accompany weekly choir rehearsals (early September thru mid-June).
- Lead the choir or musical ensemble on three Sundays per month September through June.

- Rehearse with and accompany other instrumentalists or singers.
- Tap into a network of musicians within the community to include diverse offerings through paid and volunteer musicians/singers from within and outside of CVUUS.
- Coordinate with a House Band one Sunday per month (Sept –June).

Management of the Music Program

- Administer the music program, including the music budget.
- Secure written music and work with the Music Ministry Team to maintain the music library.
- Keep records for copyright compliance.
- Oversee the maintenance of pianos and other musical equipment.

Professional and Collegial Responsibilities

- Meeting with ministers, staff, Worship team and Music Ministry team.
- Adhere to the Association for Unitarian Universalist Music Ministries (AUUMM) Code of Professional Conduct, and, as time and funding permit, participate in the AUUMM and attend the annual AUUMM National Conference.

Future Aspirations (as time permits)

- Support the Director of Religious Exploration in providing musical enrichment for the children and youth.
- Work with the Music Ministry Team to recruit and develop choir members.
- Maintain a database of music selections for music programs and worship services.
- Form and lead a small, auditioned group of chamber singers.
- Develop a concert series to take advantage of the excellent acoustics of the CVUUS sanctuary.

To Apply, send a letter of interest and a resume to cvuusmusic@gmail.com. We will begin to review applications on June 21, 2024.

For Additional Information, visit Music on the website of Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society: <https://www.cvuus.org/worship/music-and-choir/>.