

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) AUSTIN, TEXAS

University Christian Church seeks to be a dynamic, inclusive community living out the love of Jesus the Christ through thoughtful worship, compassionate service, and spiritual growth.

POSTING

MINISTER/DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

University Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Austin, Texas, seeks a Minister/Director of Education and Community Engagement to direct congregational education, develop and cultivate congregational, local community, and interpersonal events, and develop and lead evangelism efforts.

The position is full-time. The range of the recommended annual compensation package is \$51,000 to \$71,000 depending on ordination, experience, and qualifications.

Employment will begin no earlier than July 1, 2018.

Duties of the Position

Community Engagement

- Create and sustain affinity and ministry groups within University Christian Church, including identifying and supporting leaders for those groups and connecting members and visitors to appropriate groups;
- Develop spiritual and social opportunities for members and visitors to gather outside of Sunday church school and worship;
- Connect members to internal and external service and educational opportunities, including mission trips and advocacy efforts;
- Assist new members in integrating into appropriate groups, church school classes, and church-wide gatherings;
- Work with local interfaith leaders and organizations to increase the visibility and participation of University Christian Church in the Austin faith community;
- Serve as staff liaison to the Outreach and Membership Councils.

Evangelism

- Educate members how to be invitational in their faith in practical ways that reflect and maintain the theological integrity and the mission and values of University Christian Church;
- Organize and communicate internally and externally about events, group meetings, and service opportunities that welcome and encourage the participation and easy integration of members, guests, and visitors;
- Invite and guide interested visitors to appropriate groups, service opportunities, and upcoming events;
- Serve as staff liaison to the Evangelism Council.

Education

- Formulate, plan, coordinate, and supervise Christian education ministry, including choosing curriculum; recruiting and training church school teachers, children's church teachers, children and youth group sponsors, and Vacation Bible School volunteers; and finding resources for adult education.

- Organize and lead the UCC children's and youth ministries;
- Participate in leadership for Bluebonnet Area children's and youth events, including the summer camping program;
- Provide counseling for youth and parents;
- Assist the Senior Minister in selecting curriculum for and teaching the Pastor's Class;
- Plan, administer, and participate in Vacation Bible School;
- In cooperation with the Education Council, oversee child care provided during Sunday worship services and on other occasions when it is required;
- Serve as staff liaison to the Education Council, the University Council, and Labyrinth Campus Ministry.

Other Duties

- Assist in worship planning for weekly and special services as requested by the Senior Minister;
- Preach or lead in worship as requested by the Senior Minister;
- Provide pastoral care to church members as requested by the Senior Minister or by the member;
- Represent University Christian Church in and before external organizations and forums as requested by the Senior Minister;
- Attend denominational conferences as scheduling and funding permits;
- Other duties as assigned.

Education and Qualifications

- Graduation from an accredited four-year university;
- Graduation from an accredited seminary preferred (a Disciples of Christ seminary preferred);
- Ordination preferred;
- Significant church experience attained through seminary education or congregational experience or both;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Demonstrated experience with change management;
- Strong ability to work with and relate to people across the spectrum of generations;
- An attitude of energy and infectious enthusiasm.

Interested candidates must send a letter of interest together with a resumé or curriculum vitae and three letters of professional reference to Cathleen Parsley, Chair, Personnel Council, University Christian Church, 2007 University Avenue, Austin, Texas 78705. Deadline for applications is June 1, 2018.

Applicants will be subject to a background check.

University Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is an equal opportunity employer.