



Wilshire Presbyterian Church Choir Director and Musical Accompanist Job Description

Description:

Wilshire Presbyterian Church is a small multi-cultural urban church in the Mid-Wilshire/Koreatown area of Los Angeles. Wilshire Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Since 1912, Wilshire Presbyterian Church has stood on the corner of Third and Western in Los Angeles, witnessing and taking part in the life of the city. Over the century, the surrounding area has transformed from cornfields to single family dwellings, apartment buildings and businesses, and immigrants from all over the world have settled in the surrounding neighborhoods. Wilshire Presbyterian Church mirrors this diversity. We are an inter-cultural congregation that welcomes and embraces people from all different walks of life. Our motto is: "Come As You Are, Be Inspired, Share God's Love." In short, we are a church for everyone.

Objective:

Support the Wilshire Presbyterian Church community in worship services. This post requires an experienced choral conductor who has strong organ and keyboard skills. This versatile musician must be comfortable in multiple genres including; classical, world music, gospel, jazz and popular styles. The ability to read music printed in lead sheet form (improvising accompaniment from chords symbols) is essential.

Job Responsibilities

Serve as conductor/accompanist for the chancel choir and organist/pianist for weekly Worship Services, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve services.

Coordinate and rehearse weekly quartet offertories with the (SATB) staff quartet. The quartet meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. The choir joins the quartet at 9:15 am.

Accompany Weddings, Commitment Services, Funerals and Memorial Services as needed for additional compensation.

Provide solo repertoire in multiple genres for Preludes and Postludes for weekly worship services.

Attend monthly planning meetings with the pastor and Worship Committee (usually the first Saturday of each month) to select the coming month's repertoire and evaluate the effectiveness of the prior month's service music.

Coordinate with substitute conductors/accompanists when a Worship Service must be missed due to vacations and other planned absences.

Arrange for staff and volunteer soloists to provide solos during the summer months in cooperation with the pastor.

Long Range Goal:

Create, in cooperation with the pastor, a customized Wilshire Presbyterian Church Worship Music Book. This collection of lively repertoire will support the multicultural, indigenous congregation's need for a fifty-two Sunday program, roughly aligned to the church seasonal year (e.g. Black History month in February).

Hours and Compensation

Hours:

10 hour a week: This includes 3-4 hours at church on Sundays (ordinarily from 9am-12pm) to rehearse with the choir and play the music for the 10:30am Worship Service.

Salary:

\$250 per week - paid monthly at the end of the month.

An additional \$200 will be compensated per monthly Worship Committee Meeting.

Fees for Weddings and Commitment Services are in addition to the weekly salary and are to be paid by the couple.

Fees for Funerals and Memorial Services are in addition to the weekly salary and will be paid by the family of the deceased.

Vacation:

2 weeks paid vacation per year.

Vacation time or leave may not be taken during the Season of Advent (the four Sundays before Christmas) through Christmas Eve or Lent (the four Sundays before Easter) through Easter Day.

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