

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Central Presbyterian Church, Montclair, New Jersey, is seeking a part-time Director of Music to manage and develop our music ministry. Our diverse, inclusive congregation believes that music plays an important role in uniting us and opening our hearts and souls to God. Our Sunday morning services follow Reformed traditions; but, our service music draws from many genres in addition to traditional sources.

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

Collaborate with the pastor to select music that complements the liturgical calendar and service themes.

Direct and develop the adult choir.

Play organ and/or piano for Sunday and holiday services.

Hire and oversee vocal soloists and instrumentalists when needed.

Manage the music budget.

Maintain the music library.

Arrange for substitutes when needed.

Work with tech volunteers from the congregation to use sound technology during services

Work with the Worship Committee to develop quarterly plans for worship services

Submit a written annual report to the Clerk of Session and present it to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Arrange for tuning of the organ and pianos.

NECESSARY SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Proficiency in organ, piano, and choral conducting.

Knowledge of traditional and contemporary church music.

Ability to work with singers of varying skill levels to create a unified choir.

Familiarity with or appreciation for the Reformed tradition and its worship format.

Ability to collaborate with diverse individuals and committees.

CHURCH RESOURCES

Allen-Skinner Organ, Opus 353, 1922 – 33 ranks, 2063 pipes, 4 manuals.

Steinway grand piano in sanctuary; three other grand pianos in church house.

Hammond organ with Leslie 910 amplifier

Extensive library of choral music

WORK HOURS: 10 to 15 hours per week, which includes Sunday morning (3 hours); one evening choir rehearsal; preparation, management, and consultation/meeting time; and special holiday services (Christmas Eve and Holy Week, approximately 6 hours annual total)

PERFORMANCE REVIEWS: 6 months and 12 months

TO APPLY: Email cover letter, resume (including professional references) and links to video samples of applicant's work (if available) to searchcommitteeepcmontclair@gmail.com