

Director of Christian Education

First Presbyterian Church in Iowa City

Job Title: Director of Christian Education

Reports to: Pastor

Salary: \$50,000 - \$55,000

Hours: 40 hours/week

Job classification: Exempt

Physical requirements: light lifting.

Background check required.

Educational requirements: Bachelor's degree (Master's in a relevant area preferred)

The Director of Christian Education encourages spiritual growth through all ages of congregational life, serving to build a welcoming environment for the curiosity of children, a safe space for youth to explore their faith, support for families doing their best to grow in discipleship, and ongoing challenge to adults seeking to draw closer to God.

Essential Functions:

- Work with the Christian Education Committee to plan and lead diverse and inclusive Christian Education Programs for people for all ages (children, youth, adult)
- Create and oversee a system for recruiting, training, and placing volunteers in the Christian Education Program in accordance with our Safe Church policy
- Identify and organize opportunities for discipleship outside the church, including mission trips and retreats
- With the Christian Education Committee and the Pastor, develop and deliver middle school and high school youth group programming
- Build interest and awareness in Christian Education offerings through regular congregational communication
- Empower our Sunday School teachers and students by preparing and coordinating Sunday School classes
- Other duties as assigned by the pastor

Core Competencies

- A firm grounding in progressive Christian theology
- A welcoming personality and empathy
- A demonstrated interest in the lives and growth of church members
- Skill at relating to and working with children and youth
- Ability to organize and track multiple ongoing projects
- Collaborative attitude, with the ability to work independently within a team framework
- Flexibility, with an ability to adjust to changing program audiences and needs

First Presbyterian Church's mission, is, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to spread the Word of God through Jesus Christ and live lives of Justice, Mercy, and Faith. That means we believe that children should be both heard and seen (and even lead worship), take the Bible seriously but not literally, use inclusive language, and are LGBTQ-affirming. In the past year, around 30 youths and 50 adults have participated in our Christian Education programming, with regular attendance around 15 youth and 25 adults at our weekly activities.

Submit resume and cover letter to jobs@firstpresioiwacity.org

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