

UNION CHURCH OF HINSDALE

137 S Garfield Ave, Hinsdale, IL 60521 • UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENT OF JOB OPENING

- POSITION:** Director of Youth Ministries
- HOURS:** Twenty-five hours per week for ministry with youth, with availability of full-time with additional responsibilities
- SALARY:** Competitive and commensurate with skills and experience; full-time includes benefits
- DESCRIPTION:** The Director of Youth Ministries will lead all aspects of our congregation's ministry with youth (roughly ages 12-18). The priorities of the work will be:
- to help all youth grow as disciples of Jesus Christ;
 - to fully integrate youth into the overall life of the congregation;
 - to invite and welcome non-member youth and their families into the youth program and the life of the congregation, leading to growth of the youth program and congregation;
 - to sustain the priority of service to others as an essential part of Christian faith and spiritual growth, maintaining and enhancing the "work tour" program and other forms of service.

THE CONGREGATION:

The Union Church of Hinsdale (United Church of Christ) is an active, healthy congregation. We have people of all ages, and we come from a wide variety of church backgrounds, including "un-churched." We have two worship services on Sunday, plus a monthly service led entirely by youth. We are an open, theologically progressive congregation, committed to inviting and welcoming all. Service to others and promotion of holistic social well-being is important to us, not just through the church, but in our lives. We are committed to our children and youth, and seek to help parents raise their children with generous, life-shaping Christian faith. We have energy and resources, and we look forward to working with a Director of Youth Ministries who can lead us with creative, new ideas and an open, generous spirit.

THE MINISTRY POSITION:

Our Director of Youth Ministries will be a key contributor to our overall ministry, working closely with other staff and committed lay leadership to help our youth grow and mature in Christian faith. We need our Director of Youth Ministries to be intentional about the faith development of our youth, while recognizing that mature faith is often "caught" more than "taught." Our Director of Youth Ministries needs to share a vision of faith that includes both personal commitment to the way of Jesus and open, thoughtful engagement with the beliefs and everyday realities of contemporary youth. We seek someone who is relational and engaging, is able to handle the organizational demands of youth ministry, is able to communicate well with parents and the congregation, and will work collaboratively with church members in building a thriving youth program.

QUALIFICATIONS:

A Bachelor of Arts degree (or equivalent) is expected, with a minimum of two years of professional experience leading a congregational youth ministry program, or working with youth in a Christian ministry position (e.g. outdoor/camp ministries).

Formal theological training is highly desired, although we will consider candidates with mature Christian faith and the ability and willingness to engage in formal theological training in the future.

CONTACT:

For initial contact, please send a one page resume, including relevant educational, volunteer, and professional work to the Rev. J. Michael Solberg (Sr. Pastor), at msolberg@uchinsdale.org. Requests by email for additional information are welcome. Thank you for your interest in the Union Church of Hinsdale!