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Job Title: Youth/Associate Minister, Full Time

Job Description: The Full-Time Youth/Associate Minister will plan and lead an open and inclusive program for our Middle School (6th-8th) and High School (9th-12th) youth providing spiritual, social, and service outreach growth opportunities. The Youth/Associate Minister will also assist the Senior Pastor in the religious and spiritual leadership of our United Church of Christ congregation.

The ideal candidate will:

- Be grounded by the theology, psychology and principles of Christian ministry
- Have hands on experience working with a successful youth program
- Truly desire to understand the needs of our youth developing a genuine love and rapport with a wonderful group of young people
- Be an independent worker exercising initiative and sound judgment
- Be organized and able to administer and manage short and long-term projects throughout the year
- Be flexible and strive to respond to daily, weekly, or other changing group needs
- Be in the process of securing a Master of Divinity or hold a Master of Divinity
- Be in the process of being ordained or be ordained in a recognized Christian denomination

Primary Responsibilities

- Strengthen the developing spiritual life of our youth through traditional Bible studies and other resources and activities
- Create, energize, and join-in the fun of weekly youth group fellowship activities
- Host programs for youth and parents dealing with age-appropriate concerns (family life, school pressures, substance abuse, sexuality, career and college goal setting, etc)
- Plan, guide, and encourage youth service and outreach throughout the year including the annual Summer Mission trip
- Organize and trumpet a variety of youth fund-raising projects
- Encourage youth participation and leadership in worship with focused events and programs including the Drama and Music Ministries, annual Youth Service, Student Sunday Service, Mission Trip Work Service and Recognition of Graduates Service
- Update PRCC Youth Web-site and newsletters helping families plan ahead for upcoming activities
- Help promote and guide the selection process for the Eric Nelson Youth Scholarship
- Foster new and old relationships with our youth away at college
- Plan and monitor financial expenditures for the youth annual budget

- Rally and manage volunteer helpers that guide and assist youth programming throughout the year

Shared Responsibilities

The Youth/Associate Minister will assist the Senior Pastor with religious and spiritual Congregation leadership by participating and/or supervising the sacramental, educational, preaching, worship, counseling and other core ministries of the church, including:

- Active planning of Sunday services under the direction of the Senior Pastor and in partnership with the Minister of Music
- Sharing a thoughtful and challenging sermon at two separate services, one Sunday each month
- Working with a team ministry to provide hospital and nursing home visitation
- Collaboration in planning and administration of the Sacraments, supervision of weddings, funerals, memorial services, confirmations
- Participation and partnership with appropriate church boards and committees
- Helping coach and guide the Confirmation Leadership Team with planning, coordination, and running weekly gatherings of 6th - 8th graders, currently using Faith Incubators Curriculum.

Compensation

- Full-time Salary
- Housing
- Health insurance for self and spouse/children
- Pension
- Allowance for Continuing Education

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