

Bells Corners United Church Youth Program Director

Position Description

Hours of Work – up to 5 hours/ week

Remuneration - \$20.00/hour

Summary

Bells Corners United Church (BCUC) seeks an enthusiastic individual to rebuild its historically active and vibrant Youth Group in the wake of the pandemic.

To help achieve this goal, we are looking for a person to develop and deliver a Youth program for ages 13-18 that includes up to 5 hours a week of programming for youth, within and outside of the Sunday Worship Services.

Familiarity with, and experience in the United Church of Canada, is an asset.

Main Responsibilities

The success of this role will be measured in both program delivery and community outreach, interactions, and partnerships.

Reporting to the Christian Education Minister, the Youth Program Director will have responsibilities as described in the following areas:

Programming

- Develop an overall strategy to increase youth membership and participation in the life of the BCUC congregation.
- Consult regularly with the church leadership team to ensure program activities complement and support wider church initiatives.
- Participate in the delivery of the Youth component of the Sunday School program. This includes providing input to the Worship and Education Committee and the minister to plan the lessons for the weekly Sunday School program for youth ages 13-18. (i.e., Sundays 10:00 – 11:00).
- Communicate regularly with staff, parents, and members of the congregation on Youth Group plans and activities.

Outreach & Partnerships

- Reach out into the community to build on our existing relationships with the faith communities in our immediate neighbourhood (e.g.: Christ Church Bells Corners, St. Martin de Porres Roman Catholic Church, Jami Omar Mosque) and help create opportunities for joint youth events and initiatives
- Seek opportunities for youth to support local organizations that serve the community (e.g.: FAMSAC, Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy)

- Seek opportunities to involve our Youth in the local and global outreach of the congregation, such as our Zambia Partnership Project.

Worship

- Coordinate with the Minister, Music Director, and Worship & Education Committee to actively involve youth in the worship life of the church
 - Involve youth in worship services (e.g. reading Scripture, lighting the Christ Candle, assisting the AV Team).
 - Help coordinate youth-led worship services
- Attend the monthly meetings of the Worship/Christian Education Committee

Education /Training and Skill

- A self-starter who wants to help build on BCUC's history of strong and vibrant Youth involvement
- Experience working with children and youth (e.g., after-school programs, or camps as a project leader or program coordinator);
- Demonstrates a vibrant, passionate knowledge of and commitment to the Christian faith, and has a basic understanding of the theology and the authority of scripture within the United Church of Canada
- Willingness to be flexible and emote contagious enthusiasm for finding creative, relevant and faithful ways to inspire our young people
- Enthusiastic about working with teens and comfortable in reaching out into the community to continue our relationships with other organizations (e.g. local faith communities and non-profits, our global partnership with Chipembi, Zambia) and to help form new partnerships.
- Skilled in digital technology and social media.

About Us:

Bells Corners United Church is a thriving faith community in the west end of Ottawa. We take our mission statement, to Rejoice, Renew, Respond, and Reach Out, to heart in everything we do. Our children and youth are an important and vibrant part of our worship and our work. Read more about us at www.bcuc.org

We look forward to welcoming a leader who will help us rebuild our Youth Program in the wake of the pandemic.

Please send enquiries and expressions of interest to:

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