

La Mesa First United Methodist Church, La Mesa, CA

Job Description: Organist/Pianist

Effective: As soon as available

Reports to: Director of Music, Jill Coady

Status: Part-time

La Mesa First United Methodist Church has an immediate opening for a part-time Organist/Pianist accompanist. We are looking for a Christian person with an understanding of music ministry as an element of the worship life of a congregation. Qualifications include a degree in music or equivalent and proficiency on the piano/keyboard as well as the organ.

Responsibilities Include:

- Provide organ/piano music for Sunday worship services (8:30 and 10:30).
- Attend Thursday night choir rehearsals for the purpose of accompaniment as needed.
- Choose appropriate organ/piano music for preludes, offertories and postludes in cooperation with the Director of Music.
- Provide organ/piano music for other special or seasonal worship services or concerts, i.e., Christmas Eve, Christmas Day (when Christmas falls on a Sunday), Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Shrove Tuesday, Pops Concert in June. Dress rehearsals on Friday evenings prior to Sunday concerts.
- Will work collaboratively with the Director of Music in short and long-term planning.
- Accompanist skills should be at an advanced level with the ability to improvise on hymn tunes highly desired.
- Accompany other choral/solo and instrumental ensembles as needed and as available.
- Arrange a substitute when unable to be present providing notification to the Director of Music in a timely manner.
- Prepare appropriate music for weddings and funerals. (1st right of refusal). Compensation extra for these events.
- Oversee maintenance of the organ and piano.
- The ability to conduct the choir in the absence of the Director of Music is also preferred.
- Participate in the recruitment of soloists and ensembles.

Salary:

- \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00 per year commensurate with qualifications and includes paid vacation.

Education:

- Bachelor's (Preferred)
- Liturgical Service Playing: 2 years (Preferred)

Hours per week:

- 12 hours to include: Sundays – 7:45-11:45 am. Thursdays – 6:15-9:30 pm.

Working Days:

- Thursdays
- Sundays

Applicant should send resume, cover letter (including references) and links to recordings highlighting organ/piano performance level to: jill@lamesaumc.com

Review process begins April 22 with interviews and auditions to follow. Applications due by May 15.