

Job Opportunity
Children & Youth Coordinator at Beach United Church

Are you passionate about living as a liberal and inclusive Christian? Do you see yourself walking with kids and youth of Beach United Church and the wider young community as they explore spirituality and compassionate living? Do you see God as alive and thriving in the 21st century? Then we might just have the job for you!

BUC is an active church community that balances traditional congregational needs with environmental concerns and social justice issues. We are dedicated to achieving our progressive mission through our strategic plan. Our vision is of a church that engages more people, by seeking increased meaning in our lives, a greater sense of community, and environmental and social projects in which we can have a meaningful impact.

Beach United Church is on a voyage of change, and seeks highly motivated, organized and creative new staff to help us on our journey. The Church has identified two principal approaches:

- (1) Build a church that meets the spiritual needs of the congregation in progressive and creative ways.
- (2) Expand beyond that to join with others in the community in:
 - exploring faith with curiosity and questions,
 - offering compassionate support and hope through the ups and downs of daily life,
 - providing opportunities for positive and meaningful contributions to caring for the earth, its environment and its peoples.

This position requires a commitment of 15 hours per week, including 3-4 hours on Sunday mornings. The pay rate, based on qualifications and experience, will be between \$25 and \$30 per hour, plus United Church benefits.

Responsibilities

- 1) Work with other Staff and the congregation's Advisory Group for Children and Youth to plan and deliver programs for spiritual exploration for children & youth. These will help young people explore issues of faith, values and meaningful living:
 - a) Initially on Sunday mornings, but growing into other times of the week
 - b) Facilitate the participation of children in worship 2-3 times/year; supported by lead minister and music coordinator
 - c) Bring creativity and life applications to existing curriculum and devise unique programs drawing on other materials
 - d) Bring topics and questions prevalent in the larger community into the programs at BUC for children, youth and their families.
- 2) Extend the church's connections into the community: The successful candidate will bring creativity to find ways to achieve this goal:
 - a) Initiate opportunities to partner with and learn about, others faith groups and service organizations in the community

- b) Build a network of connections into the larger society and use them in developing children and youth programming
- c) Plan events that bring families together (e.g. picnic, Beach clean up) both as Beach United gatherings, and gatherings with families of the larger community.

Create an environment where people feel safe voicing their cares and concerns, and offer a listening ear and appropriate help when needed.

Education and Qualifications

- Post-secondary diploma or degree related to education of children and/or youth or an equivalent combination of work and life experience
- Demonstrated strong performance in a children or youth program development and/or delivery area

Gifts & skills required

1. A genuine calling to work with young people
2. Curiosity about spirituality and the connections to universal values in daily living, and able to engender similar curiosity and connections in kids
3. Demonstrated excellence in leading activities with groups of young people
4. Strong planning & organisational skills
5. Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with others
6. Knowledge of and openness to learning more about the United Church of Canada, Beach United Church, other Christian faiths and world religions

Applications

For more information, please visit www.beachunited.com.

BUC is an open, equity-supporting church and employer. Our building is fully accessible. We welcome applications from all interested persons holding the qualifications outlined.

As this is one of 3 part time positions available, applications should include a résumé and a cover letter indicating the position(s) for which you are applying. We thank all those who apply but regret that we may only be able to reply to those who are being called for an interview.

Applications accepted till noon Friday December 15, 2017

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