

Community Engagement Coordinator

Beach United Church seeks a highly motivated, organized and creative Community Engagement coordinator to join our team. In this role, you will facilitate and enhance our ability to connect with and engage with the wider community of the Beach and beyond.

Beach United Church (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 way of seeking increased meaning in our lives, a greater sense of community, and environmental and social projects in which we can have a meaningful impact.

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

Responsibilities:

- Work with BUC staff & volunteer leaders, plus leaders in the wider community to:
 - gain insights for BUC program planning around issues and questions currently engaging people in our area, and
 - identify where BUC can assist existing projects in the community, and offer BUC leadership where appropriate
- Identify connections between Beach United Church mission goals and objectives as included in the strategic plan and potential projects within the Beach and the larger community
- Conduct research into those issues in society that matter most to people, and share this information with action groups in the church to enhance their planning.
- Connect with groups who use our building to establish stronger partnerships in the wider community.
- Build community support for expanding existing BUC programs (such as the Interfaith Lunch, Cooking With Soul, SoundWave Café, knitting group, etc.)
- Develop and work with an Advisory Group for Community Engagement to ensure that connections and project opportunities in the larger community relate substantively to Beach United goals and objectives in the strategic plan.
- Develop BUC activities with a strong focus on social justice and the environment designed to engage the wider community through the spirit of extraordinary hospitality.
- Develop BUC activities open to others that further strengthen community connections (e.g. Friday Block Party).
- Nurture a caring environment for all people, from the congregation and beyond who are involved in programs and events sponsored by the church.

Qualifications and Experience needed:

- Post secondary diploma or degree related to community building, social activism, community based project management or social research or an equivalent combination of life and work experience.
- At least 2 years experience in project implementation at the local community level.

Skills required:

- Proven ability to connect with official and volunteer leaders in the wider community.
- Knowledge of and openness to learning more about the United Church of Canada, Beach United Church, other Christian faiths and world religions
- Demonstrated ability to organize volunteers to implement and complete projects
- Communication and cooperation with other members of the church community, whether paid staff or volunteers.
- Ability to employ information from wider community to formulate programs and activities that enhance a community of care.
- Willing to work evenings and weekends, as needed.

About Beach United Church

Located in east Toronto, Beach United Church is a church for the community, exploring the teachings of Jesus, with consideration for other teachings of values of living in harmony. We strive to join with others in exploring faith with curiosity and questions, to offer compassionate support and hope, and to provide opportunities for meaningful contributions to caring for the earth, its environment and its peoples.

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.

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

Applications

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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