

Children & Youth Coordinator

September 5, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Position Overview

Beach United Church (BUC) seeks a Children and Youth Coordinator to lead its children and youth program and provide community outreach and engagement to assist Beach United Church (BUC) to achieve its vision. The successful Children and Youth Coordinator will build relationships that meet spiritual needs in progressive and creative ways and expand Beach United's connections with the local and wider community.

The position requires a commitment of 10-12 hours per week, including 2.5-3 hours each Sunday morning. This is a contract position beginning on September 5, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024. The salary is \$23 per hour, depending on candidate qualifications and experience.

Responsibilities

Program Leadership: Works with congregational leadership (minister, volunteers) and other staff to plan and deliver programs for spiritual exploration by children and youth. This will support young people's exploration of faith, value, and meaningful living.

- Primarily on Sunday mornings, but with the potential for single events at other times of the week.
- Facilitates the participation of children in worship 2-3 times per year, supported by the lead minister and the music director
- Brings creativity and life applications to existing curriculum and create unique programs drawing on multiple sources.
- Bring topics and questions relevant to themes identified in the congregation and larger community into the programs at Beach UC.

Outreach and Engagement: Extends Beach UC's connections into the community through creative engagement.

- Initiates opportunities to partner with and learn about other faith groups and service organizations in the community
- Builds a network of connections in the wider community to enhance child and youth programming.
- Plans events that bring families together

- Creates a safe space where youth, children and their families can voice ideas, cares, and concerns, while offering a listening ear and appropriate support when needed.

Job Qualifications and Requirements

Education and Experience

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

Skills and Knowledge

- A genuine calling to work with young people
- Curiosity about spirituality and the connections it offers to universal values in daily living, with the ability to engender similar curiosity and connections in young people
- Demonstrated excellence in leading activities with groups of young people
- Strong planning and organizational skills; with skills to plan and manage time effectively
- An excellent relationship builder with the ability to work collaboratively while demonstrating leadership.
- Knowledge of and openness to learning more about the United Church of Canada, Beach United Church, other faith traditions and world religions
- Willing to work weekends or evenings, as needed.
- First aid knowledge an asset
- Demonstrated ability to work with the vulnerable sector (The successful candidate will be required to provide proof of a recent Toronto Police Vulnerable Sector clearance.)

About Beach United Church

Beach United Church in the Beaches neighbourhood of Toronto is a progressive community hub. In addition to providing spiritual development and worship services typical of church communities, we support a wide range of activities related to environmental, social justice, and community issues. These activities include concerts and musical performances, food and housing security services, and camps and programs for children.

Our vision is of a church that engages people to find increased meaning in their lives, develop a stronger sense of community, and engage in projects in which they can have a meaningful impact.

The modern, flexible church building at 140 Wineva is environmentally sensitive and accommodates a wide range of uses. Extensive rental access is provided to community groups whose purpose broadly aligns with the values and mission of Beach United Church.

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

Applications

Applications should include a resume 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.

Please direct applications to MandP@beachuc.com.