

Christ United Methodist Church
Job Description – Director, The Wesley Bell Ringers

This position will be available on July 1, 2024. There is the opportunity for the successful candidate to work, as the paid assistant director, during the September 2023 through June 2024 season. This would allow the candidate to experience week to week choir activities, to become familiar with 60 years of choir tradition and to participate in the planning of a summer tour.

Salary: TBD **Paid: Monthly**

Hours per week: 8-10

Supervisor: Director of Music

Purpose: Recruit and train ringers (high school through college freshmen) to perform level 4-6 handbell music at CUMC worship services, area performances, and during an annual two week concert tour.

Schedule:

1. Rehearse 4 hrs. Per week (two evening rehearsals) September through early June.
2. Participate in worship services at CUMC monthly, October through June, and at the 1100 PM Christmas Eve Service.
3. Perform 8-10 times per year for area churches and organizations.
4. To prepare for Christmas concerts and summer tours, the choir typically holds two rehearsal retreats annually, in October and April.
5. The choir tours a different part of the US each year for two weeks, performing in churches and staying in the homes of host church families. Sightseeing and two or three hotel nights are also part of the tour experience.

Principal Job Requirements:

1. An understanding of basic music theory.
2. The ability to teach hand bell technique and music performance.
3. The ability to organize and manage a parent support group to assist with fund raising, uniforms, tour planning, etc.
4. The ability to organize and inspire youth to excel musically, and to commit to the rehearsal, performance, fund raising and tour activities required.
5. The ability to interface with audiences, hosts, donors and the CUMC congregation.
6. The ability to plan and execute a two week summer tour and a Christmas performance schedule.
7. The ability to manage equipment and supplies, including bell maintenance and repair.
8. The ability to select and legally procure music appropriate to the church liturgical calendar and for Christmas and summer tour audiences.
9. Strong written and verbal communication skills.
10. Coordinate with director of music for musical contributions to worship.

Qualifications:

EDUCATION: College graduate preferred.
Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications, email, and web based applications.

EXPERIENCE: Minimum of three years experience ringing in a handbell ensemble.
Minimum of two years experience directing a handbell ensemble.

AGE: Minimum 25 years of age

Must complete Safe Sanctuary training and a background check.

Respond to:

**CUMC SPR Committee
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The Wesley Bell Ringers are one of the premier youth hand bell choirs in the United States. They are sponsored by Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, UT. In addition to monthly musical contributions to worship, the choir performs throughout Northern Utah, mostly during the Christmas season, and each summer travels across North America sharing their beautiful music. Since its founding in 1963 over 500 youth have participated in the choir.