

## **ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR**

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Position Available at the First Congregational Church (FCC), Washington, CT

Targeted Start Date December 28, 2014

### **GENERAL UNDERSTANDING**

Music is an integral part of the life of this congregation. Under the leadership of the Pastor and Music Chair, the Organist/Choir Director exercises an important ministry that reaches out to the staff, choir members, members of the congregation, and the community. As a musician, He/She will be diligent in preparation and performance, and will cooperate with others to provide and enable the highest possible standard of worship in this congregation. He/She agrees to meet regularly to facilitate collegiality in the music ministry. It is understood that a variety of traditions and styles in organ and choral music may be appropriate for the services, and that the coordination of a variety of instruments may be expected. The Organist/Choir Director is an experienced professional, working with the Pastor, the Music Committee, the Deacons, and the various musical groups to advance the mission of this congregation among its own people and to others.

### **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Organist/Choir Director shall:

1. Provide organ/piano music to accommodate the needs of the regular Sunday morning Worship service.
2. Select the organ repertoire and assist in the selection of choral/service music for said service in consultation with the Pastor and music Chair.
3. Arrange for a competent substitute in the case of illness or unavoidable absence. Consistency in the organist substitute is preferable.
4. Report to the appropriate committee/co-chair on the condition and needs for the maintenance of the FCC Church's musical instruments (piano/organ).  
[Tracker Organ by Gabriel Kney: picture and specifications located at [www.gabrielkney.com/specs\\_FirstCongChWashCT.html](http://www.gabrielkney.com/specs_FirstCongChWashCT.html)]
5. Direct/prepare any choirs participating in Sunday Worship service.
6. Assist in the maintenance of the choral music library
7. Communicate regularly with the Pastor and Music Chair to develop and maintain a consistent music program for the church year and help coordinate scheduling, rehearsal, and repertoire selection for that year.
  - a. When required, attend Thursday evening Council meetings to discuss issues regarding the music program.
8. Communicate anthem titles, texts, translations and other relevant materials to the church secretary for inclusion in service bulletins and church newsletters by 10am Wednesday morning of the week prior.

Reasonable accommodation will be made for candidates with physical limitations.  
Equal Opportunity Employer

Interested Musicians please send resume, references and contact information to:

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