

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

*Ten Hours per Week/ Forty Weeks per Year
Beginning September 1, 2009*

Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a growing, family-oriented congregation in Sandy Springs, Georgia (metro Atlanta). We are on track to become the leading green UU congregation in the Southeast. Our congregation is very enthusiastic about music and includes many talented musicians. We seek a quarter-time Director of Music to help us continue and further invigorate our musical activities.

Duties: Working with our Minister, Reverend Jim Macomber, our 30-member choir, and our Worship Associates, the Director of Music will plan the music component of our worship services, select hymns and other material, rehearse the choir one night per week, lead the choir and the congregation in singing during most of our services, and advise the congregation in its other musical activities. The Director of Music will attend weekly staff meetings.

Qualifications: Experience in planning and directing music programs generally, and choir programs in particular. Proficiency and enthusiasm in playing at least one musical instrument. Knowledge of Unitarian Universalist principles and traditions in general, and of UU music in particular. Sympathy with Unitarian Universalist principles. Experience with children's choirs would be a plus, although the job will not include such responsibilities at the beginning.

Compensation. The Director of Music will receive \$22 per hour for up to ten hours per week, 40 weeks per year. There is a small allowance for professional development, but no fringe benefits. Our choir and Director of Music have traditionally not been active between mid-June and mid-August. The Director will also have one week off per month, free from choir rehearsals, worship services, and staff meetings.

Congregation. Northwest has a membership of about 165 members. We live throughout the metro Atlanta area. We have Sunday worship services at 10 am, lasting about one hour. During our Second Hour program from 11:15 to 12:15, we offer religious education classes for our children, along with a wide-ranging menu of adult activities. Our website is www.nwuuc.org.

Hiring Process. Applicants should provide a resume and a cover letter summarizing the applicant's interest in the position, mailed either physically to "NWUUC Music Search, 1025 Mt. Vernon Highway, Sandy Springs GA 30327," or electronically to minister@nwuuc.org. Applications will be accepted through August 1, 2009. Interviews with our Search Committee and auditions with our choir will be scheduled in early August. Our Board of Trustees will appoint the new Director of Music on about August 15, based on the recommendation of the Search Committee. We would like the new Director of Music to start on about September 1, 2009.