

**SKIDAWAY ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

SKIDAWAY ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (SIUMC) - SAVANNAH, GA- IS SEEKING A FULL TIME DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES (INCLUDING ORGANIST/PIANIST, CHOIR DIRECTOR) WHO WILL BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CHURCH'S MINISTERIAL TEAM.

POSITION OVERVIEW:

Skidaway Island United Methodist Church (SIUMC) is seeking a DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES who possesses a vital Christian faith and a relationship with Christ that is compatible with United Methodist theology/polity. The candidates:

- Must have demonstrated capability, willingness & desire to be an active part of the life and ministry of our church with the ability to balance their energy between the areas of worship, education & fellowship. Essential to this is that the candidates work in cooperation with staff and volunteer members in our mutual effort to serve God and His church.
- Must feel called by God to the ministry of music and consider himself or herself to be a self-starter, a good communicator, friendly, personable, engaging and responsive to the congregation's need to connect spiritually to the music program through participation in both familiar and new hymns and anthems.
- Must be proficient in the performance (organ and piano) of religious and appropriate classical music; knowledgeable and experienced in directing religious and liturgical/ecumenical choral music.
- Must have sufficient musical skills to attract others to musical activities in the church and inspire them to use/develop their talents.
- Must work with the youth groups (all ages), seeking ways to involve their musical interests and abilities in the life of the church.
- Would be expected, in consultation with the Senior Pastor, to:

> Assist Pastor in selecting music for Sunday morning worship services that supports the liturgical message of the Biblical Scriptures and the spoken word, and;

> Plan special seasonal liturgical/ecumenical services that may require the DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES to employ, rehearse, and direct instrumentalists and vocalists to accompany our choir in the performance of requiems and/or cantatas in church events;

> Meet on weekly basis with the Senior Pastor, staff and lay leadership in coordinating worship;

> Attend bi-monthly Council on Ministries and present worship and performance plans.

It is our prayer that our DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES will inspire the congregation & glorify God through sacred worship music. Our hope is that this position will be a calling and not just a job.

POSITION REPORTING & ACCOUNTABILITY:

- The DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES, along with all staff, reports directly to and is under the supervision of the Senior Pastor.
- The DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES, and all staff personnel, is expected to be responsible and responsive to the Senior Pastor's directions and requests.
- The DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES will be expected to attend and take an active role in all staff meetings and work with appropriate committees to establish appropriate program goals and budget requests at the behest of the Senior Pastor.
- The DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES needs to support other staff/volunteer members to ensure a maximum team effort toward fulfilling the overall mission of the Skidaway Island United Methodist Church. All staff assumes roles and responsibilities outside their areas and assigned duties to support our church.
- *The Discipline of the United Methodist Church* provides the Pastor Parish Relations Committee the responsibility for setting annual evaluations, salary adjustments, benefits, etc. for all staff personnel. In our church, a member of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee is assigned to a staff member. That person serves as their liaison and representative to the committee.

CHURCH INFORMATION:

Skidaway Island United Methodist Church (www.siumc.org) was established in 1987 and has the largest membership among the five existing houses of worship on Skidaway Island. Many, but not all of our 1200 members live at The Landings, a well established gated community of 9,000 + residents. The church is located adjacent to The Landings Village which has a variety of shops, stores and banks in a beautiful southern setting. While many of our members of the church are active retirees, there is a full range of age diversity and very active and viable youth programs. Skidaway Island is located 15 miles from downtown Savannah, a sophisticated Southern city of 320,000 with a historical and tourist orientation. It includes many arts oriented organizations, restaurants and an active musical community. (www.savannahvisit.com).

THE SIUMC MISSION is to: *Bring people to Christ; Grow in our love for God; Demonstrate our love through service to others. This is accomplished through worship, education, fellowship, nurture and missions.*

THE SIUMC VISION is to be: *A welcoming church; Dedicated to building relationships with Christ and one another; Supportive of each person's spiritual growth*

Membership: 1200

Avg. Attendance: 400

Church Budget: \$1,200,000

Facilities: Chapel: (7:45AM Service—Capacity 120)

Main Sanctuary: [Sound system/HVAC renovated August, 2009] -
(9:30 AM Service—Capacity 500)

***Fellowship Hall & Kitchen:** (*Receptions & Wednesday night fellowship suppers*)

*** Choir Room:** (*Dedicated to Choir Rehearsal, Music Library, Hand Bell and Choir Robe Storage*). Also serves as Director's office.

Administrative Facilities: Offices for the Senior Pastor, Programming Staff, Church Controller, Church Secretary & Administrative Assistant.

*** Class Rooms:** 6

*** Nursery:** 1

*** Parlor:** 1

***Undergoing renovation– Completion February, 2010**

Sunday Services: Two traditional liturgical worship services (*7:45AM & 9:30 AM*)

Special Liturgical Services per year: 3-4

Weekly Choir/Handbell Rehearsals (when scheduled): Wednesday evening & Sunday Morning (prior to 9:30 service)

Music Budget (not including staff salary & benefits): \$20,000 (approximate)

Organs/Pianos: Main sanctuary: (*Allen MDS 60, 3 manual electronic organs: Yamaha Grand Piano*)

Chapel: (*Allen C6 electronic organ: Yamaha Upright Piano*)

Other Instruments: *Two K.Kawai Baby Grand Pianos-1 for the Choir room and 1 for the Fellowship Hall, plus Yamaha portable electric piano*

Choirs & Ensembles: Adult Choir (35-40 members)

Adult Handbell Choir (12/15 members)

Children's (2) - in place but need someone willing to develop further; Youth – needs to be created

SPECIFIC POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

(Please address all of these in your resume or cover letter)

- **Must have demonstrated the ability to work with the staff by using music to accomplish the goals and missions of the church. Must be of excellent character. This position is full time; requires a personal & professional time commitment of 40+ hours per week.**
- **Must have demonstrated experience in planning and coordinating music appropriate to the liturgical message and scripture for the worship services with the Senior Pastor and staff.**
- **Must have demonstrated proficiency & experience to prayerfully administer a music program consistent with a congregation of 1200 members; must be enthusiastic in a wide range of activities.**
- **Must have demonstrated experience as Organist/Pianist at all religious services; rehearsing, directing and accompanying the Adult, Youth & Children's Choirs and Handbell Choir.**
- **Must have a proven ability to create special musical services (Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas Cantatas, Christmas Eve) with soloist(s), quartet, and/or ensemble.**

- **Needs to have the demonstrated ability to recruit, motivate, train, lead new & existing choir members and be able to build youth & children ensembles; needs to work with church staff, Music Committee and volunteers to develop**

opportunities for music programs in areas such as (but not limited to) Vacation Bible School.

- **Needs to be available (within reason) to provide and perform the music for weddings (on a fee for service basis) and to also provide and perform music for all funerals (on a gratis basis).**
- **Needs to have the ability to prepare budget recommendations/monitoring along with Church comptroller; maintain music library; maintain choir roster and attendance; oversee/maintain choir vestments; oversee maintenance of equipment including church organs & pianos.**
- **Needs to have a willingness to work and participate in the Savannah community to enhance the reputation of SIUMC.**
- **Needs to want to maintain high levels of personal music & performance skills.**
- **Ability, to play other musical instruments would be a PLUS. A strong creative and improvisational skill is a definite PLUS.**

Degree Requirements: Minimum B.A. Music; Masters in Music preferred.

Experience Requirements: Must have a minimum of 3-5 years as Director of Music Ministries (or equivalent title) in a church with at least 600 members; experience in traditional liturgical services preferred.

Time Requirements: 40+ hours/week

References: Will be required and will be contacted

Salary Range: Commensurate with the AGO guidelines

Benefits:

- Major Medical Insurance**
- Disability Insurance**
- Sick Leave**
- Car/Travel Allowance**
- Retirement/Pension Plan**
- Paid Vacation**
- Parental Leave**
- Continuing Education Funding**
- Book/Music Allowance**

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicants, please provide the following:

- (1) Detailed resume including a statement of your personal faith, previous church music related positions, education, and at least three professional or education references.**
- (2) Recording (CD, DVD, or STANDARD CASSETTE) of your playing of the following:**
 - A. Prelude in Classic Style by Gordon Young (organ)**
 - B. Any Bach Prelude of your choice (organ)**
 - C. Hallelujah Chorus by G.F. Handel (organ)**
 - D. Hymns: from the United Methodist Hymnal**
 - i. A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (organ) p. 110**
On verse 2 provide a free harmonization
On verse 3 play a descant
On verse 4 modulate and go to the key of C#
 - ii. Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (piano) p. 720**
 - iii. O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines (piano) p. 729**
 - E. Play a piece from Handel's Messiah (piano)**

Please submit the above to:

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Position available: IMMEDIATELY
Response Deadline: February 10, 2010