

EDINA MORNINGSIDE AND LINDEN HILLS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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JOB POSTING – DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND LITURGICAL ARTS

Edina Morningside and Linden Hills United Church of Christ, a progressive Christian community, experiences music as essential to the heart and life of our congregation. We envision that our next Director of Music and Liturgical Arts will forge caring, invigorating, and enriching relationships throughout our community, while leading our worship music, liturgical arts, and the broader missions of our music ministry. The successful candidate will combine an inclusive personality and values with musical talents and leadership skills, helping this community further resonate with joy, love, and Spirit.

The basics

- *Part-time position, average 20-25 hours/week*
- *Starting salary: \$28,000/year*
- *Required qualifications: experience as a music director and ability to play piano.*
- *Other desired (but not required) skills include: ability to play organ, handbells experience, proficiency with other instruments, experience with PowerPoint and music software (Finale, Sibelius, etc), and a bachelor's degree in music.*
- *Three primary responsibilities:*
 - *Directing ensembles—mixed choir, bell choir, and contemporary band*
 - *Accompanying our congregation and ensembles in worship settings*
 - *Collaborating on worship design with the pastor and members*
- *You're likely a great candidate if you're creative, authentic, nimble, kind, collaborative, respectful, prepared, organized, spiritual, and (of course) passionate about music and people.*

What we know about ourselves

- *Music matters to us and is an integral part of our spiritual identity.*
- *We respect beloved traditions, but we're also changing and diversifying our musical identity.*
- *We're looking for a leader with musical talent to help shepherd us each week, connecting our musical past to our musical present with creativity, fun, joy, and love.*
- *We're a growing and imperfect community, so we don't expect to find a perfect candidate who'll fit our every need and wish.*
- *We are developing a new name as the result of a recent church merger. Our [statements of identity](#) continue with this congregation, but our [website](#) shows "Edina Morningside Community Church".*
- *The best ways to learn more about our latest activities are our Facebook page (facebook.com/emlhucc) and our weekly Friday Update email newsletter (available linked on Facebook or by emailing the church office via emcucc@emcucc.org)*

What we seek in you

Our next Director of Music and Liturgical Arts will:

- *understand that music is ministry, and work to fully integrate music into services*

- support our musicians in an engaging, positive way, including through fun and inspiring rehearsals
- offer a variety of musical styles to enrich and enliven our spiritual and community life
- research and select music to fit a theme, the performers, and the community
- invite, encourage, and arrange musical participation for our multigenerational congregation
- lead and increase musical skills within our mixed choir, bell choir, and contemporary band
- enhance and embrace each ensemble's role in worship leadership
- understand that our musical participants offer a wide range of skills, from novice to expert
- take part in the essential work of worship planning and coordinating worship music
- work collaboratively with our pastor and other worship leaders to bring sacred music to life
- adapt, interpret, and arrange music for our community
- suggest changes with intention and purpose, to better accomplish our mission and vision
- be as interested in the meaning of the music as in its technical elements
- add depth and emotion to the music of players and ensembles

To apply

Please send your cover letter, resume, any relevant performance links, and references (if desired) to Church Administrator Liz Greenlee via emcucc@emcucc.org.

About EMLHUCC

The result of a merger between churches founded in 1888 and 1903, Edina Morningside and Linden Hills UCC is a United Church of Christ congregation, located in Edina's Morningside neighborhood next to south Minneapolis.

We're a congregation that highly values music. Music participation and performance are integral parts of our worship services. We offer a diverse range of perspectives and musical heritages. Our music is evolving, combining our musical past with our musical present—and looking ahead to our musical future.

We're a small but active congregation. Our lay leaders serve multiple missions, including caring for church life (e.g., Spiritual Life and Generous Hospitality ministries), outreach (e.g., Faithful Service ministries, Edina Morningside Preschool, Morningside Theatre Company), and governance (e.g., Trustees and Vision Council).

We're a progressive congregation. We believe God is still speaking ([from UCC: We Listen for a Still-Speaking God](#)), as we seek new insights and help for living our faith today. We're open and inclusive ([from UCC: Open and Affirming in the UCC](#)), welcoming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We are an EEOC employer, committed to nondiscrimination in race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, and disability.