ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR of FIRST CHURCH JOB OPENING

First Congregational Church of East Hartford, CT, established in 1699, is in search of a part-time Organist/Choir Director. We are blessed with an Austin pipe organ and Steinway Grand piano in the sanctuary. As a deeply valued and integral member of our staff, our next Organist/Choir Director will direct and nurture our dedicated volunteer 4-part choir, averaging 12-16 voices weekly, and has been ongoing since 1932. They support the worship experience through music for between 50-70 members and friends each Sunday.

Responsibilities:

* Work with the pastor in preparation for Sunday Morning Worship Services, as well as special services (Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, Easter, etc.).
* Play organ or piano music for all regular Sunday Services offering hymns, prelude, postlude, offertory, anthems, prayer response and music during communion.
* Play Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter and any additional services mutually agreed upon.
* Direct, accompany, rehearse, and nurture the choir. The Choir historically rehearses prior to worship and one night during the week.
* Incorporate handbells, instrumental soloists, vocal soloists, guest musicians, etc. periodically in worship.
* Manage budgeted funds for new choral music/supplies.

Education, Qualifications & Experience:

* Proficiency playing the organ and piano required.
* Experience as a choral director required.
* A background check will be required for the final candidate.

Compensation:

* Salary negotiated during interview process depending on qualifications and experience.

Preferred Start Date: ASAP

To Apply/Inquire:

Contact the Search Committee Chair at [connieholmeen@gmail.com](mailto:connieholmeen@gmail.com). A resume, a cover letter and two references are required and can be emailed to the above address or mailed to:

Search Committee

First Congregational Church

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