



Youth Group Program Assistant

We're recruiting an energetic leader to join our team of Children and Youth Staff at Canadian Memorial United Church. This is a part-time term position starting in September and extending to June 2019.

Canadian Memorial United Church is an inclusive, progressive Christian church where we worship and practice an open-hearted, open-minded, affirming faith. Our youth programs focus on faith formation and social justice, and aim to equip teenagers with the spiritual and interpersonal skills to navigate today's changing world with compassion and care.

As our Youth Group Program Assistant, you will be responsible for planning the social components of our weekly youth gatherings including snack time, games, ice-breakers, social and service outings, etc., as well as assisting the Minister of Children, Youth & Families with spiritual formation programming (youth group discussions, Bible studies, confirmation, and retreat events).

We encourage people of all genders and abilities, people of colour, First Nations/Aboriginal individuals, newcomers and immigrants, members of the LGBTQ2S* community and members of other underrepresented communities to apply.

We look forward to learning what gifts and interests you can bring to our team!

Role and responsibilities:

- Work as a programming assistant to the Minister of Children, Youth & Families
- Plan and lead the games, snack, and other socializing components of Friday-night youth group
- Participate in prayer exercises (e.g., meditation, yoga, spoken prayer, etc.), Bible study, and other discussions that nurture faith formation for teens
- Co-coordinate monthly service/social justice-learning opportunities for youth in the city
- Accompany CMUC youth on a 3-day denominationally facilitated retreat in November
- Maintain posts on social media (Facebook, Instagram) for the CMUC youth community
- Maintain positive relationships with parents and the CMUC community
- Participate in occasional CYF Ministry Staff activities as needed
- Mobilize volunteer support, either from parents/guardians or other church volunteers as needed for planned events and activities

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What you bring:

- An energy, relational attentiveness and sense of fun that teens can relate to
- A willingness to take direction and work collaboratively with others
- Experience in a faith-based environment and an enthusiasm for the spiritual development of teens
- A capacity to plan and lead relationship-building activities with teens
- Qualities of being detail-oriented, highly organized, able to multi-task
- Passion for social justice and community building
- Current Police Information Check – Vulnerable Sector (or willing to obtain by start date)
- Prior experience working with teens (Grade 8-12) is required.

Paid orientation and training:

- Mandatory attendance at the fall orientation program in September 2018

Compensation: \$23/hour for 5 hours per week (Note: As there is no youth group in the summer months, the hours are cumulative to cover time spent at a 2- to 3-day youth retreat in either the fall or the spring.)

To apply:

Please email resume and cover letter to Tama Ward, Minister of Children, Youth & Families at tama@canadianmemorial.org.

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Children and Youth Staff Application

Please answer the questions below to the best of your ability:

- 1) Name:
Email:
Phone:
Address:

- 2) What interests you in this position?

- 3) What particular skills, gifts, interests, experience working with youth, etc., do you have that would make you a good candidate for this position?

- 4) The Youth Programming assistant will be leading program activities with a basis in Christian practice. Please tell us about your background with a faith community (if any) and why you would enjoy working in this environment.

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5) Youth group events take place Friday evenings from September – June. You will also be required to attend a United-Church-facilitated youth retreat in the lower mainland sometime in the fall. Are you able to commit to this schedule?

6) References

Please attach the name and contact information for two people who could provide a reference for you. Please indicate your relationship to this person (teacher, employer, volunteer supervisor, mentor, etc.).

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