

Children's Program Hiring!

Religious Education Preschool Teacher (ages 3-6)

Posting Date: July 10th, 2016

Start Date: (expected) September 1, 2016; **End Date:** June 25, 2017

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Position Description:

Our preschool and kindergarten church members need a supportive, open, and creative classroom in which to experience and explore their burgeoning sense of wonder, joy, awe, and love of the world and beings around them. The Religious Education (RE) Preschool Teacher will report to the Director of Religious Education (DRE) and deliver curriculum provided by the DRE to children during Sunday classes. The class structure and curriculum will be based around story, art, play, drama, and nature. Themes include UU traditions, world faith traditions, exploring children's own wonder, and finding meaning within playfulness. The RE Teacher also supports children's participation in dramatic performances, pageants, seasonal observances, and other activities associated with the Unitarian Church of Vancouver's (UCV's) Children and Youth Programs. They may also collaborate to adapt existing curriculum, identify and collect materials, and help to maintain RE resource collections and storage areas.

Schedule commitment:

The Religious Education Preschool Teacher works Sunday mornings, during the 11 am Sunday service, three hours per week up to 126 hours total or until the last Sunday in June, whichever comes first. The RE Teacher will have one volunteer assistant present during Sunday classes. Periodic Sunday's off will be arranged with the DRE. The position is for the fixed term described above; there is possibility of extension or renewal for subsequent terms or additional hours.

The successful applicant undertakes to support the principles and values of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, and to adhere to the UCV's Covenant of Good Relations in their professional conduct, but is not required to adhere to any belief system, faith, creed, or religion. UCV is an inclusive liberal religious community of diverse beliefs and shared values--spiritual growth, social justice, environmental sustainability, artistic expression, and compassion.

Preferred Qualifications:

Experience and knowledge of early childhood education; some teaching or coaching experience with young children; minimum of one year post secondary education or equivalent combination of experience and training. Some knowledge of practices of spiritual exploration or religious education; an open-minded, respectful, approach to diverse beliefs and practices. Background or familiarity with Montessori or other child-led classroom techniques is beneficial. Excellent communication skills. Caring, authentic, and engaging demeanor. The RE Teacher will need to be able to complete first aid training and pass a police record check for working with children as a condition of employment.

Please direct any questions or submit cover letter and resume to Kiersten Moore, Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth, via email: dre@vancouverunitarians.ca

The position will remain open until filled. Applicants contacted for interview may provide references at that time.