



Presbyterian Church of St. Columba by-the-Lake
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Position of Children and Youth Coordinator

Start Date: Negotiable

15 hours/week, flexible schedule

3 Sundays/month

Deadline to Apply: September 30, 2018

Purpose: To equip children and youth for a life of faith.

To enable children and youth to feel a part of the St. Columba community.

Responsibilities:

Teaching

40%

- Order, adapt or develop curriculum for children and youth programs that help them learn and ask questions about believing and belonging to a community of faith. In so doing, be open to using online/ written resources of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Pres. World Service & Development, etc.
- Equip children and youth to learn stories of faith, to speak about issues from a faith perspective, and to serve in the world.
- Provide opportunities for learning in the community – visit places of local mission/ places of worship.

Leading

20%

- Coordinate volunteers to lead activities and programs.
- Organize events for children/youth in the church and community (BBQ, Hallowe'en party, etc).

Mentoring

10%

- Develop opportunities for mentoring and build relationships.
- Provide pastoral care to children and youth as needed.

Visioning

20%

- Propose new programs to connect with children/youth after consulting with children/youth/ parents.

Planning

10%

- Plan with Pastor and staff an "all ages" service 4 times/year.
- Meet with Pastor, Director of Music and Food Ministry Coordinator as needed.
- Collaborate with other youth groups and church staff regarding local retreats, camps and national church events.

Qualities of the Applicant:

- Leader of Christian faith
- Gifted teacher who is sensitive to the needs of children and youth
- Dynamic and creative mentor in faith
- Good communicator and networker

- Social media savvy
- Ability to engage adults in children's issues
- An understanding of world religions
- Interest in exploring social justice issues with youth
- Embraces diversity
- Flexible and creative
- Team player
- Able to implement ideas

Applicants should be willing to take an online/ short term course on theology, or have taken its equivalent. Being comfortable in French is considered an asset.

A criminal record check will be required in accordance with the Leading with Care policy of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Remuneration: \$13 000 annually, including vacation.

This is a contract position, with an initial term of one year.

About Us

The Presbyterian Church of St. Columba by-the-Lake is a small but dynamic congregation, with a commitment to community, learning, and faith-in-action. We believe in innovative, inclusive, open-minded and creative worship and congregational life, stretching boundaries and fostering a community where every personality and gift is embraced and encouraged. At St. Columba, we know that children and young people experience God's mysterious presence in their lives in different ways. We accompany them on every step of their journey, offering them the resources, support, and fellowship necessary for them to explore their own path.

We have appreciated the work of paid Christian Educators at St. Columba for many years. The Children and Youth Coordinator will report to the Christian Education committee (who reports to Session, the leading body of our church). We are adapting the position to changing times and ages of our children/youth.

We are an equal opportunity employer and value diversity. All employment is decided on the basis of qualifications, merit and need.

Congregational Purpose

God's spirit has anointed us and sent us

To proclaim good news to the poor,

To release the prisoners,

To restore sight to the blind,

To free the oppressed,

To announce that

this is the year when God will act. Luke 4:18,19 (Isaiah 61:1,2)

Interested applicants should send CV along with a letter of intent, highlighting their interests and thoughts on Christian Education to: Tom Gardner

by email: office@stcolumba.ca

by mail: c/o St Columba by-the-Lake Presbyterian Church

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We thank all candidates who submit their CVs for consideration. However, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.