



ST. ANDREW'S-WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

Youth, Young Adult and Community Outreach Minister (Temp P/T 20 hrs a week) St. Andrew's Wesley United Church

St Andrew's Wesley United is an urban church dedicated to being a light in the heart of the city. Our focus is on the intersections of Art, Spirit and Social Justice and how these areas can deepen our collective spiritual lives and reveal the Holy to us. We are an affirming church that seeks to embody the values of inclusivity and justice through a progressive faith that changes lives.

We are seeking a skilled and experienced Youth (ages 13-18), Young Adult (19-30) and Community Outreach Minister to continue to grow this exciting ministry in our city. As part of a six person ministry team, you would be responsible for some established Youth and YA programming, have the resources to create new programming to respond to the culture and climate of Vancouver, oversee the pop-up Chapel performing arts ministry, and engage in fun and creative community outreach events such as Pride's Spill Your Tea, Community Open house, West End Farmers Market and more.

You would bring a passion for youth and young adult ministry, strong program facilitation, and a love of creativity and experimentation as together we create space for youth and young adults to explore faith in the city. You care about offering youth and young adults a safe place to develop their leadership in a community of faith through the lens of Art, Spirit and Social Justice. You enjoy dreaming up and executing community events that focus on people in the wider community and you see the church as a wide-open public space that serves the spiritual needs of the community. You long for a supportive, collaborative, hardworking and creative team to be a part of, and see a call to an urban context.

Core Responsibilities:

- Lead and facilitate the weekly Senior Youth Group and help coordinate the monthly Holy Tuesday event (grades 8 and up)
- Lead and facilitate the weekly Sunday Senior Youth Program (grades 8 and up)
- As part of the social justice focus, provide some opportunities for youth to connect with one another spiritually and socially, as they engage in service and justice opportunities.
- Engage with Social media and communications to youth/young adults both in the congregation and outside the congregation (with support from the Communications manager and the CYF Minister) on at least a weekly basis
- Facilitate one monthly Young Adult event (with support from Lead Minister)
- Oversee and host the Chapel ministry (with support from staff and music booker)
- Participation with the (annual) congregational camp

- Begin or continue relationship-building with young adults in the neighbourhood and wider community through attending key events and networking
- Establishing contact with campus minister at UBC and finding other partners to collaborate with both outside and inside the church
- Staying connected with youth and young adults through text, email, calls
- Playing a role in the 10:30am worship service and a monthly role in the 7pm Contemplative service which has an outreach focus
- Pastoral care

Qualifications:

- Ability to articulate to youth/young adults the theology of the United Church
- A strong understanding of youth culture and faith development
- Experience and education in faith formation with youth and young adults
- Respect and understanding around diversity and inclusion
- Experience with group development, facilitation, and conflict management skills
- A genuine love and respect for young people
- A genuine passion for outreach and community engagement
- Sound antiracism, decolonization and LGBTQ+ framework and/or the willingness to do that ongoing work and training
- Comfort with social media and online tools such as Zoom
- Adheres to the responsibilities of a ministry leader regarding duty of care, confidentiality, and authority / trust
- Current certification in emergency first aid
- Satisfactory criminal record check and screening
- Drivers Abstract

The Candidate would work directly with the Minister of Children, Youth and Families and receive supervision from one of the Co-Lead Ministers. Remuneration is based on skills and experience.

For more information about our church, visit www.standrewswesley.com

To apply or for questions, please send your resume to Rev Rhian Walker, Co-Lead Minister, r.walker@standrewswesley.com