

# Park Slope United Methodist Church

## Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator

Interviews begin the week of August 15, on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

20 hours a week

Park Slope United Methodist Church is a growing Christian community in Brooklyn, NY. We are re-booting our children and youth ministry and looking for someone whose gifts include working with a range of ages. This person will develop a holistic family ministry as an outgrowth of the current Sunday school program. Working with the pastor, this ministry will nurture children, youth, parents, and other family members in the PSUMC community, helping them grow in the Wesleyan tradition of personal and social holiness through following Christ. Aspects of this ministry include spiritual formation, leadership, social justice, community building, intergenerational ministry, community outreach, and evangelism. Additionally, this person will be a point person for encouraging the young adult community.

Congregational Creed: Hand in hand, we the people of Park Slope United Methodist Church celebrate love in its infinite variety as being a gift from God. We affirm the sacred in every race, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, class, and ability. Summoned by our faith in Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to seek justice, heal brokenness, live in harmony with the earth, and cultivate wellness in body, mind, and spirit.

Working closely with the pastor:

- Adapt existing curriculum, coordinate Sunday school including adults who can help teach
- Organize youth group including confirmation class
- Lead confirmation class (in coordination with pastor)
- Organize family ministry opportunities, summer gatherings, retreats, etc.
- Serve as a point person for the young adult (20s & 30s) community, offering support as needed.
- Participate in regular staff meetings and submit monthly reports to the church council

Required Skills:

- Group facilitation
- Organizing, Planning and scheduling

Required Technical Skills (including technology):

- Comfort with Zoom and Google docs
- Willingness to learn One Church software for communicating and organizing ministry.

\*Knowledge of design platform (Canva) and comfort with social media.

Required Abilities (supporting competencies):

- Self starter takes initiative
- Clear communicator, verbally and in writing
- Good listener, open to the ideas of others and to feedback
- Collaborative, responsive resource gatherer
- Able to participate in occasional overnight retreats
- Able to work with a wide range of ages.
- Able to work mostly weekend hours including major holidays.

Required Knowledge:

- Biblical and theological foundations through a lens of fully inclusive Christian ministry consistent with Wesleyan theology and the PSUMC Creed (see below).
- Child and youth development
- Historical and current social justice movements and demonstrated anti-racist and intercultural competency.
  - \* Relationships with local organizations for solidarity service and local faith-based youth groups is helpful.

Required Education:

\*Some seminary and/or childhood education preferred.

As part of our guidelines, the candidate must commit to following safe sanctuary practices including submitting the information required for a legal background check and participating in mandated training.

Children and youth ministries take a pause during Christmas and winter school breaks during the school year as well as the month of July.

Park Slope United Methodist Church is committed to being fully inclusive. LGBTQI+ and/or candidates of color are encouraged to apply.

Please send resume and cover letter to: [psumcoffice@earthlink.net](mailto:psumcoffice@earthlink.net)