

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

**Madisonville, KY**

**Associate Minister of Children & Youth**

**This full-time position of congregational leadership for an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) who works in collegial relationship with the other ministry staff, church staff, and lay persons of the congregation.**

**Qualities Sought:**

Passion and an expressed calling to ministry with Children and Youth

Ability to equip persons and groups to minister to the Church and community

Ability to recruit persons to serve and ability to delegate responsibilities to them

Ability to teach Biblical and theological heritage of the Christian faith to young ages.

Ability to work with diverse personalities to achieve goals

Ability to work in a team environment with other ministers

Ability to develop and implement programs to serve the needs of children and youth and their families

Open-mindedness and acceptance of all people within the Church

A commitment to the practice of prayer, scripture, and nurturing one's own spiritual growth.

Ability to embody and express the values of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), including: the Church's oneness, rationality of religion, priesthood of all believers, centrality of scripture, and a democratic spirit.

**Regular Responsibilities**

**Children and Youth Ministry**

Direct and oversee all group activities for children 12<sup>th</sup> grade and younger

Direct and oversee the nursery attendants and the nursery environment

Direct the recruitment, preparation, and orientation of all adult leaders

Form relationships with children & youth and their families

Plan the yearly schedule and calendar of children and youth events with coordination of the Christian Education Committee

Encourage children & youth participation in regional youth events and camps

Encourage children & youth to discover their gifts for ministry and to share them in Church and in worship.

Maintain all files and records of students and activities

See that the Church's policies for safety are followed and implemented by all adult volunteers.  
Plan and lead youth mission and service learning experiences that are off campus.

Support our Camp & Conference ministry by serving as camp counselor/camp director at our Regional Camp.

Work to integrate children & youth throughout the full life and ministry of the congregation

Serve with the Christian Education Committee:

- Assist in administering and overseeing the Sunday-School program for children

- Develop programs of teacher recruitment, preparation, and orientation.

- Direct the process by which curriculum and supplies are ordered and distributed.

- Share in teaching responsibilities of Sunday School

### **Other responsibilities in the life of the Church:**

With the Senior Minister assist in planning and leading in worship weekly, including occasional preaching.

Assist as called upon by the Senior Minister in weddings and funerals.

Assist as called upon by the Senior Minister with hospital visitation

Assist as called upon by the Senior Minister in connecting with new families in the life of the Church.

Participate in the full life of the congregation

Participate in the greater church events, such as regional and general church events.

Pursue professional and continuing education and growth in ministry.

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