

Position: Christian Education Specialist – Potential for Growth

Description

The little Congregational Church of Excelsior (UCC) has a big future. In the past two years we've added 56 members and 14 children. Weekly worship attendance has gone from 44 people to more than 90. This momentum will continue and we are excited to expand our staff!

We are searching for a **Christian Education Specialist** to join our leadership team and create a model for youth ministry amidst unprecedented growth. As the Christian Education Specialist, you will plan and teach Sunday School lessons to preschool and elementary-aged children. In the near future, this role may expand to include middle school and high school ministries, worship leadership responsibilities, and other church leadership duties as opportunities unfold. The Christian Education Specialist will directly report to the Pastor and will also have the support of the Board of Christian Education on a continuous basis.

Responsibilities

Primary job will consist of Sunday School Planning and Execution (offsite prep + onsite delivery), special event participation and coordinative support, and administrative meetings.

- **Sunday School Planning + Execution details:** Worship at our church begins at 10AM. Everyone is together in the sanctuary. After announcements, music, and a "Sermon on the Steps" (children's sermon), children have the option to exit for Sunday School. This runs from about 10:15-10:55am (end of worship service). Sunday School lessons are based on a single scripture drawn from the Narrative Lectionary curriculum (same text used in worship). Currently, about 17 children under the age of 10 are a part of our church; on an average Sunday 8-12 children are present.
- **Special Gatherings** for children and families occur about 8 times a year. These are planned by the Board of Christian Education and the Pastor. The Christian Education Specialist helps with the planning and execution of these events which include sledding, swimming, fishing, hide-and-go seek, mission activities, and more (any fun ideas?).
- **Administrative meetings** with the Pastor and Board of Christian Education (1 hour a month) will also be required.
- **Manage budget** for education supplies; report activities to Pastor and boards in administrative meetings.

Core responsibilities are described within this job description. Job duties may change at any time due to church needs.

Compensation: Estimated \$25/hr for approximately 5-10hrs/wk.

About you:

- Self-identified Christian
- Experience caring for and connecting with children
- Interest or background in education
- Creative and artistic skills, ability to translate the great messages of God's love into hands-on lessons for children.
- Strong communication skills, and ability to tailor communication for audiences of all ages
- Interest in pastoral ministry or youth & family ministry in larger capacity



- Comfortable with ambiguity, optimistic about the future, resilient, flexible
- Preferred: advanced studies (collegiate/master's level) in education/theology

Contact/To Apply

If interested, send the pastor an email to set up a phone conversation: Jonathan Holtmeier,
pastor@excelsiorcongregational.org

Resumes/cover letters can also be sent to the email address above. We look forward to meeting you!