

Position Description
Leader of Children and Youth Ministry
First Congregational Church, UCC, Granby CT 06035

First Congregational Church of Granby (FCC) is seeking a part-time Leader of Children and Youth Ministry to develop and implement a robust program of Christian formation and spiritual exploration for children and youth with support of this theologically progressive congregation.

First Church expects the Leader of Children and Youth Ministry to:

1. Implement programming for high school youth that includes weekly meetings of G Crew (high school group that includes both FCC members and other teens in the Granby community), plan and lead mission trips, and develop other outreach experiences.
2. Collaborate with South Church on joint social events, service opportunities, and retreats for high school youth.
3. Teach and work with volunteers to work with children grades K-6 in our Sunday school, the One Room Schoolhouse, and create ways to reach beyond curricular materials to actively engage children in exploring “God-Sightings,” those everyday events which catch our breath and give us pause.
4. Explore alternative children and youth gathering models and times to increase participation.
5. Through example and directed activities, encourage children, youth and families to strengthen relationships within FCC and with the local and global community.

Required characteristics

- Experience with youth leadership
- Embrace of diversity and divergent views
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with children and youth of all ages
- Demonstrated ability to organize, communicate and coordinate with volunteers and church leaders; team player
- Flexibility and creative out-of-the-box thinking
- Ability to meet children and youth on their terms and turf
- Able to adapt to a variety of developmental and behavioral needs
- Sensitivity to life crises
- Maturity, emotional security, compassion and caring

Desired characteristics

- Formal education: BA, MA and/or theological training
- Teaching experience
- Participation in ecumenical relationships with a focus on children and youth

The salary and benefits associated with this position will depend on experience and other desired characteristics, and will assume a 25-hour work week.

First Congregational Church, UCC, Granby, is an Equal Opportunity employer and is an Open and Affirming congregation.

For more information, visit the FCC website at www.firstchurchgranby.org or find FCC on Facebook. To apply, please email a resume and letter of interest to admin@firstchurchgranby.org.

Closing date for applications is July 31, 2017.