

Job Title: Bilingual Choir Director Christ's Beloved Community

Job Description:

The Bilingual CBC Choir Director plays a pivotal role in fostering the spiritual growth and musical enrichment of the congregation through the coordination and direction of choral music within the Episcopal and Lutheran Church community. This position requires fluency in both English and Spanish to effectively communicate and engage with a diverse congregation.

Key Responsibilities:

1. **Choral Direction:** Lead and direct both English and Spanish-speaking choirs during weekly worship services, special liturgical events, and seasonal celebrations such as Christmas, Easter, and other significant occasions in the Episcopal and Lutheran Church calendar.
2. **Musical Selection and Arrangement:** Select appropriate choral music repertoire that aligns with the Episcopal and Lutheran liturgy and reflects the diverse cultural backgrounds within the congregation. Arrange or adapt music to accommodate the unique linguistic and musical needs of bilingual worship services.
3. **Rehearsal Coordination:** Plan and conduct regular rehearsals for both English and Spanish choirs, ensuring adequate preparation and mastery of selected musical pieces. Provide constructive feedback and guidance to choir members to enhance their vocal technique and ensemble performance.
4. **Collaboration with Clergy and Musicians:** Collaborate closely with clergy, organists, instrumentalists, and other musicians to integrate choral music seamlessly into worship services. Coordinate rehearsals and musical presentations in alignment with the overall liturgical vision of the Episcopal and Lutheran Church.
5. **Cultural Sensitivity and Inclusivity:** Foster an inclusive and welcoming environment within the choir that embraces diversity of culture, language, and musical tradition. Respectfully integrate Spanish and English language elements into choral music to reflect the multicultural identity of the congregation.
6. **Community Engagement:** Engage with the broader community through outreach efforts, musical performances, and collaborative initiatives that promote the mission and values of the Episcopal and Lutheran Church. Participate in interfaith events and cultural activities to foster dialogue and mutual understanding.
7. **Professional Development:** Stay current with trends and best practices in choral music education, vocal pedagogy, and liturgical music within the Episcopal and Lutheran tradition. Pursue ongoing professional development opportunities to enhance musical proficiency and leadership skills.

Qualifications:

1. Demonstrated experience in choral direction and conducting, particularly within a religious or liturgical setting.

2. Proficiency in both English and Spanish languages, with the ability to lead bilingual worship services and communicate effectively with a multicultural congregation.
3. Strong musical skills, including sight-reading, vocal coaching, and arranging or adapting music for choir.
4. Excellent interpersonal and leadership abilities, with a passion for nurturing spiritual growth and community engagement through choral music.
5. Commitment to the values and teachings of the Episcopal Church, including inclusivity, social justice, and theological understanding.

This job description outlines the essential duties and qualifications for the role of a Bilingual Episcopal and Lutheran Choir Director. Candidates who possess a blend of musical proficiency, linguistic fluency, cultural sensitivity, and a deep commitment to the Episcopal and Lutheran tradition are ideally suited for this position.