

# Job Title – Youth Director

**Job Summary** - Plan, organize, implement, and lead the Jr. and Senior high youth programs of First Presbyterian Church Greenwood, Ms. Under the direction of the Youth committee, Session, and Pastor. All aspects of the position and the program should be Christ centered with the ultimate focus of cultivating the spirits and minds of the youth toward a greater love and knowledge of God through Jesus Christ.

## **Essential Priorities and Functions** –

- Evaluate the current youth program of First Presbyterian Church Greenwood and implement a plan to strengthen that program to the glory of God and benefit of the youth of the Church and thus complement and enhance the greater mission and fellowship of FPC Greenwood Church.
- Implement and lead specific programs which
  - offer inspiration and insight to the meaning of being a Christian in the world today so that the youth can grow toward a greater love of God, a deeper understanding of the Bible, and be a better witness in the world.
  - Develop an understanding and appreciation of the reformed faith, especially the essential tenets of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. as expressed in its Constitution – the Book of Order and Book of Confessions.
  - Provide opportunities for specific missions in the local community and the world today.
  - Grow the youth program of the church
  - Build affirming relations with and among the youth, with adult volunteers, with other youth programs within the Presbytery, and with other youth programs in the community.

## **Specific Duties and Responsibilities**

- Plan, Organize, and Lead:
  - Jr. High PYF
  - Sr. High PYF Sr.
  - Sr. High Bible Study
  - Special events such as Youth Worship services, Retreats, fun activities, & mission trips.
- Plan and Organize Jr and Sr. High Sunday school with CE and Youth Committee by recommending curriculum and recruiting teachers annually.
- Coordinate activities and communicate status of programs with Youth Committee, Christian Education, Pastor, and other committees and staff as necessary.
- Attend and participate in school and community events where appropriate.
- Assist appropriate committee in youth program budget development and adherence.
- Coordinate and implement participation in activities within the Presbytery and the community.
- Other duties as assigned

## **Minimum Job Requirements**

- Bachelors Degree
- 3 years in Church Youth work or similar field.
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent organization skills
- Budget planning and implementation experience
- Knowledge, experience, and commitment to the beliefs and governance of the PC (USA)

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First Presbyterian Church is seeking a creative and gifted Christian leader who can build on the successes of youth ministry in the past and also help take us in some new directions. This is a full-time position working with junior and senior highs, and also with college students whenever feasible. We are looking for a sincere, engaging, self-motivated, dedicated Christian, growing in his/her own faith and who is also excited and passionate about helping young people grow in their relationship with God.

The Youth Director will:

- seek to develop positive relationships with youth, parents, Sunday School teachers, advisors, Youth Committee, etc.
- equip the youth to grow in Christian discipleship
- assist our youth in increasing their knowledge and understanding of the Bible and how Scripture applies to their lives
- foster genuine Christian fellowship, helping to make the youth groups a place of affirmation, acceptance, challenge, and belonging
- help our youth develop Christian character, a Christian world-view, and a Christian value system that will give guidance about right and wrong and will assist our youth in raising questions and finding answers concerning the moral and ethical issues of the day
- lead our youth in discerning what it means to be a Christian in today's world
- organize hands-on mission projects that will have our youth putting their faith into practice in tangible ways through service in this community and beyond
- help teenagers and parents survive and thrive during the always interesting and sometimes difficult years of adolescence
- help this church use creatively its \$1.1 million endowment which must be used to enhance youth ministry (currently some \$75,000 is taken annually from this fund)

Preferred Minimum Requirements:

- a bachelor's degree
- some experience in church youth work
- knowledge of and commitment to the beliefs and government of the Presbyterian Church USA, or a willingness to learn
- good relational, communication, and organizational skills
- budget planning and implementation experience

Compensation: Negotiable

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