

July 16, 2010

**Bloor Street United Church, A Community Exploring Faith, Seeking Justice and Living with Respect in Creation.**

**An Affirming Congregation**

**Part-time Minister (Children, families and Outreach)**

20 hours per week

September 2010 – June 2011

This position is focused on two aspects of ministry at Bloor Street United Church: co-ordination of the congregations growing children's ministry programs and support for its broad range of social justice initiatives and programs. The individual in this supply role works collaboratively as a member of the BSUC ministry team with the full-time Minister of Worship and Team Lead, Church staff, Church Council and key Committee and program representatives related to each program or initiative.

**Goals:**

To provide a vital, enriching and responsive program of spiritual nurture and Christian education for children and their families at Bloor Street United.

To provide spiritual leadership and program support to social justice initiatives identified by the congregation and approved by Church Council.

**Responsibilities:**

Children and Families Ministry

- Takes primary responsibility for the development and oversight of the Sunday School Program in consultation with the Minister and Christian Development Committee.
- Identifies, orders, and distributes Christian education curriculum and materials.
- Recruits, develops and leads training sessions for the Sunday School teachers.
- Plans and coordinates children and family participation in worship services (Learning Together, special services, etc.) and events (picnic, Christmas party, etc.).
- Attends monthly Christian Development Committee meetings.

### Social Justice and Outreach Initiatives

- Key ministry team support for BSUC social justice initiatives including the Refugee Outreach Project and Community Café.
- Support the efforts of the Refugee Outreach Program in dealing with issues and challenges specific to pastoral care outreach with refugees.
- Liaison with other levels of the Church (Presbytery, General Council) with respect to emerging social justice issues and positioning of current issues.
- Attends Social Justice and Refugee Outreach Committee meetings.

### Other

- Outreach and pastoral care to individuals and groups with community connections to BSUC as a result of the church's location or history of commitment to social justice.
- Attends staff retreats and meetings, as required.
- Attends Presbytery meetings, as required.
- Liaises with Youth on Bloor program.
- Contributes to the church newsletter "Good News on Bloor", and website.

### Required Qualifications and Competencies:

- Ideally the individual will meet all the requirements for congregational designated ministry.
- Understands and is able to articulate theology and ethos of the United Church.
- Is able to assess the learning needs of children
- Shows originality and creativity in planning the Sunday School program and is able to access appropriate resources in order to implement the program
- Brings an understanding of and passion for social justice issues and demonstrates leadership skills, good judgement, the ability to discern appropriate paths to action within the context of the greater church and community.
- Successfully complete a Level 2 police check.

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Spiritual Gifts:

- This area of primary responsibility is strongly supported by gifts of leadership, planning, mentoring, encouragement and creativity.
- Christian faith consistent with the traditions of the United Church of Canada.

Applications can be sent to:

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Deadline: July 30, 2010

BSUC is currently completing a Joint Needs Assessment. The position of Part-time Minister (Children, Families and Outreach) has been developed to support the congregation in these specific areas during the JNAC process. When the permanent position(s) is posted, the individual in this position will not be precluded from the opportunity to apply for it.