

Trinity United Methodist Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan
Director of Music Ministries

February, 2010

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in our position. Depending upon your skill set and experience, this may be a part to full-time position with our expectation being that you will be an integral part of the life of our church and congregation. Trinity United Methodist Church has a vibrant music program that includes the following and more:

1. Church service organ/piano/harpsichord playing as suits the needs of the service;
2. Direction of the adult (Chancel Choir) choir, including music selection, rehearsals and service;
3. Direction of four handbell choirs: two adult, one youth and one children's, including music selection, rehearsals and service. We are particularly interested in candidates who have bell choir leadership experience;
4. Coordination of programming for the "Festival of Music" music series events. (Sunday afternoon or evening major events, usually three or four per year);
5. Direction of small orchestra, performing at three services per year (dependent on availability of congregational participants); and
6. Funeral/wedding organ/piano/harpsichord playing as requested.

The Director of Music Ministries will be responsible for coordination of the entire church music program, including oversight for all music activities and will engage in collaborative planning with the ministers and staff for music in worship.

Please send your resume, completed questionnaire and other relevant documents of your choice, e.g. letters of recommendation, **as Word or PDF attachments**, to: tumcsearch@gmail.com Please include the term TUMC Search and your last name in the subject line.

We anticipate reviewing all applications and questionnaires in depth by early March with potential telephone interviews for semifinalists and site visits for invited finalists. If you are selected as a semifinalist, we may ask for additional information and materials, e.g. performance CDs, DVDs, videos, etc. We expect to have a Director of Music Ministries in place by July 1, 2010.

You will find a description of our Casavant organ at: http://www.grago.org/organs/doc/trinity_um.htm

For more information or questions, contact Ricki Chowning at tumcsearch@gmail.com Please use the term TUMC Search Process Question as the subject line.

About Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids is the second largest city in Michigan and home to minor league hockey and baseball, the GR Symphony, Michigan's only professional ballet company, the Meijer Botanical Gardens, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, the new Art Museum, the VanAndel Public Museum, and seven colleges and universities. Grand Rapids has a rich cultural history as well as world-class medical research facilities and hospitals. For more information about Grand Rapids and the lakeshore, see <http://www.visitgrandrapids.org/visit.php>

We look forward to hearing from you.

Other links to Grand Rapids area arts and culture:

Grand Rapids Symphony: www.grsymphony.org

ArtPrize: www.artprize.org/home

St. Cecilia Music Center: www.scmc-online.org

Festival of the Arts: www.festivalgr.org

Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park: www.meijergardens.org

Gerald R. Ford Museum: www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/museum/aboutmus.asp

Grand Rapids Art Museum: www.artmuseumgr.org

Grand Rapids Public Museum: www.grmuseum.org

Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts: www.uica.org

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