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Dear Pastor,

Thank you for your interest in our Pastor of Children, Youth and Their Families position. We are looking for an enthusiastic minister with a deep, solid, personal Christian faith to assume this position.

If you are interested in serving God at the First Christian Church in Sullivan, please review the job description and send your resume and/or Ministerial Profile for Search and Call Process to Ron White at First Christian Church, 1357 CR 1200 E, Sullivan, Illinois 61951.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron White at 217-728-4791 or by email at ronwhite@fcssullivan.org. You may also request a Congregational Profile from us and submit your Search and Call Papers to us and our Regional Office contact, Beth Zumwalt, (bethz@cciwdisciples.org), Admin. Assistant for Communications, Search & Call, Ministry Comm., & Women's Ministries Managing Editor, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in IL & WI, 1011 N Main St, Bloomington, IL 61701-1753, Phone: (309) 828-6293.

We look forward to hearing from you.
God bless,

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JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PASTOR OF CHILDREN, YOUTH & THEIR FAMILIES

TITLE: PASTOR OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

Qualifications Required:

- Licensed or Ordained Minister
- Have a deep, solid, personal Christian faith
- Have a calling for and the abilities to actively minister to children, youth and their families
- Have an enthusiastic, positive attitude toward life
- Have a burden for lost souls

General Description:

For purposes of this job description, children and youth are defined as including those from nursery school age through 12th grade.

The Children, Youth & Family Pastor will be responsible for planning, programming and implementing the church's ministry and all activities for children, youth and their families. He/she will initiate, lead, manage, supervise and be responsible for the "hands-on" pastoral care of these segments of the congregation to develop a harmonious Christ-centered discipleship ministry that reaches the pre-Christian, develops and cares for the Christian, and empowers all for ministry.

General Expectations:

He/she will develop, implement and be responsible for a ministry to children, youth and their families that:

Provides a process for children, youth and their families to become fully committed followers of Jesus Christ and, in turn, allows them to disciple to others;

- Provides an Alternative Worship Service primarily directed toward children, youth and their families that is a separate service from the church's established, traditional worship service;
- Proactively reaches out into the community to offer and provide a church home to children, youth and families who do not yet have a spiritual home of their own;
- Seeks to minister to the whole family;
- Encourages the development of close Christian friendships based on trust and acceptance;
- Builds positive attitudes toward the church and its leaders, lay and professional;
- Continually assesses the needs of our children, youth and families and addresses those needs by making recommendations to the appropriate Ministry Team and to the Board and then implements any additions or changes required.

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Job Duties:

With the guidance of the church's volunteer Worship Team, develop, implement and be responsible for the Alternative Worship Service. As necessary, attend Worship Team meetings.

- With the guidance of the church's volunteer Christian Education Team, serve as the Director of Christian Education. Although not all-inclusive, the major duties and responsibilities under the umbrella of the Director of Christian Education are:
 - ❖ Attend all Christian Education Team meetings. (currently monthly)
 - ❖ Develop and implement curriculum and programs for Sunday School for children, youth & their families
 - ❖ Organize, manage, and teach Sunday School classes for children, youth & their families
 - ❖ Organize, manage and lead children and youth groups (such as: CYF, Chi Rho, JYF)
 - ❖ Create, plan and implement children, youth and family special events and fellowship programs (such as: Vacation Bible School, Easter Party, Breakfast with Jesus, Graduation Sunday, Halloween Party, Participation in Summer Camps, Summit, Youth Sunday, Mission Trips, Retreats, etc.)
 - ❖ Recruit and train volunteers to teach Sunday School classes for children, youth & their families
 - ❖ Recruit and train volunteers to assist with leading children and youth groups
 - ❖ Recruit and train volunteers to assist with special events and programs for children, youth & their families
- Teach youth baptismal classes and perform youth baptisms
- Help identify and encourage High School youth inclined and able to be leaders within the Children, Youth and Family ministry and/or other ministries of the church
- As time permits, share meals, fellowship, school and community activities, concerts, sporting events and other visitation opportunities with the children and youth of the church and their families
- Be responsible for all communications with the congregation and community regarding the Children, Youth & Their Families ministry through newsletters, newspapers, or other appropriate means
- Attend monthly Board meetings and provide monthly reports regarding the Children, Youth, and Their Families Ministry.
- Work with the Senior Pastor to assist with the overall pastoral ministry (i.e., hospital calls, shut-in visits, occasionally preaching the traditional service, etc.)
- Other duties as assigned.

Responsibility and Accountability

The Pastor of Children, Youth and Their Families will have the authority and responsibility for the completion of all goals developed by or assigned to this area of ministry. This position is held accountable by being under the supervision of the Senior Pastor and the First Christian Church Board.



Full Time Associate Minister

First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
Sullivan, Illinois

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Cover letter and job description
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