Second Congregational Church UCC, Bennington, Vermont September 2019

**Job Description for Children’s Ministry Director**

**Role:**

*An effective director will encourage all children, with particular focus on children aged 5-12, in the congregation to grow in faith as Christian disciples. The director will work with the pastor and other church leaders to address the needs of children so that all God’s children grow in strength and wisdom.*

**Responsibilities and Expectations:**

* Act as primary teacher for Church School (“Joyful Path”) during Sunday worship from September – June following the Joyful Path curriculum, preparing lessons and crafts.
* Working with the pastor, recruit and schedule teaching assistants from the wider congregation for Church School; mobilizing and training members who have a heart of compassion for children into a group of active ministers.
* Meet a minimum of once per month (excepting July) with the Pastor.
* Be familiar with the congregation’s overall goals and how they are achieved through the congregation’s ministry by, with, and for children and their families. This leader shall possess an active faith life.
* Promote SCC and UCC values of inclusion, community care, earth care, and extravagant hospitality.
* Advocate that all children are welcome and expected to be fully engaged in the ministries of the church.
* Pursue the discipleship of children in the church, and their further integration into the fellowship.
* Develop and implement programs that serve the children of the church and foster their integration and spiritual growth.
* Awareness of and implementation of safe church policies. Together with the pastor, provide annual safe church training for church members working with children.
* Prepare a brief summary of the activities of the children’s ministry for the congregation’s annual report.
* Work with the Church Fellowship Coordinator to organize the annual church picnic and Jesus’ birthday party.
* Pursue relevant continuing education opportunities for personal and professional growth.

**Qualifications:**

* Minimum 2 years of experience working with or teaching children and youth.
* Self-starter, independent worker with demonstrated leadership skills.
* Passion for working with children and youth.

**Time and Salary:**

*This position is expected to be 20 hours per month from August to June.*

*Salary is $6000 per year.*

*Note: all hires of Second Congregational Church UCC are subject to a criminal background check prior to employment.*