

First Congregational United Church of Christ | Director of Youth Ministries

First Congregational United Church of Christ is a progressive, LGBTQ+ affirming congregation located in downtown Manhattan, KS. We don't have all the answers and we are looking for someone who can journey alongside us as we ask questions together.

The youth (grades 6-12) in our congregation are looking for someone who is easy to talk to, compassionate, kind, funny, energetic, and can explore questions with them. We will need you to work in partnership with the youth - listening deeply and involving them in planning.



We seek someone who can create a safe space to explore faith and provide opportunities for relational connections, service, and social justice advocacy. The Director of Youth Ministries works with the youth, their families, other staff, and volunteers to make this magic happen.

This position typically averages 8-10 per week and presence at Sunday morning worship/activities is required. Youth activities typically happen on Sunday afternoon/evening or a weeknight evening. Salary range is \$7000-\$8000 annually.

The **minimum qualifications** are experience working with youth in grades 6-12, experience with event planning or implementing programs, and a collaborative spirit. The **ideal candidate** will have experience in youth ministry in a progressive Christian context, familiarity with UCC theology and practice, and be able to commit to a minimum of 2 years in the position.

Applicants should send a cover letter and resume (including at least three professional references) to the Rev. Caela Simmons Wood at pastor@uccmanhattan.org no later than July 11, 2022. Your cover letter should help us learn more about your approach to working with youth and volunteers and your experiences in faith-based organizations.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Caela at pastor@uccmanhattan.org or 785-537-7006. You can learn more about our congregation and our core values at: <http://uccmanhattan.org>

Please share this opportunity widely. It is posted on our website at uccmanhattan.org/work-with-us.