



**St. Andrew United Church of Christ – Sarasota, Florida
Director of Music Ministry Search, 2017
Background Information**

St. Andrew United Church of Christ, a theologically progressive church in beautiful Sarasota, Florida, seeks a Director of Music Ministry for its vibrant music program. Responsibilities include worship planning with the Pastor, directing the Chancel Choir, providing musical accompaniment for the choir and congregation, developing skills in church musicians, and recruiting and nurturing new music groups and individual performers. We are seeking an energetic, organized, collaborative musician with strong directing and piano performance skills (organ playing a plus), knowledge and passion for diverse styles of music, and competency in worship planning/church liturgy.

St. Andrew UCC is a multi-staff church of approximately 175 members and is located in the Gulf Gate Estates area of Sarasota. The professional staff includes the Pastor and the Director of Music Ministry with the support of office and maintenance personnel. The church offers a wide range of programs and service opportunities to its members and friends, as well as to the community, and is actively governed by a Church Council and various Boards with strong lay leadership.

As a member congregation of the United Church of Christ, St. Andrew UCC is representative both liturgically and theologically of mainline Protestantism. Its members come from a wide range of church backgrounds, and, for some, it is their first adult church home.

In response to resolutions of General Synods 15 and 24 of the United Church of Christ, St. Andrew United Church of Christ has declared itself to be an "Open and Affirming" congregation of the UCC. Congregations with this designation are committed to welcoming lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people into the full life and leadership of the church. In this spirit, St. Andrew UCC is proud to be an extravagantly welcoming church that fully includes all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, sex, nationality, marital status, physical ability, mental ability, economic status, or faith journey.

The Director of Music Ministry will be expected to be comfortable in an LGBT-inclusive congregation that performs weddings for opposite-sex and same-sex couples, as well as life-cycle events for people of various ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

This part-time position averages 16 hours a week and will begin on October 1, 2017.

Please send inquiries and resumes to Rev. Paul Werner at revpaul@sarasotaucc.org. Job description and additional information available on church website, www.sarasotaucc.org.