

Director of Music

Please send a letter of introduction and resume by email, FAX, or postal service to:

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Reports to: the Rector

Scheduled hours/work week: Part-time, 15 hours per week to include Sunday and one evening per week. Flexibility to work Saturdays and other evenings as needed. Salary is commensurate with experience and degree.

Who Are We Seeking?

We seek someone who is open to diversity of style and repertoire with a collaborative mindset in working with the staff of St. Peter's Episcopal Church as well as with our partners on the Square—the Cathedral of St. Andrew's, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and The Priory and The Prep of The St. Andrew's Schools.

We seek someone who values doing whatever we do well, no matter how easy or complex the music with the goal to involve people in the joy of worship and music.

We seek someone who believes there is still a place for worship in the 21st century and who wants to have fun while working to figure this out.

Who Are We?

St. Peter's Episcopal Church is located in downtown Honolulu. With roots as an ethnic Chinese Episcopal church, over its 128 years it has become a diverse, multi-cultural, multi-generational community reflective of the culture of Hawai'i.

We value diversity in community as well as in worship. We have two Sunday morning services, 7:30am and 10:00am, and a Jazz Vespers service every Thursday evening at 6pm followed by a soup supper. The 7:30am service is accompanied by piano, the 10:00am service by organ and piano, and the Jazz Vespers service with a quartet of accomplished jazz musicians. We also have a fledgling Ukulele Ministry which accompanies the sending forth hymn at the 10am Sunday service. Our choir has traditionally participated in the 10:00am Sunday morning service.

We are blessed with a beautiful sanctuary with stunning stained glass windows and wonderful acoustics. We have a Rodgers 3-manual organ which was installed in June of 2014. The pipes are currently in the final stages of restoration.

We strive for a rich blending of musical traditions, combining the traditional Anglican liturgy and music with sung Psalms and anthems with other forms of music from Taize to more modern composers. We currently have OneLicense and LicenSing music licenses and use congregational hymnody from both.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

Our goal at St. Peter's is to develop and grow a music program that enhances our worship life, invites and welcomes the community, and supports and enhances the worship and musical offerings on the Square. The Director of Music will work with the Rector and other music staff to imagine, plan, develop, and promote the music and choir program at St. Peter's. Specific duties include:

1. Select hymns and service music for all worship services in collaboration with the Rector and other music staff with an emphasis on a variety of styles of music that fit the liturgical season of the year. Familiarity with liturgical worship and the Episcopal hymnals—The Hymnal 1982, the Wonder Love and Praise supplement, and Lift Every Voice and Sing II—is very helpful.
2. Direct the choir(s) of the congregation and participation in all services at which the choir(s) is present. St. Peter's has had one adult choir that has rehearsed on one weekday evening and Sunday morning before the 10:00am service. Opportunity exists to explore other ways to involve adults and youth in choral participation and leadership within the worship life of the congregation. Specific duties related to the choir(s) include:
 - * Selection of choir pieces that add to the worship experience and are appropriate for the skills of the choir members
 - * Welcoming invitation for new members to the choir
 - * As needed, rewrite or transpose musical compositions and melodic lines to adapt them to the needs and skills of the choir
 - * Provide coaching and positive encouragement to choir members
 - * Rehearse hymns and service music with the choir to aid in their worship leadership
 - * Teach new hymns to the congregation typically by rehearsing in advance with the choir
3. Encourage and schedule special music, i.e. vocal and instrumental, during worship on Sundays and for special services.
4. Submit and manage the annual music budget, coordinating budget requests from other music staff members.
5. Oversee the maintenance of the church's musical instruments and keep the music library in an orderly and organized fashion.
6. Develop and maintain constructive and cooperative working relationships with others.
7. Be or become familiar with The Episcopal Church's expression of worship and the Liturgical Calendar.
8. Pursuant to Diocesan policy, undergo a background check and participate in two required "Safe Church" workshops, Preventing Sexual Misconduct and Safeguarding God's Children.