

Updated January, 2019

Foothills United Church Job Description for Music Accompanist

The accompanist will be employed on a contractual basis. At the date of hire, a three month probationary contract will be in effect, followed by a performance review. If both parties agree, the contract will be continued to June 30th. Going forward, an annual contract will extend from July 1st to the end of June. A performance review will be conducted in late spring, at which time a contract renewal may be offered. The music accompanist is accountable directly to the M&P committee but will also work collaboratively with the Worship Committee and church Minister.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Consult with Minister re music selection for worship services, including hymns, offertory music, psalms, prayers and benedictions
- Practise and be familiar with hymns prior to worship service
- Provide music prior to start of worship service, which may at times include a time of Pre-Sing, or the introduction of new hymns
- Provide musical accompaniment on piano &/or organ for regular weekly worship services, as well as for special services as requested
- Arrange for special music volunteers and accompany them if requested to do so
- Provide a short musical postlude
- Oversee maintenance of piano and organ, including keeping the piano humidified, and arranging tuning as required
- Consult and converse with Worship Committee about upcoming services; attendance at monthly worship meetings is not considered mandatory
- Schedule Sundays off in advance, and notify Worship Committee so that replacement musician can be arranged

Optional Opportunity

Additional income may be earned by providing musical accompaniment for funerals and weddings. The music director will be given first right of refusal for these services.