

**Do you love playing with kids?
Do you love teaching youth about the Christian faith?
Do you have a passion
for missional neighbourhood engagement?**

**If so, then we at First United Mennonite Church would love to have YOU
as our Community Engagement Worker!**

We're looking for a fun, mission-minded, high-energy person to work with us 10 hours per week (at \$15/hour) starting in mid-August. This position involves maintaining and expanding an existing 'drop-in centre' program, as well as helping in our ongoing efforts at revitalisation and greater missional engagement in our diverse neighbourhood (SE Vancouver -- near 49th and Fraser).

A full job description is below. For more information on our church, please visit fumc.ca, or email Pastor Lydia Cruttwell at lydia.fumc@gmail.com. If you would like to apply for this position, please submit your resume and cover letter to Ken Bergen at kbergen51@gmail.com.

Application Deadline: Friday July 20th, 2018

FUMC Community Engagement Worker Job Description

10 hrs/week for 10 months (mid-August 2018 – mid-June 2019) at a rate of \$15/hr. [contract may be extended if needed or desired]

Background:

Ms. Elizabeth Klassen was a much-loved and founding member of our congregation, who lived to be 105 and passed away on March 25, 2014. She was a long-time Sunday school teacher here, and had a passion for evangelism, the young, and Christian education. In her will she left a bequest to FUMC, and the congregation has decided to honour her memory by using that bequest to employ a “Community Engagement Worker”. We as a congregation are seeking to be responsive to God’s mission in our local neighbourhood, and we want to provide helpful and relational connections with the neighbourhood around us.

Job Description

1. Youth Drop-in Centre:

- Organizing and running a drop-in centre for local elementary school students from 3-5pm on a weekday (currently on Wednesdays), which provides a safe and caring environment for kids to play games and hang out after school . This is a program that FUMC has already been running for the past 5 years and generally has between 20-30 kids (ages 7-14) of diverse ethnicity and culture from the nearby Henderson Elementary School. It requires very minimal preparation.

2. Faith-focussed Youth program:

- Preparing curriculum and leading a mid-week (currently Thursdays from 3:30-5pm) after-school faith-focussed program. This program will cater mainly to those youth from the drop-in centre who are interested in learning more about God. We are considering running ‘youth Alpha’ for this program starting in Fall 2018.
- Connecting with parents on an ongoing basis, providing a support environment for them and their kids

3. Community Dinners and other Outreach

- helping to coordinate and participate in monthly ‘Community Dinners’ which connect congregants with one another and with neighbours (from the drop-in centre and from other outreach programs that we are connected with).
- coordinating other outreach efforts as needed, perhaps in conjunction with other local churches (i.e. South Vancouver Pacific Grace Church)

4. Participating in the Life and Ministry of FUMC

- coordinating church volunteers for the above programs
- Engaging with and encouraging congregants with opportunities to serve and minister to our neighbourhood (at drop-in centre, community dinners, and beyond)
- Attending Sunday worship services
[Note: if the successful applicant is already committed to another church community, taking this position will not require that they give up that commitment. However, in order to connect with our congregation, we would ask that the CEW attend our Sunday services at least once a month, even if their ‘home church’ remains elsewhere.]
- Meeting with church staff and reporting to the congregation (via announcements and bulletin)
- Regular, focussed prayer for the neighbourhood and for the church.