

First Parish in Cambridge, Unitarian Universalist

POSITION AVAILABLE: Bass Section Leader, First Parish Cambridge Choir

Rev. Dr. Robert M. Hardies Minister

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JENNIFER GOODMAN Director of Ministries for Families and Children

JEN HAYMAN Director of Music

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Awakened by worship, nourished by tradition, and united by love, First Parish strives to create a multicultural, spirit-filled community that works for justice, fosters spiritual curiosity and faith formation, shares joy, heals brokenness, and celebrates the sacred in all. We seek a Section Leader to support and coach the singers in the First Parish Choir (approximately 30 voices). The Section Leader reports to the Director of Music.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Attend all scheduled rehearsals of the First Parish Choir during the normal choir year (Tuesdays, 7-9p, from mid-August through mid-June)
- Attend all Sunday worship services at which the First Parish Choir sings (typically twice per month), and any other special concerts or church events at which the Choir performs.
- 3. Solos, collaborative work, and small group performances with other section leaders in worship/performance as requested by the Director.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Excellent musicianship, including fluency in reading music and good sense of pitch, tone, and blend. Understanding of vocal technique/production and ability to teach it to others. Piano skills are helpful, but not required.
- 2. Musical leadership, including providing musical security for volunteer singers, advance musical preparation, and leading sectional rehearsals when the Director requires.
- 3. General group leadership in behavior, attendance, and punctuality at rehearsals and performances.
- 4. Comfort in a variety of musical styles, including but not limited to classical (including 21st c. classical), world music, gospel, spirituals, and pop music. Candidates may demonstrate strength in a particular genre, but should have willingness, flexibility, and curiosity to learn about and perform in other genres. NOTE: Some singing in the oral tradition is expected.

COMPENSATION

Compensation is on a "per-call" basis. During the choir year (late August-early June), the Section Leader will typically have 5-7 calls per month at \$90/call.

APPLICATION

Interested applicants should send inquiries to Director of Music, Jen Hayman, at ihayman@firstparishcambridge.org. Please include a singing sample with your inquiry.