



Dear Friends and Interested Applicants,

For the past year, I have had the pleasure of working with the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis as an interim religious educator. In this short time, I have witnessed this congregation's commitment to Unitarian Universalist values. Their commitment to building stronger relationships with their urban community and to contributing to solutions that bring security to the most vulnerable has touched me in profound ways.

This is a congregation that:

- has a rich history as a Unitarian congregation
- is conveniently located in St. Louis' West End Neighborhood in a historic building with plenty of space for creative programs, witnessing, and ministry
- values children, youth, families, and lifelong learning
- passionately is looking for ways to bring a better life to those in their community and beyond
- continues the work of social justice and includes all generations in this work
- understands the collaborative value of shared ministry with members, friends, minister, and professional leadership
- is designing a vibrant future through living and learning Unitarian Universalist values

Now, they are ready to hire a full-time Congregational Life staff person who is creative and collaborative. The position focuses on lifelong education and membership. Since this congregation values collaboration and community, there are structures and people in place to work with this new professional because this congregation is committed to its future work.

I hope you will consider this position. The congregation is committed to fair compensation and St. Louis is a lovely city. This is a great place to build a professional career.

Please read the job description and apply. If you have any questions, please call, text or email me. I am happy to talk further. The congregation's minister, Rev. Kim Mason is on sabbatical and is looking forward to joining the hiring process when she returns in May. If you have questions about this position or wish to talk confidentially about applying, please contact me at mgrove@firstuustlouis.org.

Thank you for your witness and work for Unitarian Universalist values,

Your colleague,

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