

New Music Minister - An Invitation to Applicants

Half-time Position Open
St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
Camden, Maine
www.stthomascamdenme.org

At the announcement of the retirement of our Music Minister, St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Camden, Maine has opened a search for a new director of Music. We love sacred music of all sorts and are seeking a musician who will continue to take us down the path of excellence, as well as to broaden our abilities and strengthen our worship through music.

We are seeking a creative and talented Music Minister who would like to be part of our community of people who 'worship in beauty, question in faith, and serve in love'. We are looking for someone who loves music, plays the organ well, and who is experienced in and excited by the possibilities of leading a volunteer church choir (which we hope to grow) and might encourage a youth choir. We seek a person who will help us to nurture our strong congregational singing, and help build new worship experiences, like a newly envisioned Wednesday evening Eucharist, and continue old musical offerings like the Noon Music in Lent series, and services at Quarry Hill (an assisted living residence) every few weeks. We are a spirited community that worships in an inviting, broad church style each Sunday morning. We have a well-stocked, well organized music library.

The candidate must either have experience with Episcopal liturgy and Anglican music, or the clear capacity and willingness to grow into this great tradition. Other musical sources and styles might interest the parish, as well.

Wedding and funeral responsibilities will be compensated in addition to the competitive salary. During vacation breaks, the music director will arrange for substitute organists. The Music Minister is also responsible for scheduling maintenance on the 3 pianos, the Schantz organ, as well as scheduling maintenance on, and programming, 11 tower bells (Verdin).

Our sanctuary holds approximately 150 and enjoys wonderful acoustics, beautiful furnishings, and a Lady Chapel making it a good place for choral and congregational singing, organ performance, and the occasional concert. St Thomas' has a Schantz pipe organ which has 44 ranks, 3 manuals (swell, great, choir) plus full pedal. It was installed in 1992 and is completely paid for. We have a Chickering grand piano in the sanctuary, a Steinway grand in the parish hall, and a Steinway studio in the rehearsal room.

The position is half-time and salaried, 20 hours per week. The salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience and education. We offer two weeks of paid vacation annually.

If this introduction to our community whets your interest, and this Music Minister position interests you or a musician you know, please be in touch with the Rev. Lisa Smith Fry at rector@stthomascamdenme.org.