

**Ministerial Opportunity**  
**Niagara United Mennonite Church**  
**Associate Pastor: German Worship**

## **Job Overview**

The role of the successful candidate is to coordinate and operate the congregation's German Worship program. The German Worship program at Niagara United Mennonite Church (NUMC) is administered and operated by a team of, mostly aging, Lay Ministers and Worship Leaders. Worship services are held every second Sunday morning in the German language, complete with sermon, choir and hymn singing. In each of the last two years, 2015 and 2016, average attendance was 80 worshippers per Sunday service. Our current German Worship service is approximately 40 minutes in length, with a German sermon constituting approximately 20 minutes of that time. Principal duties of the successful candidate will be to coordinate and preach our German sermons and to provide spiritual nurture for our older members who have difficulties with communication of spiritual concepts in the English language. This position will report directly to the Lead Pastor and will co-ordinate with the German Worship Team.

## **Job Description**

- Part-time position, defined as 0.35 FTE (i.e. 14 hours per week)
- 1 year contract, with yearly reassessment of needs, and potential for renewal
- Start date Fall 2017

## **Responsible for**

### Sermon Preparation

- Prepare and deliver fifteen to eighteen 20 minute sermons per year.

### Sunday Attendance

- Attend 26 weeks per year (both German and English services, in order to foster a "one congregation" perspective among German worship adherents).

### Weekly Service Coordination

- Prepare worship outline and coordinate with Worship Leader, Choir Conductor and Office Administrator for bulletin presentation.

Note: Volunteer Lay Preachers are responsible for preparation and coordination of worship outlines when they are scheduled to serve.

#### Service Schedule Coordination

- Prepare yearly calendar of German services.
- Prepare 3-month schedules of preachers and worship leaders.

#### Meeting Attendance

- Attend staff meetings.
- Attend monthly Spiritual Council meetings.
- Arrange and lead regular meetings with the German Worship team as required.
- Attend Membership Meetings throughout the year.

#### Additional Roles, Responsibilities and Responses

- Offer support in funeral services, and potentially lead or officiate, if requested.
- Prepare and deliver occasional chapel services at Pleasant Manor to foster relationship with our church members and other German-speaking residents at the home.
- Provide occasional responses to general pastoral needs.

Applications to be submitted by email or mail no later than July 15, 2017. Please include, resume with reference contacts and cover letter with a Statement of Faith, Theological Perspective and Ministry Experience.

Apply by email: [office@redbrickchurch.ca](mailto:office@redbrickchurch.ca)

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