

Position Available: Church Choir Director (part-time)

Our vibrant, diverse, progressive, welcoming, and affirming faith community, Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church of Houston, Texas, seeks to fill the recently vacated position of part-time director for the Sanctuary Choir. The Sanctuary Choir sings traditional and contemporary sacred music as well as occasional secular pieces when appropriate. Along with the Gospel Ensemble (singing music from the African-American Gospel tradition) and the Resurrection Mass Choir (singing various styles), the Sanctuary Choir forms the foundation for other music programming at the church.

Requirements for this position include:

- A bachelor's degree in music, music education, or a related field, or commensurate experience;
- Proven excellence in and passion for directing and performing choral music;
- The ability to lead congregational hymns, songs, and other liturgical music;
- Expertise and patience in working with a wide range of musical abilities; and
- Comfort with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, and asexual/ally (LGBTQIA) communities, without condition, prejudice, or judgment.

The Sanctuary Choir Director is expected to:

- Select, teach, and direct music for weekly choir rehearsals (currently on Tuesday evenings);
- Select and direct two choral pieces twice a month (currently on the second and fourth Sundays);
- Select and direct choral pieces for the Mass Choir rotationally with other directors, as assigned;
- Demonstrate and encourage collegiality and community within and beyond the choir so as to inspire the choir and the congregation as well as to entice choir participation by new members;
- Grow the choir in musical prowess and in membership;
- Collaborate with the entire Worship Arts Department (dance, liturgical theatre, other choirs and ensembles, soloists, and instrumentalists) for blended worship services as scheduled; and
- Cooperate and strategize with the Senior Pastor, Worship Arts Coordinator, Worship Arts Planning Team, Audiovisual Team, accompanists, other clergy, and church staff to plan, create, and deliver inspiring worship services and other events in the life of the church.

In addition, the Sanctuary Choir performs in an annual Christmas Eve musical program, during Holy Week and Easter services, in LGBTQIA Pride celebration services, and in an annual concert. The choir sometimes participates in community and charitable events and has occasionally toured to sing at other MCC congregations and conferences. Of particular note, Resurrection marks its 50th anniversary in 2022, and the Sanctuary Choir is anticipated to play an integral role in the celebratory events as they unfold.

Skill as a pianist is desired, although not required.

Resurrection is located in the historic Heights neighborhood of Houston. Having recently reopened for post-pandemic in-person worship with health and safety protocols in place, the church is gradually edging attendance to pre-COVID levels while simultaneously continuing to provide high-quality broadcasts of its services to virtual congregants around the world. We at Resurrection are committed to Christ-like Love in Action, and if you are so aligned and inclined, we welcome you to submit your résumé, .mp3 recordings, YouTube links, and/or digital videos of choral-directing experience to Cassandra White, Worship Arts Coordinator, cassandra@resurrectionmcc.org, or 713.456.7890. For more information, please visit our Facebook profile at <https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC> or our YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmDzq6s0C_7fSfTwlQ_T5QQ.