

Vacancy Notice: Minister of Music, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Geneva

For more than 250 years, our church has been located in the heart of Geneva's Old Town. Today the ELCG is composed of two congregations, one German-speaking and one English-speaking, each with about 300 members. The church is searching for a new minister of music to serve both communities.

The English-Speaking Congregation is made up of members from 40 different countries. Music, liturgy, and prayer in our congregation reflect rich traditions of churches around the world. We gather each week for worship that is both rooted in ancient liturgies and attuned to contemporary concerns, and we sing songs and hymns from many different cultures.

The German-Speaking Congregation is an open-minded community and a place for exchange of experiences for German-speaking people living in Geneva. Music is an essential element for the life of our community.

Each congregation has its own full job description, available upon request.

Areas of responsibility include:

- Planning, preparing, teaching, and leading music in public worship on the organ and the piano
- Directing the choirs of the two congregations
- Engaging members of all ages to use their musical talents – vocal or instrumental
- Encouraging and animating congregational participation in music as an integral part of worship
- Participating actively in the life of the two congregations

You bring:

- Sound training and experience in church music
- Knowledge of Lutheran liturgy
- Ability to work in a culturally-diverse environment
- Appreciation for a variety of worship forms and musical styles, and openness to engaging music from a variety of cultures
- Willingness to collaborate and work creatively and flexibly as part of a team
- Readiness to work with both professional and amateur musicians
- Professional fluency in German and English (French also an asset)

We offer:

- Two musically-engaged and lively congregations
- Support from a motivated team, made up of pastors and lay leaders
- Room for personal initiative
- Salary according to local guidelines, with some room for negotiation
- Depending on final employment permit conditions, it may also be possible to give music lessons to children/adults

Terms of service:

- This is a 60 percent position (30 percent with each congregation)
- Start date: 1 September 2023

To apply, please send cover letter and resume/CV by 15 February 2023 by email or post:

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For more information about our parishes, visit:

- For the German-Speaking Congregation: www.luther-genf.ch
- For the English-Speaking Congregation: www.genevalutheran.church

Please feel free to contact us with questions