

# Sabbatical Senior Minister

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington Normal, a vibrant mid-size congregation in Central Illinois, seeks a Sabbatical Minister from January through mid-June, 2016, the sabbatical period of our called Senior Minister. The Sabbatical Minister will work in a full-time capacity.

This full-time position offers a salary in compliance with UUA salary guidelines and commensurate with the qualifications of the applicant. The position will begin January 1, 2016 and end June 15, 2016. The Sabbatical Minister reports directly to the Board of Directors.

We anticipate this sabbatical period to be a rich time for our congregation and for our senior minister. We believe it can be for you, too. Don't miss this opportunity to work with a vibrant church!

## Essential Functions

- Coordinate church leadership with our Associate Minister for Lifespan Religious Education and with our Affiliated Minister.
- Provide three to four Sunday services per month, being free of worship responsibilities once per month. Two multi-generational services during this period will be for Valentine's Day and Easter, co-led with the Associate Minister.
- Work closely with the Board and the Worship Committee, including attending meetings.
- Coordinate and provide pastoral care. Meet monthly with the Pastoral Care Team.
- Maintain communication within the church via office hours, newsletter articles, announcements at services, responding to emails and phone calls.
- Meet with and support congregants as needed.
- Be a resource for staff.
- Be a point of contact for potential new members.
- Uphold and articulate UU values and UUBN's vision and mission within the congregation and wider community.

## Other Functions

- Lead an adult religious education class of your own choice.

## Skill Competencies and Qualifications

The position requires working in partnership with the other ministers, the Board, the Worship Committee, the staff, and the congregation.

### Required Skills:

- prepare and present worship services.
- speak and write effectively.
- strong organizational, administrative, and interpersonal abilities.
- high level of initiative, self-direction, flexibility, and creativity in vision and ideas.
- UU identity & background, or a liberal religious perspective.

### Preferred:

- a background in working with a mid-sized program church.

## Terms and Conditions

The Sabbatical Minister is expected to:

- work January through mid-June, 2016.
- maintain the customary schedule for a Unitarian Universalist minister working 12 four-hour units per week.
- be supervised by the Board.
- fulfill the Essential Functions above.

Please send Resume/C.V. and Cover Letter by July 31, 2015, to:

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington/Normal

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