University Place Christian Church

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
IN
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

FULL-TIME CO-PASTOR

University Place Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), an Open and Affirming congregation near the University of Illinois, seeks a full-time co-pastor to share ministry and leadership with Rev. Isaac Ackerman. This opening follows the retirement of Rev. Kristine Light. We welcome a collaborative minister whose gifts complement those of a colleague and an engaged congregation.

A New Home, A Continuing Mission

In 2025, UniPlace sold its longtime church building to focus its resources on ministry and renewal. Our new home is the University YMCA, a historic campus-and-community nonprofit center. Our office and meeting space opens onto the YMCA's art gallery, which features local artists, and Latzer Hall in the same building hosts our Sunday worship, weekly community meal, food pantry, and choir rehearsals. Our congregation averages about 40 participants at our weekly Sunday worship service, with opportunities to connect through fellowship, community service, and spiritual formation.

An Opportunity to Build

Through a process of congregational discernment, UniPlace has developed a vision for a Center for Spiritual Formation, offering programs and practices that engage the spiritual interests of people within and beyond the congregation. We seek a creative pastor who is energized by building something new. This person should bring initiative, imagination, and a collaborative spirit to developing programs and partnerships that can bring our emerging vision to life.

Ministerial Responsibilities

Share in preaching, worship leadership, biblical and theological teaching, pastoral visitation, weddings and funerals, congregational care, and local and wider church mission. These responsibilities will be shared with Rev. Isaac Ackerman and shaped collaboratively according to each minister's gifts and the congregation's needs. We prefer candidates who are ministers in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) or ministers from a close ecumenical partner with experience in the Disciples tradition.

Compensation and Leave

The total compensation and ministry expense package is $8,000 per month, inclusive of salary, housing allowance, pension, health insurance, mileage, continuing education, and other professional ministry expenses. Benefits include a total of four weeks of paid leave per year, as well as sabbatical eligibility after five years of service.

Learn More

Explore our work and worship at uniplace.org and on our YouTube channel. Interested candidates should contact Bruce Reardanz, Chair of the Ministerial Search Committee, at reardanzfamily@comcast.net with a resume and cover letter.

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