



## **Minister of Ritual and Celebration Sacred Traditions and Rituals (S.T.A.R.)**

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Minister of Ritual and Celebration for S.T.A.R. Sacred Traditions and Rituals is a self-supporting, interdenominational, participatory worship group that meets at Central United Methodist Church on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 6:00 pm. S.T.A.R. embraces Creation Spirituality as defined by theologian Mathew Fox. See below. Although it has no formal membership, S.T.A.R.'s services are usually attended by from thirty to sixty worshippers. All are welcome regardless of race, creed, or sexual orientation. Services may include the sacred traditions and rituals of various religious traditions, and creativity is highly valued. Click to see our web site: <https://sacredtraditions-sc.com>.

### **Duties**

The Minister of Ritual is responsible for

- a) Planning an annual schedule of services and making sure each is developed and presented according to plan;
- b) Maintaining the financial stability of the group by regularly facilitating giving and conducting special fund-raising activities as needed;
- c) Actively supporting the spiritual wellbeing of the group and its participants as they experience life's joys and difficulties;
- d) Maintaining relationships with our host institution and its employees;
- e) Coordinating with the leadership structure of S.T.A.R., including an Elder Council responsible for personnel, financial, and other administrative issues; a Planning Council responsible for the content of services, and a Liturgical Council concerned with providing administrative, artistic, and other support services to S.T.A.R.
- f) Supervising, supporting, and coordinating electronic communications including writing emails to Council members for communication and team-building; facilitating emails to all participants such as newsletters, program announcements, and service previews; reviewing social media and a website; sending selected snail mails personally or in coordination with the Corresponding Secretary for pastoral care or fund raising.

## Qualifications

- a) A bachelor's or higher degree in theology, divinity, or a relevant field.
- b) Ordained minister preferred, with experience in institutional and group leadership.
- c) An affinity for Creation Spirituality, creativity, and diversity.
- d) Good interpersonal skills.
- e) Financial understanding.
- f) Energy and a willing heart

## Compensation

This is a part-time position. A salary of \$10,000 paid over twelve months is offered. In addition, the Minister of Ritual will receive an annual bonus in November based on performance and availability of funding. Bonuses in recent years have ranged from five to eleven thousand dollars with those at the lower end of the scale more common.

## Principles of Creation Spirituality

- *The universe is fundamentally a blessing.*
- *In Creation, God is both immanent and transcendent.*
- *God is as much beyond all words and images as in all forms and beings.*
- *Through the work of spiritual practice we find our deep and true selves.*
- *Our inner work can be understood as a four-fold journey –  
Via Positiva; Via Negativa; Via Creativa; Via Transformativa  
Weaving through the paths like a spiral danced, rather than a ladder climbed.*
- *Every one of us is a mystic.*
- *We are born full of wonder and can recover it at any age.*
- *Every one of us is an artist.*
- *Every one of us is a prophet.*
- *Diversity is the nature of the Universe.*
- *The basic work of God is compassion and we, who are all original blessings –  
Sons and Daughters of the Divine – are called to compassion.*
- *There are many wells of faith and knowledge – drawing from one underground  
river of Divine wisdom.*
- *The practice of honoring, learning and celebrating the wisdom collected from  
these wells is Deep Ecumenism.*
- *Ecological justice is essential for the sustainability of life on Earth.*

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**Additional information about the position and how to apply is available from David Heatherly ([gdhrhh102@gmail.com](mailto:gdhrhh102@gmail.com)) or Andy Crosland ([croslanda@gmail.com](mailto:croslanda@gmail.com)). All nominations and inquiries are welcome.**