

**Kenilworth Union Church: Kenilworth, IL**  
**Part Time Associate Director of Children's Ministry**

Lake Michigan, bike trails, museums, music festivals, restaurants and our “world series Cubs” are just a few reasons why people adore Chicago! So, if you love working with children, want the opportunity to create something vibrant and new, and are excited to be part of a collaborative staff, Kenilworth Union Church could be for you!

Located in Chicago's North Shore suburbs, Kenilworth Union Church, [kuc.org](http://kuc.org) is searching for an Associate Director of Children's Ministry to work alongside the Director of Christian Education in implementing a comprehensive vision for Christian education and faith formation for infants through sixth graders and their families. ***The Children's Ministry is an innovative, re-imagined ministry which equips children and families to practice life-long faith with enthusiasm.***

This position has been created to complement the children and youth ministry staff and build on a strong program. Kenilworth Union is an inclusive church community whose identity is formed by its devotion to God, inspiring worship, service in the community and a deep commitment to nurturing our children and youth in faith. The church is heavily invested in children and families and welcomes 25-40 kids per grade. Founded in 1892, Kenilworth Union is a protestant church rooted in the urgent and ancient message of Jesus to love God and neighbor by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with the Lord our God.

**Applicant Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Education or Early Childhood Education or Christian Education. Certification in Christian Education is also acceptable. Candidates should have experience working with children as a Christian Educator, camp counselor, in a teaching environment or equivalent. Additional personal and professional qualifications include excellent communication skills, mastery in classroom instruction and guidance of faith formation, a joyful presence with children and their families, and Christian faith and values.
- Training or interest in the Godly Play approach is desired. Vocal music, piano and/or guitar abilities are valued but not required.
- This is a 20-25 hour per week position. (We would consider creating a full-time position for musically trained candidates uniquely qualified to additionally serve as Associate Director of Children and Bell Choirs.)

**Responsibilities:**

- Delight in God's presence with children by naming God-with-us and delight in the presence of children by knowing each child by name. Foster relationship and community among teachers, parents, and families.
- Work with the Children's Ministry team to research, develop, and implement new faith formation opportunities beyond the Sunday School model.
- Use the deep, vibrant stories of our faith in the Bible and Christian tradition to create multisensory weekly story chapel and other yearly gatherings that welcome the child's imagination and create sacred experience.
- Manage weekly attendance, distribution of curriculum, classroom set up and similar administrative responsibilities.
- Coordinate annual Christmas pageant and two week VBS program for 80 children.
- In that our 2019 Children's Ministry Goals are curiosity, community, and choice: make time to develop curiosity through professional development, and connection to the wider church education community.
- **Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to Director of Christian Education, Rev. Christine Hides at [chides@kuc.org](mailto:chides@kuc.org).**