**First Congregational UCC Santa Rosa—Youth Leader**

Our warm, welcoming and progressive congregation seeks a Youth Leader to build a sense of community within the youth of the church that provides an opportunity for both spiritual and social development. The Youth Leader is an integral part of the staff and is supervised by the pastor in conjunction with Christian Education Representatives. The age range for this “junior youth group” is approximately 4th-6th grade.

**Functions/Responsibilities:**

Actively lead the youth program and provide guidance and teaching for its members:

- Create a welcoming, fun, and enthusiastic environment for youth to connect with one another and growth in their faith.
- Coordinate with the pastor and Christian Education representatives in developing and managing the annual budget as it relates to youth activities.
- Attend occasional staff meetings (or meet with the Pastor and/or Council) to communicate and connect Youth activities to broader themes of the church.
- Be prepared to teach junior youth every Sunday morning from 10am-12pm, and to lead activities during every monthly Dinner Church gathering from 4-7pm.
- Organize and lead a larger activity/service project once a month.
- Work with Pastor and Christian Education Representatives to find and use appropriate curriculum as necessary.

Build strong relationships with the youth and their families

- Grow the emerging Youth program by proactively reaching out to the youth within the church to assess their spiritual needs and encourage them to participate in activities.
- Establish and maintain supportive appropriate relationships with youth and their families.

Encourage youth, parent, and volunteer participation

- Communicate in timely and effective ways with parents, youth and church staff
- Provide communication and publicity for youth events through social media, email, and monthly newsletter to inform the youth and their families and encourage church-wide support of the youth program.

**Qualifications:**

The candidate must:

- be 21 years of age or older.
- have a passion for inspiring youth and building relationships and a community of faith.
- have experience leading groups of youth—experience as a community service leader or as a youth counselor is preferred.
- have strong organization, planning, and communication skills.
- read and agree to relevant sections of the Safe Church Policy.
- have an understanding and respect for the progressive Christ-centered faith and inclusive values of our church community.
- demonstrate excellent interpersonal skills, especially dealing with parents and children in a professional manner.
- have experience working with children 9 to 12 years of age, with the ability to adapt to and interact with a variety of personalities/characteristics.
- be willing to submit to a background check.
- present the results of current (within one to three years) Tuberculin test and current immunizations.
- have reliable transportation.

Compensation: $20 per hour for 20 hours a month.

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