

# Minister of Family Life

## First Christian Church, Des Moines, Iowa

### Position summary

The Minister of Family Life's responsibility is to insure the timely, efficient and effective activities related to First Christian Church's core goals as they relate to families within the congregation while insuring success of the mission. These activities will also include efforts to reach out to non-member families that may occasionally attend church and/or those families that have not yet discovered a church they can be comfortable in. The Minister of Family Life will work in harmony with paid staff, volunteer staff and others whose activities help achieve the church's mission. The Minister of Family Life reports directly to the Senior Minister.

### Minister of Family Life's responsibilities

(Required duties may be any or all of the responsibilities)

1. **Support LOGOS** ([www.thelogosministry.org](http://www.thelogosministry.org)), that is, serve as liaison for LOGOS throughout the congregation. This may include the following:
  - a. Help discern and call people to leadership positions and other opportunities in this ministry
  - b. Develop and provide volunteer training
  - c. Work closely with leadership team to implement program
2. **Provide staff support for congregational worship and learning experiences.** This may include the following:
  - a. Research, review and select Learning Hour curriculum in conjunction with Learning Ministries chair
  - b. Leading children's sermons in worship, occasional preaching, and other leadership in worship in conjunction with other staff and lay members of the congregation
3. **Provide staff support for other learning related ministries.** This may include the following:
  - a. Working with Learning Ministries to discern as many learning opportunities as feasible and supporting those opportunities
4. **Oversee middle and high school youth ministries.** This may include the following:
  - a. Providing support and resources to the related groups
  - b. Assisting and coordinating the related groups with other ministries within the church.
  - c. Coordinating annual youth trips, including fundraising and mission experiences
  - d. Coordinating social activities for youth outside LOGOS
5. **Develop and implement any new ministries that address current needs.** This may include the following:
  - a. Research of current programs and needs
  - b. Presentation of proposals to Learning Ministries and/or Council
  - c. Anticipation of future opportunities
6. **Constant advocate for children, youth, young adults, and families to be included in all aspects of congregational life**
7. **Coordinate and oversee childcare functions including physical resources**
8. **Other duties as assigned by the Senior Minister**

## **Skill Requirements**

1. Committed Christian with a passion for children and family ministries
2. Understanding and success working with church staff and volunteers
3. Knowledge of principles, practices and beliefs of mainline Christianity
4. Knowledge of theories and methods of learning and teaching children and youth
5. Knowledge of basic human development
6. Ability to conceptualize, convert and organize many project simultaneously and insure successful completion
7. Ability to communicate information and ideas both orally and written to diverse age groups so they will understand
8. Personal computer skills including, but not limited to, email and word processing

## **Qualifications**

1. Ordained Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister (or jointly recognized denomination) or:
  - a. Licensed Minister
  - b. Bachelor's degree in education, human services, religion or child development with commitment to complete the Licensed Ministry Education Program of the Christian Church in the Upper Midwest

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