Director of Little Lambs

The director of Little Lambs oversees all aspects of leading the CGS Community Choir serving children from 5 to 6 years old (as of September 1st of the program year). The goals of this group include fostering a love of worship through singing, providing training in good vocal technique and musicianship, and cultivating a strong sense of community and belonging. The leader of this group should be a member or regular attender of Church of the Good Shepherd or other Christian church.

Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with other directors of CGS Community Choirs to plan the calendar year and decide details about rehearsal schedules, concerts, and other events through 2-3 in-person meetings annually and regular email and text messages.
- Select age- and ability-appropriate music (simple, unison), with assistance from other directors or CGS Music Director as needed; pieces generally 1-3 minutes in length; 1-2 pieces at Christmas, 3-4 pieces in other concerts.
- Plan and lead weekly 45-minute rehearsals.
- Set up and clear rehearsal space (Sunday School classroom).
- Communicate regularly with parents through email.
- Make decisions about group size and manage waitlist.
- Lead performances in 2-3 concerts annually.
- If using a pianist for performances, communicate with the CGS Music Director regarding requirements for hiring for 1-2 rehearsals and the concert.

Qualifications and Helpful Experiences

- Ability to read music; very basic piano abilities a plus (for leading warmups, playing melodies, etc.)
- Experience singing in choir and/or being a part of another vocal or instrumental ensemble
- Understanding and appreciation of the enthusiasm, curiosity, and energy of the early elementary-aged child
- Comfort with basic classroom/behavior management techniques or the willingness to learn how to state expectations clearly, redirect, positively reinforce, structure and pace lessons, provide movement breaks, etc.