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Wanted: Minister of Music

Job description

The **American Church in Berlin (ACB)** is seeking a gifted, spiritually grounded **Minister of Music** to shape and lead a vibrant, community-centered music ministry. This role is ideal for someone currently serving in another church or music ministry who is eager to **build a program from scratch, invest in a growing congregation with lots of musical talent, and help shape the future of worship** in one of the most dynamic congregations in Berlin.

Who We Are:

ACB is an English-speaking, ecumenical Protestant congregation, rooted in the American Lutheran tradition, in the heart of Berlin. We are a diverse community of 150–180 people each Sunday, with members from a wide range of denominations and cultures. Our worship is rooted in the traditional liturgy of the Western Church, guided by the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW).

About the Role:

The **Minister of Music** is more than an accompanist—this is a **ministerial leadership role** that invites creativity, initiative, and a pastoral heart. We're looking for someone who wants to **start small, dream big**, and help build something lasting. It's a **part-time, flexible position**, paid within the framework of a German mini-job (€556/month in 2025), with room to grow over time as the ministry flourishes.

Key Responsibilities:

- Play organ and piano for worship (1–2 Sundays/month)
- Recruit and coordinate a team of supply musicians for other Sundays
- Lead and rebuild the church choir (weekly rehearsals & worship leadership)
- Collaborate on worship planning
- Mentor and engage volunteer singers and instrumentalists across all levels
- Coordinate coverage and participate in major liturgical celebrations (Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, etc.)

What We're Looking For:

- Very advanced proficiency in organ and piano
- Familiarity with traditional Western liturgy—or an eagerness to grow into it
- A desire to create something meaningful and sustainable
- Pastoral sensitivity, collaborative spirit, and strong musical leadership
- Vision to shape a music ministry that reflects this unique congregation

Why This Role Might Be for You:

You're already serving in a church or music ministry less than full-time and feel the nudge to create something new. You're energized by the chance to build community through music. You love both tradition and innovation. You want your gifts to help shape the spiritual life of a church that is **inclusive, ecumenical, and growing**.

This is your opportunity to bring your skills, leadership, and creativity to a church that's ready for a musical revival—and walk with us as we grow.

Send your cover letter and résumé (deadline August 5th 2025) to the following email addresses:

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