

JOB POSTING
KEEPER OF THE LEARNING CIRCLE
Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre

Closing date for applications: March 31, 2019

Vision of the *Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre*

The Sandy–Saulteaux Spiritual Centre is a place of spirit where First Nation, Métis, Inuit and Christian spiritual beliefs are respected, shared and understood.

In the circle, First Nation, Métis, and Inuit women and men are nurtured for leadership roles in The United Church of Canada as lay, diaconal and ordained ministers; for other denominations; and in their communities.

From the strength of Elders' wisdom, the Sandy–Saulteaux Spiritual Centre will foster teachings of respect, healing, and connectedness to be shared: for the benefit of individuals: for restoring balance and wholeness among peoples and with all of creation; and for nurturing a prophetic voice.

Indigenous Ministry Training Mandate of the Centre

- To uphold and teach the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ.
- To provide culturally specific theological education and preparation for both lay and ordered ministry that respects both Christian beliefs and traditional First Nation, Métis, and Inuit spirituality and values.
- To encourage ecumenical and interfaith participation at the school.
- To honour the diversity of cultures, languages and traditions of the communities.
- To develop a strong focus on ministry in urban First Nation, Métis, and Inuit communities.
- To honour and carry out traditional ceremonies.
- To use a community-based model for First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Christian ministry preparation in changing contexts.
- To honour a learning circle model that enables everyone to: have a voice, be respected and included, bring their particular experience and perspective, and, to listen to others.
- To provide a learning context that addresses healing from the effects of racism, colonization, the inequitable acknowledgment of cultural value, residential schools legacy, and the “60s and CFS scoop”.
- To promote right relations through cross-cultural healing and learning between First Nation, Metis, and Inuit peoples of diverse identities and non-Indigenous peoples and communities.
- To support ministry personnel serving First Nation, Métis, and Inuit communities, with continuing education and support.
- To provide programming and cross-cultural education for retreats, organizations and individuals desiring time on the land.

Primary Responsibilities: overseeing the Ministry Training Program including duties of teaching, engaging resource people and elders for the Learning Circle, monitoring progress and shepherding students through the learning process, engaging with student

community and church supports, developing curriculum and policies, and engaging the wider educational community to expand and develop SSSC program offerings. This position oversees duties normally undertaken by a Registrar and Student Dean.

Competencies:

- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team
- Ability to communicate effectively interpersonally and electronically
- Ability to plan, schedule and organize gatherings, courses, and events
- Ability to work to a deadline
- Ability to work effectively in intercultural situations and highly ambiguous contexts
- Knowledge of United Church of Canada polity, ethos, and candidacy process is an asset
- Ability to travel as a work requirement
- Must possess a valid driver's license and personal transportation for local travel related to the position.

Further Information

Please access the website for further information about Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre and its work at <http://sandysaulteaux.ca>

Accountability

Accountable to the Keeper of the Circle

Preferred Qualifications:

- Teaching experience
- Pastoral experience
- A Ph.D. or other doctoral degree in theological or Indigenous studies is preferred
- A minimum of a Master's degree in theological/ministry or Indigenous studies is required
- Familiarity with Indigenous history, culture, context
- Understanding of the social, physical, spiritual harm resulting from colonization and racism and familiarity with trauma-informed care and oversight
- Experience with experiential, integrative models of education appropriate to Indigenous culture and values;
- Ability to integrate Indigenous traditional wisdom and teachings into the whole curriculum
- Ability to speak one or more Aboriginal languages is an asset.

Salary: To be negotiated.

Posting opens: January 31, 2019

Posting closes: March 31, 2019

Contact: Applicants please send cover letter and curriculum vitae to:

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