



## Children's Curriculum Writer Position Description

**Position Title:** SSUC kidSPIRIT Children's Curriculum Writer

**Organization:** SSUC (Spiritual Seekers United in Community/Southminster-Steinhauer United Church)

**Position Type:** Short-term contract (40-50 hours) within the month of February-March. (with possibility of renewal/repeat for Fall 2024). \$1000-1250. Exact details of the contract to be negotiated with the successful candidate.

### About SSUC (also known as Southminster-Steinhauer United Church)

Spiritual Seekers United in Community (SSUC) is a unique in person and online spiritual community in the City of Edmonton that is:

- An expansive spiritual community with a focus on exploring wisdom for spiritual depth and health. SSUC welcomes all spiritual seekers that share a commitment to four core values: celebrating diversity, engaging life with spiritual depth, inspiring compassion and connection, and making a meaningful difference.
- Working toward peace and justice among all people, and toward the protection and restoration of the integrity of the Earth and all creatures. We do this with a growth mindset characterized by honesty, integrity, openness, respect, intellectual rigor, courage, creativity, compassion, inclusion, and love.
- A safe and vibrant spiritual home for all. As the first affirming United Church in Alberta, SSUC welcomes everyone, including those in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. It is the home of Emberwood (queer and ally nature programming) and Camp Dragonfly (summer camp for trans and gender creative children).

### Position Summary

The kidSPIRIT Children's Curriculum Writer will work with the minister and other staff to learn/review the philosophy, content and current curriculum of SSUC's kidSPIRIT program in order to adapt and/or create new expansive spiritual resources for implementation by our Sunday kidSPIRIT program leaders.

### Responsibilities

The kidSPIRIT Children's Curriculum Writer will

- Consult with the minister and program leaders on philosophy, theology and focus, in order to develop between 2-3 themes for the coming months of kidSPIRIT programming.
- Equipped with background information, examples and needed resources, write meaningful, value-based curriculum for approximately 4 months of weekly lessons appropriate for SSUC kidSPIRIT use, with consideration for:
  - one classroom K-Grade 5 with two program leaders;
  - possible options for lower elementary and upper elementary learning levels, small group divisions, or variations within the large group;
  - Awareness and attention to different learning styles, abilities;
  - Inclusion of various source material: spiritual wisdom, children's literature, folk tales, intercultural/multi-faith exploration;
  - Use of story-telling, crafts, snack creation, games, activities, movement and cooperation

## **Core Competencies**

The SSUC kidSPIRIT Children's Curriculum Writer will:

- Have an understanding or be willing to gain an understanding of expansive spirituality and values-based programming as expressed by SSUC.
- Have an understanding of children's developmental stages, levels of understanding, and be able to plan lessons accordingly;
- Excellent written communication skills;
- Experience with curriculum writing, teaching, and/or working with elementary-aged children an asset.

## **How to Apply & Commitment to Equitable Hiring**

Please submit your interest and relevant experience and skills in a cover letter to [SSUCapplications@gmail.com](mailto:SSUCapplications@gmail.com) by February 15, 2024.

*SSUC is committed to the principles of equity and diversity and encourages applications from all qualified persons, regardless of age, gender, gender expression, sexuality, physical ability, tradition or culture.*