



Abyssinian Baptist Church

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Rev. Dr. Johnnie D. Brooker, Jr, Pastor

Job Description: Minister of Music

Overview:

Abyssinian Baptist Church is actively searching for a passionate and skilled Minister of Music to enrich our worship services through the power of music. We seek a devoted Christian with a deep understanding of the unique musical traditions and cultural expressions within the Black Baptist Church experience. The ideal candidate will possess specialized training in musical instruments and vocal music, with a particular emphasis on the rich heritage of gospel music.

Key Qualifications:

- **Devotion to the Christian Faith:** A strong commitment to the principles and teachings of the Christian faith, as expressed through the vibrant worship traditions of the Black Baptist Church, including a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a dedication to the church's mission and values.
- **Musical Expertise:** Proficiency in playing both piano and organ, as well as a deep understanding of the rhythms, melodies, and harmonies that characterize Black gospel music.
- **Choral Leadership Skills:** Experience in leading and directing sacred choral music, with the ability to inspire and empower choir members to express the joy and spirit of worship through their voices.
- **Vocal Instruction:** A talent for providing vocal instruction and guidance to choirs, helping them master the soulful harmonies and dynamic vocal techniques that are integral to the Black Baptist Church musical tradition.

- **Collaborative Spirit:** A willingness to collaborate closely with the pastor, music committee, and support staff musicians to ensure that the music ministry aligns with the spiritual vision and mission of the church.
- **Cultural Sensitivity:** An appreciation for the cultural heritage and history of the Black Baptist Church, and the ability to infuse traditional gospel music with contemporary relevance and authenticity.
- **Communication Skills:** Strong communication skills, both musically and verbally, to effectively convey the message and emotion of the music to the congregation during worship services and special events.
- **Spiritual Leadership:** A passion for spiritual leadership within the context of music ministry, providing pastoral care and encouragement to choir members and congregants alike.
- **Flexibility and Adaptability:** The ability to adapt musical selections, arrangements, and performances to meet the diverse needs and preferences of the congregation, while remaining grounded in the timeless truths of gospel music.
- **Continuing Education:** A commitment to ongoing learning and professional development in the field of music ministry, seeking out opportunities to deepen one's understanding of gospel music and its role in worship.

Salary:

The salary for this position will be determined based on the qualifications and experience of the candidate, as well as the number of services and rehearsals required. We are committed to offering competitive compensation that reflects the value and importance of this role in our church community.

If you feel called to use your musical talents to enrich the worship experience of our congregation and meet the requirements outlined above, we invite you to apply for the position of Minister of Music at Abyssinian Baptist Church.