

## **The Cathedral Church of Saint Peter (Anglican), Charlottetown, PEI**

The Cathedral Church of Saint Peter (Anglican), Charlottetown, PEI, is seeking an organist/choir director with experience in, and knowledge of the Anglo-Catholic celebration of the liturgy. The successful candidate will be someone who can maintain and build on a musical tradition established over the past 150 years by such well known Canadian musicians as Lawrence Watson, Walter MacNutt and, most recently, Alan Reesor, who served in the position for 44 years, building a music programme greatly influenced by his mentor, Healey Willan.

St. Peter's rich music programme includes Gregorian chant, a capella and accompanied motets and mass settings from different eras, and a large repertoire of hymns from *The English Hymnal*. The ability to improvise at the organ will be an asset. The choir sings weekly and consists of 12 dedicated singers (3 per part), including trained and untrained musicians. Several of the choristers are also organists and able to assist with service playing and there are choristers able to assist with conducting the choir.

In 1947, Casavant Frères built a new organ for the Cathedral using parts of the original 1886 Hutchings tracker instrument and converting the action to electro-pneumatic. Tonal work was done in the 1970s, essentially making the organ into a French Romantic instrument, and in the 1980s, a third manual was added. To learn more about our historic, small but vibrant community and its music programme, please visit our web site at: <http://www.stpeter.org/cathedral>

To view the organ specifications online, please see: <http://www.stpeter.org/organ.pdf>

### **Responsibilities**

The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- Leading the main Sunday service 48 weeks a year, as well as additional services for the church's high festivals - All Saints, Christmas, Epiphany, Holy Week, Easter, etc;
- Conducting a two-hour weekly choir rehearsal (September through June) as well as a half hour rehearsal before services;
- Selecting hymns, motets, mass settings and organ music appropriate to the liturgical season or feast;
- Working with the Rector and families in choosing appropriate music for funerals and weddings (to be financially compensated by the families for those special events).

The position requires approximately 10-15 hours per week, for which a remuneration of \$20,000 per year will be paid. To supplement income, provision can be made for the successful candidate

to give private instruction in piano, organ or other musical areas of expertise on the Church premises, provided that such instruction does not interfere with normal church activities.

### **Application**

Applications will be received by Dr. Gregory Irvine, Chair, Music Director Selection Committee, The Cathedral Church of Saint Peter, P.O. Box 713, Charlottetown, PEI C1A 7L3, until May 15, 2019, with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2019, or at the successful candidate's earliest availability thereafter. Resumés should be accompanied by: (1) a video which includes an organ performance by the applicant of a work by Bach or other Baroque composer plus a work by another composer, as well as, if possible, a 30 minute choral rehearsal conducted by the applicant; and (2) two *current* letters of reference that address the candidate's choral conducting and organ performance qualifications. Questions may be directed to Dr. Irvine at [irvinegregory@gmail.com](mailto:irvinegregory@gmail.com) or (902) 892-3311.