

**Judson Memorial Baptist Church
4101 Harriet Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**Sabbatical Supply Minister
Position Description**

Background:

Judson's Mission: We are a spiritually grounded community united in providing sanctuary for all who enter. We seek to open ourselves to the healing and transforming power of God's love as we endeavor to follow the life of Jesus: honoring our deepest differences, seeking justice and mercy, discovering and implementing our gifts, and nurturing our children.

Judson is a theologically progressive church in the American Baptist tradition of honoring Soul Freedom, Biblical Freedom, Local Church Autonomy and Separation of Church and State. Judson is a place where everyone is welcome, and everyone's story and journey are honored. Located in South Minneapolis, Judson consists of approximately 125 active community members, with a part time music staff, children and youth coordinator and a full time office manager.

The Sabbatical:

With help from the Lilly Foundation in the form of a grant, Judson is preparing for an exciting time of sabbatical for our Minister, Reverend Travis Norvell. The congregation will be involved with accompanying work connected with his sabbatical theme of "Pilgrimage". For the May 13, 2018 to August 19, 2018 period of this sabbatical, we are seeking a Sabbatical Supply Minister to serve on a half-time basis (20 hours per week).

Duties and Responsibilities:

- **Create nurturing, challenging, and meaningful worship experiences for a theologically diverse and multigenerational congregation:**
 - Plan and lead Sunday morning worship services, working collaboratively with the Music Staff and Worship Committee.
 - Provide intellectual, practical, spiritual leadership in sermons.
 - Maintain personal spiritual evolution/journey so as to find strength and vision to lead.
- **Provide pastoral support**
 - Maintain regularly scheduled office hours; be available for appointments as needed outside of office hours.
 - In coordination with the Congregational Care Committee, visit and give comfort to the sick, those in crisis and confined congregants on a continuing basis.
 - Provide pastoral counseling and support to members during important life transitions and in time of celebration. Officiate at weddings and funerals of church members as requested.
- **Administration**
 - Attend Church Council meetings, Annual Church Business meeting and other church or staff meetings as necessary.

Qualifications:

- Ordained and in good standing.
- 2 to 3 years' experience in active ministry
- Experience in officiating at weddings and funerals
- Open to leading a welcoming and affirming congregation
- Open to leading a congregation as a social justice witness

Reports to: The Church Council of Judson Church

If interested please forward your resume and a cover letter to:

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