



**Wesley Uniting Church
Forrest, ACT**

**Information for Applicants for the Position of Director of Music
2017**

Canberra Central Parish (Wesley at Forrest and St Aidan's at Narrabundah) is the largest Uniting Church community in the Canberra region, embracing hundreds of members from the whole city and beyond.

We are an open and progressive faith community, centred in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and grateful for the heritage of literary, historical and scientific enquiry that has marked recent centuries.

There are normally two ministers in placement in the Parish. The Rev'd Dr Ockert Meyer commenced in May, 2014. It is hoped another minister will join Ockert by the start of 2018

There are two services at Wesley on Sunday mornings -

Contemporary Family Worship at 9.00am

The first service has an informal, family oriented feel. Hymns, songs and choruses are led by the piano, flute, violins, drums and singers. Members of the congregation are always involved in assisting to lead worship. There is a special children's program each week, and at least once a term the whole service is planned around children's involvement.

The Church Council hopes that in due course, the Director of Music might act as a musical resource to the 9.00am Music Team.

Traditional Family Worship at 10.30am

The second service draws on the rich heritage and resources of the Church in worship. The Choir and the organ lead the singing of hymns and anthems. The Director of Music is involved in this service.

A special feature of the 10.30am service is the contribution of the Wesley Music Scholars. This scheme commenced in 1994. There are usually several choral scholars and a variety of instrumentalists (strings, woodwind, organ and brass). The Parish and the Wesley Music Centre jointly fund the Scholarship Programme.

Choir

There has been a church choir at Wesley since its foundation as a Methodist church in Canberra in 1925.

The present church building dates from 1955 and was known as the National Memorial Methodist Church prior to Church Union in 1977.

A vital music ministry has always been a feature of this Parish. Currently there are 16 active members in the choir and we are recruiting new members.

The choir rehearses in the church on Wednesday evenings and prior to the morning service. It sings from the first Sunday in February until Christmas Eve, with a three/four week break from the last Sunday of June.

The **Wesley Music Centre** is part of the Wesley Uniting Church complex and is governed by a Board appointed by the Church Council. It is a focus for the Parish's outreach to the community through music. It was opened in 2002 and includes a purpose-built Music Room with excellent acoustics seating up to 140 people, along with associated rooms and facilities.

Position Description

Please see separate document

Applications

A contract for the position will be drawn up between the Church Council and the Director-designate. It will include a probationary period.

Expressions of interest should be forwarded to

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