

United Methodist Ministries

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Applications accepted via mail or email.

Job Description

Plant Expert

Exemption Status

Seasonal, hours vary

February through June/July, averaging 20-30 hours a week

Job Summary

The Big Garden Plant Expert is responsible for starting and growing seeds for gardens in the Big Garden network, teaching community gardeners, volunteers, and interns how to grow and maintain garden space. This person should be a self-starter, with initiative to improve and enhance the day to day operations of the Big Garden. This person will work closely with Big Garden staff, UMM staff, community gardeners and volunteers, and college age interns. Basic job duties include: Building and designing gardens, starting and growing seeds, identifying plants, plant diseases and pests and effectively treating them organically.

Primary Job Duties:

- a. Coordinate day to day activities relating to plants in the Big Garden
- b. Ability to grow vegetables and flowers from seed, with knowledge greenhouse plant propagation
- c. Identify common disease and pests associated with vegetable gardens, as well as knowledge and ability to treat diseases and pests organically
- d. Operate garden machinery and power tools

Characteristics

- a. Ability to work with diverse groups or individuals in indoor and outdoor settings
- b. Ability to work with minimal supervision and manage schedule independently
- c. Strong organization and management skills, including excellent follow through

Experience, Educational and Skill Requirements:

- a. Sustainable agriculture knowledge and hands-on vegetable gardening experience
- b. Regular outdoor work in a variety of weather conditions, including lifting of 50 lbs.
- d. Word processing, internet and e-mail skills
- e. Personal transportation and a good driving record
- f. Able to work evenings and weekends as needed
- g. Experience with topics such as: growing plants from seed, crop maintenance, disease and pest management, teaching skills to diverse community members, working with college interns

Accountability:

This position is accountable to the Director of Programs.