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Team Volunteer Descriptions

Team Name: Chorus

Description: WES Chorus provides music for two platforms per month, September to June, and supports the congregation in singing together.

This team is important to WES because: music is an important way to connect to each other, to ethical culture principles, and to the work WES seeks to do in the world.

Volunteer Title: Chorister

General Responsibilities of Volunteer:

- Attend weekly rehearsal on Wednesday nights from 7:15-9 pm, late August through mid-June as much as possible
- Sing in platform twice monthly, either both or only one platform service per Sunday

General Time Requirement (also specify day(s) of week or month required, if that's significant):

- Wednesday night rehearsal, 7:15-9 pm, late August through mid-June, insofar as possible
- Sing in platform approximately every other week, September through June, insofar as possible. Singers are welcome to sing one or both platforms on any given Sunday.

Knowledge, talents, or aptitudes helpful in this volunteer role: Love of music; enjoy singing; some familiarity with singing/reading music helpful, but not required; focus and commitment to growing music skills, with ample assistance provided by the music director.

Length of Commitment or Term: Individuals are welcome to join or leave WES Chorus at any time. Generally, folks join and continue as members of chorus for many years. Work or health issues have led many choristers to take extended leave (2-6 months), and some then resign from chorus due to new circumstances, while many return to regular singing. Some choristers are able to attend most or all of the time, while others need to miss periodically due to work, travel, or family needs. A commitment to the chorus is valued, but ultimately defined by the individual in consultation with the music director.

Benefits of serving in this volunteer role: The opportunity to sing together in community, to grow together as a group--both musically and personally, and to enrich platform services and other WES gatherings.

How to join this team: Contact Music Director, Bailey Whiteman, baileyw@ethicalsociety.org