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One of the Quinte area's most prominent musicians, William Maddox, will be leaving as organist and choir director at Bridge Street United Church this summer.

Church officials confirmed Friday that Maddox will become director of music at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto.

The move is expected to take place during mid-summer.

A native of Picton, Maddox, 38, has earned a reputation as an organist-musician in many areas across Canada and the United States, through guest performances and recordings.

Since taking over from the late Alex Gordon, who held the Bridge Street position for many years, he has presided over rebuilding and expansion of the church's pipe organ.

His leadership has felt in many major choral works and programs, such as the recent performance of Handel's Messiah.

Dr. Harold Wilson, minister at Bridge Street commented: "His career is in music and he's done about all he can here. He's looking for greater things and he's certainly found a much bigger challenge."

Maddox's last service at the church is July 14.

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