WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

The College Pastoral Intern Project of the Texas Annual Conference was developed to provide both a transformational experience in Christian ministry within a United Methodist setting, and a positive peer and mentor group for further reflection and discernment. The College Pastoral Intern Project is not a program for everybody but only for those who are genuinely open to God's calling as they discover whether their own gifts and grace match the needs and requirements of ordained ministry within the Church.

Who's In?
Individuals interested in a College Pastoral Internship must meet the following criteria:
- Between 18 - 24 years of age
- Completed at least one year of college with a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Are interested in exploring the ministry as a career
- Have some past mission experience such as U.M. ARMY, Partners in Mission trips, etc.
- Are interested in a paid internship for the summer project, enabling them to devote full-time to the project and still earn monies for the following year. Housing for the summer will be provided by the host congregation.
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What's Involved?
Following their selection, those participating in the intern project will begin their summer with a mandatory orientation retreat in May, followed by their assignment to their "Summer of Service" ministry site. Interns will be involved in the ministry of the host congregation and are expected to be available to us in their in their nature beyond simply working with youth or children. Interns will have opportunities to gain hands-on experience in all aspects of pastoral ministry, including personal care, spiritual direction, youth ministry, children's ministry, worship planning, preaching, and other ministry tasks. The College Pastoral Intern Project is intended to be expansive in their nature beyond simply working with youth or children. Interns will have opportunities to gain hands-on experience in all aspects of pastoral ministry, including personal care, spiritual direction, youth ministry, children's ministry, worship planning, preaching, and other ministry tasks.

Where Will I Be?
Pastoral Interns will be assigned to a congregation within the Texas Annual Conference, which encompasses the eastern third of the state from Texarkana to Bay City, including Houston, Beaumont, College Station, Galveston, Lufkin, and Tyler.

Is There A Catch?
Participants selected for the College Pastoral Intern Project are under no obligation to choose ordained ministry as their vocation in life, though it is hoped that the experience may be helpful to some in clarifying their own calling towards such service. Those chosen to return for a second summer may be given an opportunity to work in a broader ministry setting, with urban or multicultural ministry.

So What's Next?
If you would like to get an early start, then the Regular Application Process will suit you best. If you need more time, then the Early Application Process will begin with a mandatory orientation retreat in May, followed by their assignment to their "Summer of Service" ministry site.

Application:
- November 15
- February 14

Interviews with prospective candidates:
- December

Notification of selection for internship:
- January 6
- March 13

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Mandatory Dates
Orientation Retreat (Internship begins):
May 16 - July 24, 2014

Intern Retreat Reflection (Internship ends):
August 14 - 16, 2014

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Application
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SEND completed application with a current photo by the deadline to Barbara Eoff at beoff@txcumc.org