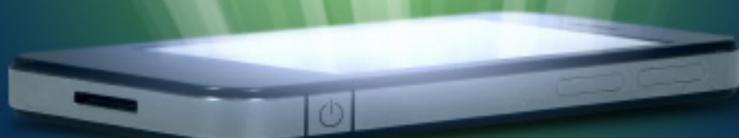


WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?



College Pastoral Intern Project

It is a story as old as Samuel and a question as timely as tomorrow. For though the Bible is full of tales about God summoning ordinary people into God's service, it is still a challenge for many young people to know whether or not they have similarly truly heard "the call" in their own lives.

**EXPLORE
YOUR CALL
THIS SUMMER**

May 16 - July 24, 2014

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 graces 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.
- Active in a church or campus ministry at the time of their application

Qualified candidates must submit the following materials:

- Completed application form
- Current photo
- Three letters of reference including at least one from the pastor of their home congregation or any campus ministries with which they have participated

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. Internships will be conducted under the supervision of the pastor of the church and are 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 pastoral care, visitation, outreach, and sharing God's word with others. During the summer, each intern will be invited to preach at our conference chapel and tour the United Methodist Service Center. Interns will participate in a second retreat at the conclusion of the summer in order to process and reflect upon their experiences, as well as the possibility of ministry as a career.

Are These Paid Internships?

Pastoral Interns will receive a stipend of \$3,000 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.

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. Following the successful completion of two summer periods, College Pastoral Intern Project members who are ready to respond to a personal calling to ministry will become a part of an ongoing support community of other young people moving towards ordained ministry within The United Methodist Church.

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.

Housing for the interns will be provided by the host congregation. Interns will be responsible for their own meals and transportation costs, as well as expenses for personal items.

So What's Next?

If you would like to get your summer plans nailed down and you know you'd like to apply, take advantage of the Early Application Process! If you need more time, then the Regular Application Process will suit you best.

	Early Application Process	Regular Application Process
Application, Photo, and Reference Letters Due	November 15	February 14
Interviews with prospective candidates	December	February/March
Notification of selection for Internship	January 6	March 13

Other Dates & Information

Mandatory Dates

Orientation Retreat (Internship begins): May 15-16, 2014

Intern Reflection Retreat (Internship ends): July 23-24, 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