Description:
The North Georgia Conference’s Center for Congregational Excellence exists to support, resource, and equip new and established UM congregations who make disciples and seek to transform lives in their communities. Our highly specialized team members consult with and coach congregations of all sizes and styles across North Georgia to build leaders and contextualize best practices for ministry. We also support the development of new congregations using a variety of strategies, including: Leading Innovation Churches like Impact Church in Atlanta, College Park First, and Atlanta First; Vital Mergers like Neighborhood Church in Candler Park and STAR Community UMC in Stone Mountain; Multi-Ethnic and Multi-Site Congregations like the Nett Church in Gwinnett County and Madras Church in Newnan; Missional Campuses like the Nett’s NettWork Campus in Norcross, Decatur First’s Mission Campus in Avondale, and Smyrna First UMC’s Tillman House in Marietta; and New Church or Campus Starts like Cascade Midtown on Ponce de Leon Ave, and Westside Table, a campus of Peachtree Road UMC in West Midtown Atlanta.

Summer Intern Position
Placements will offer students an opportunity to experience life in an adaptive church with creative and innovative approaches to evangelism, hospitality, preaching, teaching, outreach, and administration. The student will regularly meet with the church’s staff team to plan worship, gain an understanding of a systems approach to church planting, multiplication, and/or revitalization, and explore the skills needed to reach new people in increasingly diverse and multi-identity communities. Placements would be with one, specific church setting, but include intentional visits and teaching from Center for Congregational Excellence staff, and connectional pastors and practitioners. One placement is available specifically with the Center for Congregational Excellence. This position would work out of the Conference Office, engaging up to 30 congregations in 10 weeks, and would also help coordinate the networking opportunities for all ASMI Students in this program. Supervision provided by a member of the CCE Staff.

Eligibility
Students who have successfully completed all of the requirements for Contextual Education I and are returning to Candler are eligible to participate. Students on academic probation or who have a hold on their Candler financial account are not eligible. Students participating in other summer programs at Candler or other outside settings are not eligible. Participants’ full time and attention must be given to the forty hours per week for ten weeks.
Requirements:

1. Serve forty (40) hours a week in a supervised parish ministry setting for ten weeks during the summer.
2. Participate in a two-day orientation seminar to be held in May 9-10, 2023 and a two-day reflection seminar to be held during August (term), August 7-11, 2023.
3. Participate in an online reflection group throughout the summer semester.
4. Participate in weekly meetings with a Ministry Internship Supervisor at your church. Complete readings and written assignments as directed by the Faculty Internship Supervisor.

Participating Students will receive:

1. An $9000 grant will be awarded as follows only upon successful completion of the program: $3000 following the May orientation, $3000 for the Fall 2023 semester and $3000 for the Spring 2024 semester. Please Note: If a student is within $2,999 of the maximum threshold for scholarships and loans for the 2022-2023 academic year ($56,600) their summer stipend will be processed as a taxable payroll check which will require the submission of a W-9 and direct deposit request form.
2. Three academic credit hours that will count towards the Fall 2023 semester.
   You will be enrolled in CE545R for A-Term
3. The opportunity for deeper formation in the practice of ministry.
4. On-site supervision and mentoring and intentional reflection group experience.

Application Instructions:

1. Write a 1-2 page essay on why you have chosen to apply for this internship, your vocational goals, your particular skills for ministry or the things you would like to practice/experience, the specific issues of ministry that you intend to explore, and how this will deepen your leadership ability. (Essays should be written in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced with 1” margins on all four sides).
2. Submit your essay along with your resume no later than 4:00 p.m., March 17, 2023 to Carmen Toussaint in the Office of Contextual Education at carmen.toussaint@emory.edu.
3. Applicants will be contacted by congregational leadership as a part of the process of selection. Interviews will be conducted beginning March 2023.
4. Questions may be directed to Carmen Toussaint, Senior Program Coordinator, Office of Contextual Education. If you need to meet with Dr. Elliott, Director of Internships, please email carmen.toussaint@emory.edu to set up an appointment.

For additional information about the Center for Congregational Excellence, please visit https://www.ngumc.org/congregationalexcellence.