Candler School of Theology
Application for
Christ Church United Methodist Church
Louisville, Kentucky
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Advanced Summer Ministry Internship 2015
in Congregational Leadership
(CE545R)

Description:

Christ Church is a 3,300 member suburban United Methodist Congregation located in Kentucky’s largest city, Louisville. This flagship church has strong worship, music, and age level ministries. In the last decade of its fifty eight year history it has begun to develop an emphasis on outreach and justice both locally and internationally. Understanding that the culture in which Christianity operates is changing in North America the church staff and lay leadership are leading this traditional congregation to make a shift from a culture of institutional maintenance to missional priority.

Interns will have the unique chance to contribute to this leadership process and to learn from a healthy church’s best practices that will shape their own future service in the church. Students may choose to have a broad exposure to all the aspects of local church ministry and administration or she/he may design their own initiative that will contribute to this desired cultural change in this vital congregation.

Requirements:

1. Serve forty (40) hours a week in a supervised parish ministry setting for ten weeks during the summer.
2. Participate in a three day orientation seminar to be held May 13-15, 2015 and in a one week reflection seminar to be held August 17-21, 2015.
3. Participate in an online reflection group throughout the semester.
4. Participate in weekly meetings with a Ministry Internship Supervisor at Christ Church UMC.
5. Complete readings and written assignments as directed by the Faculty Internship Supervisor.

Students will receive:

1. An $8,000 grant that will be applied to the student’s Candler account.
2. Three academic credit hours that will count towards the Fall 2015 semester.
3. The opportunity for deeper formation in the practice of ministry.
4. On-site supervision and mentoring.
5. Faculty supervision.
6. Reflection group experience.
Instructions:
1. Write a 2-3 page essay on why you have chosen to apply for this internship, your vocational goals, the particular skills for ministry you intend 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. Applicants will be interviewed by congregational leadership as a part of the process of selection.
2. Submit your proposal no later than 4:00 p.m., February 9, 2015, to: Debbie Riggs, Con Ed Coordinator, debra.l.riggs@emory.edu
3. Interviews will be conducted in early February 2015.
4. Questions may be directed to Dr. Thomas Elliott, Director of Ministry Internships. If you need to meet with Dr. Elliott, please call Debbie Riggs, Contextual Education Coordinator, to set up an appointment at 404.727.4178.