Christ UMC/Bethlehem Wiley UMC
Internship Application

Description:
Christ United Methodist Church is a 4700 member church located in the suburbs of Chattanooga, Tennessee. It is the result of a 1984 merger between two small churches whose leadership decided to create a new congregation committed to reaching those who do not have a church home or have never made a profession of faith. Currently, the congregation averages 1700 each Sunday in four morning worship services using four different styles: black gospel, contemporary, rock, and blended traditional. There is a strong focus on professions of faith and missions. Several years ago, Christ UMC came alongside Bethlehem Wiley UMC, a predominately black congregation in downtown Chattanooga. Beth Wiley had been struggling for several years and its building was in need of serious repair. A Leadership Team from Christ UMC was formed, led by several members of our gospel worship team. That group is led by Willie Kitchens, an incredible musician and worship leader who was a singer with the Impressions. Willie and the other members of the Impressions were elected into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999. Beth Wiley has experienced renewal and growth, including a great deal of repair on their magnificent, historical downtown building. However, there the congregation still has a great deal to accomplish in its ministry.

The internship will be focused on working with the Bethlehem Wiley UMC congregation, under direction from its Leadership Team, primarily in the areas of evangelism, worship leadership, and administration. There will be at least one opportunity to preach, and perhaps more if the intern has a primary calling to preach and lead worship. Since there are not usually programs occurring on weekdays at Beth Wiley, when not otherwise engaged in ministries for that congregation, the intern will also have opportunities to be a part of the Christ Church staff, working on various projects. The internship will pay $5000 plus $300 a month for food expenses. The Bethlehem Wiley Leadership Team will provide housing.

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 Highland Park UMC.
5. Complete readings and written assignments as directed by the Faculty Internship Supervisor, Dr. Ed Phillips, Associate Professor of Worship and Liturgical Theology.

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.