Mission:
Columba House cultivates young adults to become disciples and leaders in the Episcopal Church and “to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ” (*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 855).

Vision:
The Residential Internship is robust and rewarding. Residential Interns will develop as Christian disciples and leaders through prayer and life together in community. They commit to following a Communal Rule of Life, praying the Daily Office, and eating meals together as a house. While living in Columba House Savannah, each Intern will work full-time at a local parish or non-profit organization.

Value Statement:
Our mission of holy unity and discipleship is carried out through worship, study, and work in the Columba House and surrounding neighborhood. In order to become the next generation of church leaders, Seminarians share a common, balanced schedule with daily worship, meals, work and free time, with weekly neighborhood meals. These elements of the program ensure that Seminarians have the tools they need to live as mature, evangelistic Christians grounded in the catholic faith expressed by the Episcopal Church.

Why would a seminarian want to come here?
The Diocese of Georgia invites seminarians to work in parish ministry settings under experienced priests and a caring bishop. Columba House Savannah will host seminarians during their parish internships and provide Christian community based on a common Rule of Life. This gives students the opportunity to practice the kind of balanced spiritual life that is crucial for the lifelong work of Christian ministry.

Summer Program Outline:
In the summer of 2016, Columba House Savannah (CHS) will invite seminarians from several schools to participate in Parish and Non-Profit Internships while they live together in community at the house. The work of ordained ministry is challenging; many clergy struggle to continue their spiritual growth and development after leaving their seminary community. Columba House
Savannah provides an opportunity to practice and model mature Christian discipleship and leadership through prayer and communal life, while doing the work of ministry. The Diocese of Georgia considers this an investment in the Christian formation of young adult leaders in the Episcopal Church.

**Program Schedule & Seminarians’ Responsibilities:**

- **Overview:**
  - The Columba House Savannah Residential Internship for Seminarians will begin on May 28, 2016 and conclude on August 7, 2016.

- **Sample Day-to-day Schedule**
  - The Missioner(s) and Seminarians meet together for Morning Prayer and breakfast at Columba House Savannah each weekday morning from 7:15 AM - 8:30 AM.
  - One morning per week may also be designated for Holy Eucharist.
  - House meetings are held once per week, preferably over breakfast one morning.
  - Seminarians will report to their Internship sites at 9:00 AM each weekday morning, and will work approximately forty hours per week at their internship sites (including Sundays for parish placements).
  - One evening per week, Columba House Savannah hosts open house dinner available to the general public. The Seminarians and Missioners are responsible for preparing the meal and/or organizing volunteer cooks.
  - Seminarians will be highly encouraged to pray Evening Prayer together at St. Paul the Apostle Church on weekdays.

**Missioners’ Responsibilities:**

- The Missioners will:
  - Empower others to lead Daily Office worship
  - Preside at Holy Eucharist
  - Facilitate a weekly open house meal alongside residents
  - Invite local parishes and non-profit organizations to become Internship Site Placements (“Partner Parishes” or “Partner Organizations”)
  - Act as liaisons with Internship supervisors
  - Hold interns accountable to the Rule of Life and Residency Manual.
The 2016-2017 Residential Rule of Life

Becoming Disciples and Leaders

“So those who welcomed [Peter’s] message were baptized … They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:41a, 42)

Becoming a mature disciple and leader means taking responsibility for your spiritual life, and accepting God’s grace as offered in the community and traditions of the Church. In intentional community, this means following a simple rule of life helps us to love one another while growing in virtue and moderation.

Interns commit:

- To pray the Daily Office together as a house (Psalm 119:147-148).
- To be part of a worshiping community outside the house (BCP, p. 856).
- To eat daily communal meals together (Acts 2:44-45).
- To practice generosity with common spaces, and respect all residents’ share in the House (Acts 2:44-45). To refrain from overusing the words, "my" and "mine" and get in the habit of saying, "we" and "our."
- To participate in all CH-sponsored events and programs.
- To hold a 1-2 hour House Meeting once per week that is dedicated to (A) caring for one another and developing friendships, (B) distributing chore assignments and following up on their completion, (C) coordinating schedules, (D) clarifying thought, particularly related to CH's vision and activity, and (E) resolving conflicts.
- To keep a Sabbath day of rest once each week (Hebrews 4:9-11).
- To keep the House quiet and closed to visitors at least one day per week.
- To seek to develop friendships with those who attend CH events and their churches and invite others to participate in formal and informal CH gatherings. To engage with at least one young adult community in the greater Savannah area on a regular basis (Acts 1:8).

We encourage Interns:

- To choose a spiritual director and meet together every four to six weeks.

Restoring Our Unity in Christ

“We love because [God] first loved us. Those who say, ‘I love God,’ and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.” (1 John 4:19-21)

Doing justice begins in the house and extends to the surrounding neighborhood. We must learn to treat our closest companions with kindness, humility, and love in order to behave that way toward strangers.

Interns commit:
• To actively seek reconciliation with other residents and be prepared to forgive (Matthew 18:15-22).
• To welcome all people to CH events, without discriminating on account of race, sex, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual preference, physical ability, religious beliefs, economic status, citizenship status, etc. (Hebrew 13:2).
• To develop a rotation of chores so that the common areas stay clean and manageable.
• To share the responsibility for buying common groceries, cooking and cleaning up after meals.
• To dedicate one bedroom to Christ, whom we meet in the stranger and traveler (Matthew 25:31-46). Through this “Christ Room,” CH can practice hospitality to residents’ friends and family, parish and/or diocesan guests, and others.
• To refrain from drunkenness and the use of illegal drugs, to refrain from smoking and tobacco use inside the house (1 Peter 5:8-9a).
• To retain high expectations for themselves and for those with whom they have committed to live.
• To participate together in at least one volunteer activity every two months that is aimed at enacting justice in the community.
• To come to a consensus about visiting hours and other hospitality arrangements and stick to those commitments. To introduce new and/or regular visitors to all housemates.
• To avoid accumulating possessions in the common areas and other spaces outside the resident’s bedroom.
• To fully engage the expectations of the Diocesan leadership and supervisors. Living in community is full time work.

We encourage Interns:
• To practice the Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) on a monthly basis (James 5:16).
• To practice a simple lifestyle by avoiding "luxury items" (Hebrews 13:5).

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