Description:

Highland Park United Methodist Church is located on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and has a rich history dating back to the founding of the university. From its humble beginnings, the church has continued to grow, even beyond the main campus. Highland Park United Methodist is comprised of a staff of more than 100 and a congregation base of over 15,000 members. The church now offers five types of worship opportunities on two campuses.

One of the five types of worship opportunities offered is “Cornerstone.” Cornerstone is a contemporary, user-friendly worship community that longs to lift up the message of Jesus Christ in a modern, relevant way. The 60-minute service is designed to inspire and equip our congregation to have a more meaningful relationship with Christ.

During the course of the ministry internship, students will be introduced to all aspects of the planning and production of a worship service for Cornerstone. Specifically, students will be exposed to the various aspects of planning and developing a sermon series including: creating the theological framework for the series; building a service order; planning the creative expression of the series; and working with elements of print design, video, interactive media, staging, and music. Students will also be exposed to the technical production of a modern worship service, including: technical planning, production run sheets, lighting, stage plots, camera work, audio, and multiple camera switching.

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.
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.