Candler School of Theology
Application for the
Advanced Summer Ministry Internship
in Congregational Leadership 2018
(CE545R)

Brentwood United Methodist Church
Internship in South Africa
Brentwood, Tennessee
https://www.bumc.net/brentwood/send/south-africa/

Description:
Brentwood United Methodist Church is located in middle Tennessee approximately 15 minutes outside of Nashville. Our disciple-making strategy is to Connect people to God and a faith community, to Prepare people for a life of discipleship, and to Send people to serve in word and deed. This is how we live out our mission - to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Brentwood UMC’s mission is both local and global.

Since 2003, Brentwood UMC has been in a missional relationship with the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. In the subsequent years, ministries have developed, including a sister congregation that was formed in 2007, and then the church was built in 2008. We helped build a pre-school and a primary school and now we sponsor 340 students and 40 teachers across three schools. In 2016, in relationship with Dr. Ray Kumalo Simanga, who is both the founding Pastor of Brentwood Methodist Church, South Africa and President of Seth Mokitimi Seminary, Brentwood UMC also started working with Seth Mokitimi Seminary, a premier seminary which exists to form leaders for church and nation.

Summer Intern Position
In partnership with Candler School of Theology, and the BUMC South Africa Partner Ministries, we will offer two seminary students an 8 week contextualized, practical learning experience alongside our partners in Howick, Pietermaritzburg, and Merrivale in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal South Africa. Our hope is that this experience will provide the students with various hands-on opportunities which include, ministering in South African congregations that are in ministry with the poor, working in schools that serve students who come from informal settlements, working with a crisis center that cares for children affected by sexual, physical, and emotional violence, and engaging in race and economic initiatives that are administered by Seth Mokitimi Seminary students and faculty. Using theological tools for thinking constructively about Christian missions, the students will draw on their daily experiences to provide case studies of positive endeavors in missions, justice, community, theology and any other themes that they will find pertinent to their learning goals. They will report needs of our partners and give feedback to Brentwood UMC. The students will have opportunities to make connections with relevant FBNGO’s, other relevant organizations and will have access to the academic resources of Seth Mokitimi Seminary.

During the 8 weeks, the students will stay at Seth Mokitimi Seminary. They will have access to a vehicle which they will use to travel between the partner organizations and the Seminary. The
students will travel to South Africa with a team from Brentwood UMC on May 30th. This will mark the beginning of the student’s internship in South Africa. The Brentwood UMC team will return on June 6, and the students will continue their contextualized learning with the partners through August 8. At the end of their learning experience, the students will be invited to present their findings to Brentwood UMC, whether in person, or another medium.

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 May 16-17, 2018 and a two-day reflection seminar to be held during August (term), 13-15, 2018.
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.

Students will receive:
1. an $8,000 grant that will be applied to the student’s Candler account ($2,000 for living expenses and $6,000 to go on the student account).
2. three academic credit hours that will count towards the Fall 2018 semester (This will be your August-term class.)
3. the opportunity for deeper formation in the practice of ministry.
4. on-site supervision and mentoring.
5. faculty supervision.
6. 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 12:00 noon, February 28, 2018 to Dr. Elliott in the Office of Contextual Education at thomas.elliott@emory.edu.
3. Applicants will be contacted by congregational leadership as a part of the process of selection. Interviews will be conducted beginning early March 2018.
4. Questions may be directed to Dr. Thomas Elliott, Jr., Director of Ministry Internships. If you need to meet with Dr. Elliott, please email thomas.elliott@emory.edu to set up an appointment.