Explore the Connections between Faith and Social Justice

Interfaith Worker Justice Seminary Summer 2017

June 12 - August 11

Why Seminary Summer?
As people of faith, it is important to bear witness to the struggles of workers across our country. During this program, students have the opportunity to work with a local IWJ affiliate, either a worker center or faith and labor center, immersed in advancing worker justice from a grassroots organizing perspective. Through this experiential learning program, students are able to put what they are both learning and praying about into practice. This program also builds and strengthens the faith and labor relationships within the communities, a vital step in effective organizing.

Placement Sites
Many seminaries have an IWJ affiliate located in close proximity to the school. Ideally, students will be partnered with placements in the same region as their school or their hometown. This will help deepen the student's sense of connection to the organization and surrounding community and will keep housing-related costs down for the summer.

What Is IWJ?
Interfaith Worker Justice is a network of people of faith, worker centers, and worker rights advocates that calls upon our religious values in order to educate, organize, and mobilize the religious community and people of faith across the United States. We work on issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits, and conditions for working people, especially those in low-wage jobs. We welcome all people of good will who are committed to proclaiming the dignity of every working person and securing the wellbeing of all working people.

Summer Schedule
3-5 day training in Chicago (June 12 - June 17)
8 weeks at placement site (June 19 - Aug. 9)
2-3 day debrief in Chicago (Aug. 10 - Aug. 11)

Hours
Subject to the needs of placement affiliate. However, typical schedule is Monday through Friday. There will be days when more than 8 hours is required, and there will be weeks when more than 40 hours is required. Sabbath-keeping practices will be integrated into the work schedule.

Cost
There are a limited number of stipends available through IWJ. We encourage students to seek funds through their school if possible. IWJ staff are happy to talk through funding options. IWJ does cover travel costs to and from Chicago. In addition, housing and food costs are covered while in Chicago.

Contact Anna Rubin, arubin@iwj.org or (412) 335-5807 for more information.
Job Title:
Interfaith Worker Justice Social Justice Summer Intern (Organizing Associate)

Employer:
Interfaith Worker Justice (placements are within the 48 lower states)

Employer Information:
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We welcome people of good will who are committed to proclaiming the dignity of every working person and securing the well-being of all working people.

Address:
Interfaith Worker Justice, National Office
1020 W Bryn Mawr Ave. Chicago IL 60660

Internship Date (subject to change depending on placement location):
June 12, 2017 - August 11, 2017

Number of Hours/Week:
Generally from Monday to Friday, with additional work on the weekend only on occasion and the possibility of frequent evening work. There will be days when more than 8 hours is required, and there will be weeks when more than 40 hours is required. But there will be days and weeks when less is required, and Sabbath-keeping practices will be integrated into the work schedule.

Desired Skills/Qualifications:
The student must be a person of faith or interested in working closely and respectfully with persons of faith. Familiarity and comfort with religious practices outside of one’s tradition is essential. We desire a student who is well-versed in politics, history, and economics and is capable of interpreting public affairs theologically.

Prior experience in community organizing is appreciated but by no means required. Familiarity with the history of the U.S. labor movement is appreciated but by no means required.

Spanish-language abilities are a plus.

The student must show strong interest in forging an understanding of social and economic justice from a theological perspective and in learning to analyze economic and political realities as viewed through the lens of faith.
The student must have an inquisitive nature and an open curiosity about how religious practice informs and supports the direct action organizing we do. There is no qualifying “religious test,” nor expectation of orthodoxy to any particular tradition.

**Job Details & Responsibilities:**
The student will provide general support to our workers’ rights campaigns, helping mobilize religious leaders and faith-based activists for timely actions.

This work will take the form of making phone calls, crafting emails or literature, engaging in one on one meetings with community and religious leaders, meeting with local union representatives, organizing events and attending meetings as a member of Interfaith Worker Justice.

**Supervision Details:**
The intern will be supervised directly by an organizer on site as well as receive support and check in with IWJ’s National staff member.
Application:

Interfaith Worker Justice Summer Internship Application form
Due: March 24th 2017

Name:

School:

Year:

Religious affiliation (if any):

Mailing address:

Email address:

Phone number:

Emergency contact (name, cell phone number, relationship to you):

List your references:
1. Name:
   Your relationship to the person:
   Phone number:
   Email address:

2. Name:
   Your relationship to the person:
   Phone number:
   Email address:

Please answer the following questions (~250-500 words):

1. Why are you interested in the Interfaith Worker Justice Internship program?

2. What do you think you will contribute to the internship and what you will gain from the internship?

3. Why is worker justice important to you?

4. Why is working with the religious community important to you?

Please send your completed forms with your resume to Anna Rubin (arubin@iwj.org)
If you have questions or would like to apply for this internship, please email or call Anna Rubin at arubin@iwj.org or 412.335.5807.