Full-time Paid Ministerial Internship  
with three Congregations in Juneau, Alaska

Preferred: 12 month internship beginning summer 2017  
(later start date and nine month internship applicants also considered)

Juneau is the capital of Alaska and is small city of 32,000 in the Southeast panhandle of the state. It is spread over a large geographical area. Juneau is the only U. S. state capital on the mainland inaccessible by car. Travel to Juneau is by air or ferry. Juneau provides year round outdoor recreation, great fishing, a vibrant arts and entertainment scene, numerous opportunities to learn from and about Native Tlingit culture, and possibilities for public policy advocacy, especially when the state legislature is in session. Juneau’s population is approximately 75% white, 20% Native and 5% Asian. Juneau has high levels of both affluence and homelessness. Its citizens are actively engaged in civic life, and there are many possibilities for significant ministry in this unique locale.

Aldersgate United Methodist, Douglas Community United Methodist, and Northern Light United Church, a union United Methodist/Presbyterian (USA) congregation, are collaborators for this internship. A focus of the internship is youth ministry. Additionally, there will be significant opportunity for worship leadership and preaching, as well as the chance for the intern to work in other areas of ministry depending on her/his interests. Each congregation is committed to cooperative ministry as well as providing distinctive opportunities and learning environments for the intern.

Northern Light is a downtown Juneau congregation of 200 members with average worship attendance in the 90s. The downtown Presbyterian and Methodist churches that were founded in the 1890s, merged in 1974 to form a united congregation. Memorial Presbyterian, a Tlingit congregation, was closed in the 1960s and many Memorial members subsequently joined Northern Light. Northern Light is active in community outreach, peace and justice initiatives, and Native Ministries. The congregation is blessed with an abundance of musical talent and offers education and fellowship opportunities for all ages. The church is engaged with its neighborhood, and the building is a well-used facility that serves as the site for many community meetings and concerts. Northern Light sponsors a summer lunch program for school aged children and youth, provides 88 weekend food bags for children at a local elementary school, and is a host congregation for homeless families with Juneau’s newly begun Family Promise program. Northern Light is a More Light/Reconciling congregation known for its inclusivity, diversity of race, socio-economic status and sexual orientation, and community leadership.

Douglas Community United Methodist Church is a reconciling congregation. It is a long established small congregation on Douglas Island in the City and Borough of Juneau. There are 83 members and an average attendance of 37. There is a Sunday School, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, a small Choir and a growing number of young families participating. Many things are on a small scale except missions. Missions are the backbone of this church community contributing with time and financial support to a variety of missions: Food Pantry, Senior Lunches, Summer Lunch, local shelter meals and program support, local UM camp support.
Aldersgate UMC is a “neighborhood church” that is mostly comprised of young families. It is located in Juneau's Mendenhall Valley, a residential area of Alaska's capital city. The theology of the congregation is biblically progressive. There is a strong interest in connecting Scriptures to daily living and although congregation members know each other fairly well, they seek to develop even closer relationships within the church community. Sunday worship attendance varies by weather and season and averages 55. There is a heavy emphasis on children and youth as they consistently make up more than 30% of our attending congregation. Therefore, the greatest need in our congregation is the spiritual formation of those 18 and under.

**Areas of Intern Responsibility**

**Youth.** Working with lay leaders from the three congregations, the intern will lead the cooperative youth ministry. 
**Duties:**
- Plan and organize fellowship, study, and service activities for middle and high school students from the three churches. This will include regular Sunday evening meetings and events scheduled at other times. Could include a mission trip, and camping experiences at the local United Methodist Church Camp.
- Ongoing assessment of effectiveness of program and implementation of changes if needed. (E.g. middle school and high school youth currently meet in combined gatherings; this may need alteration as group grows.)
- Help plan and assist with Sunday morning education opportunities.

**Worship Leadership.** The intern will have regular opportunities to preach and will participate in weekly worship. The intern may also assist with Sunday morning Christian education.

**Other areas depending on intern’s interests.** Among the possibilities for other involvement are (not an exhaustive list):
- Helping develop a young adult ministry within and beyond the sponsoring congregations;
- Adult education. The intern could teach an evening or Sunday class on a topic of his/her interest at one or all of the churches;
- Campus ministry at the University of Alaska Southeast;
- Emergency food ministry. Douglas food pantry, weekend food bag program at Northern Light and Aldersgate; summer lunch programming; community wide coordinating efforts.
- Hospital chaplaincy. Volunteer chaplains rotate visitation and on-call responsibilities at the local hospital;
- Homelessness ministry. The three congregations are active with the Glory Hole, an emergency shelter in downtown Juneau;
- Youth advocacy and education in the community with organizations such as the AWARE Domestic Violence prevention program or Planned Parenthood;
- Camping ministry. The United Methodist Churches in SE Alaska own and operate Eagle River United Methodist Camp that is located in the Juneau area. If the intern is in Juneau...
for the summer there will be opportunity to serve on a camp staff. The camp can also be used for retreats during the school year;
- Organize a community wide Vacation Bible School;
- Interfaith Council. Faith communities engage in ministry coordination, community involvement, and public policy advocacy on issues of shared concern;

Compensation: Negotiable. The congregations are committed to providing a stipend that will be adequate for living for a year in Juneau.

Supervision For the purposes of seminary field education requirements, Northern Light Pastor, Phil Campbell, will serve as the supervisor.

Phil has been pastor of Northern Light United Church since September 2010. Before moving to Juneau he was on the faculty of the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO. At Iliff, he directed the field education and justice and peace programs and taught in the areas of leadership, racial justice, peacemaking, and church polity. He now continues as part of the Iliff Adjunct Faculty. Prior positions include campus ministry, college chaplaincy, directing an interfaith agency, and two previous pastorates. He has a D. Min. from the Pacific School of Religion with a research focus in multiracial/multicultural community life. He has served in numerous denominational, ecumenical and community board capacities. He serves under appointment through the Alaska United Methodist Conference (a missionary conference) and has clergy standing in the Northwest Coast Presbytery. His ordination is in the United Church of Christ.

Desired qualifications and application process: Experience and/or interest in youth ministry; interest in collaborative ministry approaches; openness to new learning and growth; a sense of adventure! To apply, send cover letter and resume, including names and contact information of references, and dates of availability to: Phil Campbell, 407 W. 11th St., Juneau, AK, 99801, nlucpastor@ak.net. Electronic submission preferred. Review of applications will begin immediately. Position open until filled.