Description:
Reaching new people in new places, planting vibrant churches and fresh expressions of faith communities are a needed and an important aspect for the church to be relevant today. Rio Texas has church plants in various stages as well as churches courageously reaching new people through various fresh expressions and focused worship. Rev. Karen Horan, Director of Creating and Vitalizing Congregations will guide and teach as interns connect with new churches and churches doing bold experiments. An intern can experience “people gathering” at early stages of planting, see and learn from church plants who have persevered, as well as other fresh expressions of reaching new people in new places.

Summer Intern Position
Engage in active demographic work as new planters are getting into a new area, learn about “people gathering” skills and how to connect with the first 50, interview and learn from planters at various stages, learn about Fresh Expressions and do site visits / interviews with pastors getting out there and reaching new people. Connect with one planting church pastor or one church to help them expand / create a new way to reach new people.

- Austin Area (3 new churches starting Spring 2020)
- McAllen – in the Rio Grande Valley- Valley Praise UMC planting a 3rd site.
- Austin New Church, a newly charted church worshipping 600+ are starting a new Hispanic ministry on the East side of Austin

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Eligibility
Students who have successfully completed all of the requirements for Contextual Education I and are returning to Candler are eligible to participate. Students on academic probation or who have a hold on their Candler financial account are not eligible. Students participating in other summer programs at Candler or other outside settings are not eligible. Participants’ full time and attention must be given to the forty hours per week for ten weeks.

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 18-19, 2020 and a reflection seminar to be held during August (term), August 10-14, 2020.
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.

**Participating Students will receive:**

1. A $9000 grant will be awarded as follows only upon successful completion of the program: $3000 following the May orientation, $3000 for the Fall 2020 semester and $3000 for the Spring 2021 semester.

   **Please Note:** (If a student is within **2,999** of the maximum threshold for scholarships and loans for the 2019-2020 academic year ($49,328) their summer stipend will be processed as a taxable payroll check which will require the submission of a W-9 and direct deposit request form.

2. Three academic credit hours that will count towards the Fall 2020 semester.
3. The opportunity for deeper formation in the practice of ministry.
4. On-site supervision and mentoring and intentional 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 4:00 p.m., February 28, 2020 to Carmen Toussaint in the Office of Contextual Education at carmen.toussaint@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 2020.

4. Questions may be directed to Carmen Toussaint, Senior Program Coordinator, Office of Contextual Education. If you need to meet with Dr. Elliott, Director of Internships, please email carmen.toussaint@emory.edu to set up an appointment.