Candler School of Theology
Application for the
Advanced Summer Ministry Internship
in Congregational Leadership 2020
(CE545R)

Rio Texas Conference
“On the Border”

Description:
Ministry on the Texas / Mexico border is a unique setting. Border towns exist and thrive because of the border. This unique context has both opportunities and challenges, especially with the immigration crises and humanitarian needs. Rio Texas Conference has been and will continue to be the hands and feet of Christ along our approximate 450 miles of border. Rev. Karen Horan, Director of Creating and Vitalizing Congregations will help connect interns to churches and other United Methodist non-profit organizations who give aide, worship, share the love of Jesus, and aide with legal / justice issues related to migrants.

Summer Intern Position
The intern will have hands on experience both with the church and migrants as well as helping provide educational opportunities for those desiring to learn more. They can help lead worship, do work on both sides of the border (depending on the church and safety), help those in need and possibly learn more about the laws and rights of immigrants and their families.

- The Holding Institute in Laredo, TX provides emergency assistance to migrants who are the most vulnerable, especially women and their children. They also provide on-going training, worship, and small groups / Bible studies.

- Mission Boarder Hope in Eagle Pass, TX is an outreach of First UMC Eagle Pass. They provide all kinds of assistance for those on both sides of the border including hygiene kits, providing transportation, food and clothing. They have regular worship every Sunday as well as studies and Sunday school.

- First UMC McAllen is a large church in the Valley that provides an array of ministry opportunities to students. Being on the boarder, they are actively connected to both the hands on and the legal aspects of border issues.

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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. An $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.