Church of the Common Ground

Mission

Our mission is to be church on the streets of Atlanta, living the Good News that we are all children of God.

Description

We are an outdoor church, a worshipping community that meets in public parks, parking lots and on the streets. We are a church community that welcomes difference, nurtures a sense of belonging and fosters hope. A church that emphasizes shared ministry - inviting parishioners to discover, nurture and offer their gifts to others.

Unique Opportunities in Ministry

Being outdoors and on the streets gives a unique opportunity of meeting people where they are, offering respect and relationship. Church of the Common Ground offers an opportunity to be a pastoral and sacramental presence of the streets of Atlanta.

Site Details

Outreach

Our main weekly outreach is Common Soles - a non medical foot clinic. We wash and massage feet, listen to stories and give clean socks. Also, we do a habitat build each year. Have volunteer days at Food Bank, hunger walk and cleaning up the streets.

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:

Students could plan time to work in the office scheduling groups, editing newsletter, keeping van(sacristy) organized, writing articles, keeping a data base of parishioners.

Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):

Lots of opportunities for planning liturgy for morning prayer, bible study and Sunday worship. Students would be placed in the preaching rota about once every 6 weeks if desired. Possibly more.

Mission and Outreach:

We would want the student to be a part of the planning and implementing of a mission trip and bimonthly service opportunities.

Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:

A lot of our ministry is providing pastoral care. A student would be part of the pastoral care team visiting parishioners on the streets, hospital, hospice and parishioners in jail.
**Religious Education:**
Our religious education happens mainly at bible study but would be open to implementing more spiritual formation opportunities. A student could help spear-head that.

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<td>Location Type</td>
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<td>Worship Attendance</td>
<td>Average 40-50 in prayer circle with 60-70 at Eucharist</td>
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<td>Worship Times</td>
<td>Principal Service 1pm Sunday</td>
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<td>Weekly Schedule</td>
<td>Sunday: Worship with Eucharist in Woodruff Park 1pm. Monday: Morning Prayer with coffee/eggs at 10:30 in Talmadge Park. Common Soles - a non-medical foot clinic is 1-3. Tuesday: Pastoral Care on streets, hospital, hospice or jail. Wednesday: Morning Prayer (same as Monday). Bible Study 3pm in Woodruff Park and fellowship at 4. Thursday: Pastoral Care same as Tuesday</td>
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<td>Stipend?</td>
<td>Good possibility</td>
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<td>Distance from Candler</td>
<td>6 miles</td>
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<td>Accessible to persons with disabilities?</td>
<td>Our sites are accessible for all people - public parks in Atlanta</td>
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<td>Accessible via public transportation?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Can women be ordained?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>What role do women play in leadership?</td>
<td>A woman is our Vicar. Our deacon is a woman as is our assistant Priest.</td>
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