Bay View Association of the UMC Chautauqua, Traverse Bay, Michigan
Internship in Worship and Religious Life.
http://www.bayviewassociation.org

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Internship Description:
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As director of worship and religious life we are seeking a seminary intern with a passion for working with young people. There is a summer staff of youth who work in the recreation department and with the boys and girls clubs that provide programming for children. There are music students and lots of children and grandchildren of cottagers on vacation. They hang out at the beach, the boathouse, and the playing fields. They participate in a variety of summer offerings. They have a lot of freedom and free time which can be good or bad.

We have a staff person and volunteers who work with youth, and another for Sunday School with whom an intern would connect. But we see the intern’s role as primarily a kind of chaplain, spending time in those natural gathering places, getting to know the kids with an eye toward offering some spiritual formation opportunities and events. There would also be chances to participate in worship planning and leadership, as well as attending the lectures as desired or required. Kendra K. Dean’s book “The God Bearing Life” would be a good reflection piece for the summer. The nine week internship would come with a $3,000 stipend and housing in a nearby lakefront condominium.

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