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

Two positions available

Brentwood United Methodist Church
Internship in South Africa
Brentwood, Tennessee
https://www.bumc.net/brentwood/send/south-africa/

Description:
Brentwood United Methodist Church is located in middle Tennessee approximately 15 minutes outside of Nashville. Our disciple-making strategy is to Connect people to God and a faith community, to Prepare people for a life of discipleship, and to Send people to serve in word and deed. This is how we live out our mission - to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Brentwood UMC’s mission is both local and global.

Since 2003, Brentwood UMC has been in a missional relationship with the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. In the subsequent years, ministries have developed, including a sister congregation that was formed in 2007, and then the church was built in 2008. We helped build a pre-school and a primary school and now we sponsor 395 students and 30 teachers across three schools. In 2016, in relationship with Dr. Ray Kumalo Simanga, who is both the founding Pastor of Brentwood Methodist Church, South Africa and former President of Seth Mokitimi Seminary, Brentwood UMC also started working with Seth Mokitimi Seminary, a premier seminary which exists to form leaders for church and nation.

Summer Intern Position
In partnership with Candler School of Theology, and the BUMC South Africa Partner Ministries, we will offer two seminary students a 10-week contextualized, practical learning experience alongside our partners in Howick, Pietermaritzburg, and Merrivale in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal South Africa. Our hope is that this experience will provide the students with various hands-on opportunities which include, ministering in South African congregations that are in ministry with the poor, working in schools that serve students who come from informal settlements, working with a crisis center that cares for children affected by sexual, physical, and emotional violence, and possibly engaging in race and economic initiatives that are administered by Seth Mokitimi Seminary students and faculty. Using theological tools for thinking constructively about Christian missions, the students will draw on their daily experiences to provide case studies of positive endeavors in missions, justice, community, theology and any other themes that they will find pertinent to their learning goals. They will report needs of our partners and give feedback to Brentwood UMC. The students will have opportunities to make connections with relevant FBNGO’s, other relevant organizations and will have access to the academic resources of Seth Mokitimi Seminary.
During the 10 weeks, the students will have access to a vehicle which they will use to travel between the partner organizations and their lodging. The students will travel to South Africa with a team from Brentwood UMC on May 7th. This will mark the beginning of the student’s internship in South Africa. The Brentwood UMC team will return on May 17th, and the students will continue their contextualized learning with the partners through July 16th. At the end of their learning experience, the students will be invited to present their findings to Brentwood UMC, whether in person, or another medium.

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 17 – 21, 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.
5. Participate in a presentation at BUMC in the fall (date to be determined)
6. Attend the Annual Sponsorship dinner and event at BUMC (Sept. 16-19, 2020)

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 $1,999 of the maximum threshold for scholarships and loans for the 2019-2020 academic year ($48,406) 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.