Context: “Raw, welcoming and authentic, The Haywood Street Congregation is a community of Christian faith- a fellowship of table, worship and mission- that affirms the sacred worth of all. Houseless and housed, sober and intoxicated, illiterate and educated, lost and found. A disparate blend of people seeking communion with God, and one another.”

Haywood Street is a mission congregation of the Blue Ridge District of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. We are located in the middle of the “homeless corridor” of downtown Asheville, NC.

Characteristics to Thrive:
- Relational Intelligence
- Highly Flexible
- Embrace of Chaos
- Able to Navigate Extreme Brokenness
- Excited by Diversity across Class, Creed and Color
- Called to be alongside Addicts, Homeless, Mentally Ill, Outcasts

Learning Goals:
- Encountering of the Poor- The 3rd Sacrament
- Incarnational Theology
- Urban Ministry
- Community Building
- Solidarity on the Margins
- Missional Praxis
- Leading from the Bottom UP
- “Jesus and the Disinherited”
- Ministry of Helplessness

Responsibilities:

- Ministry of Presence (on the streets, in the shelters, at the day centers)
- Pastoral Care (non-anxious prayer, reflective listening, healthy touch)
- Worship (helping to lead the liturgy)
- Administration (communication, office duties, errands, meetings)
- Weekly Supervision Session
- Monthly Staff Meeting
- Preaching/Teaching (around the connection, in secular settings)

**Food and Lodging Options:**
- Brooks-Howell Community
- Givens Estates
- Private Home

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