Urban Village Church
*A Field Education Laboratory for Church Planting and Church Redevelopment*

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**Worship sites:**
**River North:** 1000 N. Orleans (Chicago Brown Line and Chicago Red Line stops)
**Wicker Park:** 1543 W. Division @ Chopin Theatre (Division Blue Line stop)
**Andersonville:** 1602 W. Ainslie @ Bethany Retirement Home (Argyle Red Line stop)
**Hyde Park|Woodlawn:** 1407 E. 60th St @ Chicago Theological Seminary

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**Site Supervisors:**
Christian Coon, Lead Pastor (River North)
Emily McGinley, Associate Pastor (Hyde Park|Woodlawn)
Brittany Isaac, Associate Pastor (Andersonville)
Erin James-Brown, Director of Discipleship (All Sites)
Dawn Brumfield, Director of Mission and Service (All Sites)

**Community Description**
Urban Village Church is a four-year-old faith community that seeks to do church differently. Our core values are bold (rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ), inclusive (welcoming folks from across the spectrum of identity), and relevant (believing that the gospel has relevance for all aspects of our lives). Rooted in the United Methodist tradition, we are a church that seeks to be ecumenical and to welcome people from many traditions (or no tradition). We are a theologically inclusive church. We are also committed to church planting and outreach/evangelism. We are at once evangelical (in the fullest sense of the word) and inclusive.

We are one church that worships in four locations throughout the city (Andersonville, Downtown, Wicker Park, and Hyde Park|Woodlawn). As of December, 2014, (3.5 years after weekly launch), we are one of the fastest growing churches in our conference. We average around 400 adults and children in Sunday worship across sites; about 800 people are “in orbit” of UVC; and nearly 200 “households” make a financial pledge to the mission.

Regular attenders are predominantly (but not exclusively) young adults. We are a predominantly White congregation, with a commitment to being a “Church Without Walls” (anti-oppressionist, anti-racist). Regular attenders come from a variety of theological/faith backgrounds. Through our
partnership with the Community Renewal Society, we are engaged with social justice as a crucial part of our discipleship. Committed to discipleship and the process of salvation, we regularly host 25-30 small groups throughout the year. Committed to building fellowship, we organize a number of opportunities for sharing food and enjoying life.

Site Supervisor Information
Over our first four years as a church, we've hosted nearly 20 student pastors from seminaries throughout Chicagoland and beyond. All of our pastors have significant experience supervising students. Six of our interns have gone on to be involved in a church planting project after the completion of their internship.

Christian Coon, Founding/Lead Pastor since 2009 (Downtown)
B.A. Journalism (Simpson College), M.A. Journalism (Medill), M.Div. (Garrett-Evangelical)

Trey Hall, Founding/Lead Pastor since 2009 (Wicker Park)
B.A. English (Middle Tennessee State University), M.Div (Emory)

Emily McGinley, Associate Pastor since 2012 (HPWL)
B.F.A. Visual Communication Design (University of Washington), M.Div. (McCormick Theological Seminary)

Brittany Isaac, Associate Pastor since 2011 (Andersonville)
B.A. Education (Illinois State), M.Div. (Emory)

Dawn Brumfield, Director of Mission and Service since 2012
B.A. Communications (Columbia College), M.Div. (Vanderbilt)

Erin James-Brown, Director of Discipleship since 2014
B.A. (Hardin-Simmons), M. Div. (Wake Forest)

Our supervision style is practical and focused on working toward excellence with grace. Seeking to provide opportunities for personal growth for individuals at all levels. Helping the student grow more into the person that they were created to be, to draw them out and help them to articulate what is happening within them as they process and reflect theologically on their experiences.

Student Pastor Expectations
We hold in tension grace and accountability as we challenge our interns to step out of their comfort zones to develop their “growing edges.” We are a church concerned with growing and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in ways that are relevant for this day and age. So, many of the areas where we engage interns move toward this end. For us, this means providing opportunities for the student to learn our structure, culture and organizational approach before inviting them to take on leadership of special projects.

We have high expectations for our interns. We seek out individuals who are committed and passionate about congregational ministry and outreach. In the past, as interns have demonstrated these characteristics, we have increased opportunities for them to take on leadership.
In general, an intern at any of the UVC sites could expect the following over an academic year:

- Preach 2-3 times a year with specific evaluation given from supervisor and selected congregants.
- Conduct at least four one-on-ones a month. (This is at the core of UVC ministry style. Training will be offered.)
- Be responsible for leading (or being on a team that leads) something on a meta-Church/all-Church level (e.g: Blue Christmas, Good Friday, Maundy Thursday, “Got Ashes”).
- Be responsible for leading something at their site (e.g.: small group, specific ministry section (e.g.: fellowship, mission, outreach/evangelism, local arrangements, etc.).
- Be willing to lead something related to discipleship (e.g.: small group or yet to be determined discipleship group or effort).
- Complete a “Friends-and-Family” fundraising letter
- Lead the staff devotional time at least once.
- Participate in the Sunday morning team 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- Participate in one strategy team meeting. (This is the governing body of UVC at the all-Church level.)
- Participate in regular site coordinating team meetings.
- Participate in staff meetings approximately twice a month
- Participate in monthly intern cohort development/theolab.
- Participate in training and team-building day apart at the beginning of the academic year.
- Participate in weekly supervision with theological reflection and feedback clearly delineated from “business of the site” discussions.