

## **New City Church**

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### **Description of Site:**

New City Church (Minneapolis, MN) is a church that focuses on environmental justice. However, it is more important that our interns seek to love God, fight racism and oppression, and create innovative ministry than be an expert in environmentalism! Our setting: our neighborhood is extremely diverse, with Latino, African-American, Native, white, and African refugee communities living together. However, this vibrant diversity is currently threatened by rapid gentrification. And so, New City Church seeks to live out the gospel by joining God in creating the “new city” discussed in Revelation 21—one where all tribes are welcomed in, there is no more violence, and the whole earth is renewed. We are a nascent church plant (our planting process started in Fall 2015), and we are whole-heartedly supported by The United Methodist Church as an innovative ministry reaching diverse people.

### **Intern Activities Include (but are not limited to):**

- Engaging cutting-edge church planting methodologies and coupling them with community organizing, entrepreneurial start-up, and anti-oppression tactics
- Using social media to create ministry impact through videos, photos, blogposts, etc.
- Practicing pastoral care in a cross-cultural setting
- Leading a participatory worship service
- Articulating practical theology to non-Christians (a majority of people who attend New City events do not identify as Christian)
- Fighting racism through urban agriculture projects, such as building gardens, planting fruit trees, or leading a team in an aquaponics greenhouse
- Deepening self-understanding by engaging the Enneagram, StrengthsFinder, and other personality inventories