

# **Five Areas of Ministry**

## **Guidelines for Ministry Practice**

### **Contextual Education II**

The Con Ed II curriculum is organized around Five Areas of Ministry, noted below. Students may have a primary area of responsibility in their Con Ed II sites. However, each student must gain experience in each of the Five Areas of Ministry by engaging in a minimum of two activities within each area over the course of the academic year. The lists below are **examples** of activities that students might undertake to gain experience in each area, but are not meant to be exhaustive! We encourage students and Site Mentors to work together to identify activities appropriate to the particular Con Ed II site.

<b>Leadership and Administration</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Participate in a staff meeting(s)</li><li>-Analyze the leadership structure</li><li>-Conduct a meeting</li><li>-Explore budgeting, stewardship, and fundraising</li><li>-Develop outreach and communication strategies</li><li>-Work with leaders</li><li>-Other</li></ul>
<b>Gathering, Proclamation, and Engagement</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Deliver a sermon or give a talk</li><li>-Plan a worship service or event</li><li>-Lead and evaluate a worship service or event</li><li>-Speak at a public rally, press conference, or advocacy gathering</li><li>-Other</li></ul>
<b>Pastoral Care and Community Care</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Listen to stories of parishioners and members of the community</li><li>-Visit house-bound, hospitalized, and institutionalized persons</li><li>-Plan and implement a congregational program to enhance pastoral care or plan for community care</li><li>-Talk with community partners</li><li>-Organize community groups</li><li>-Plan and implement a community initiative</li><li>-Start a small group</li><li>-Other</li></ul>
<b>Outreach, Mission, and Advocacy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Explore the mission of the church or organization</li><li>-Assess community need and assets</li><li>-Plan or participate in an advocacy campaign addressing an issue important to the community</li><li>-Work with an outreach ministry or effort</li><li>-Lead a mission team</li><li>-Network with social agencies organizations, and networks in the community,</li><li>-Other</li></ul>
<b>Religious Education and Spiritual Formation</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Design and teach a class or workshop for adults or youth</li><li>-Lead a Sunday School class or Bible Study</li><li>-Develop curriculum or program materials</li><li>-Other</li></ul>