



West Ohio Conference

Next Generation Leadership Ministry Intern Program

Application for Interns - Summer 2021

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Next Generation Leadership Ministry Intern program, sponsored by the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, for undergraduate students interested in exploring a call to ordained ministry during the summer of 2021! This paid, 8-week internship will allow selected interns to be immersed in a vocational ministry setting with intentional opportunities to deeply discern their call to clergy as a vocation with their specifically assigned mentor. Each ministry intern will develop leadership skills for effective ministry as they partner with clergy and laity in a local church.

Expectations and Qualifications

It is expected that each intern applicant meets the following qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in undergraduate coursework, continuing in the fall of 2021
- Exploring a call to ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church
- A member of a West Ohio United Methodist church
- Willing to be challenged in areas of leadership, spiritual disciplines, self-awareness, and understanding of ordained ministry
- Desire to represent Christ in daily life
- Experienced in Christian leadership
- Grant authorization to release information for a personal history evaluation
- Submit all application documents including reference forms on or before the established deadline, April 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m. EST
- Willingness to read required material provided by the West Ohio Conference

Overview

Our Next Generations Leadership Ministry Intern program is designed to be twelve consecutive weeks or the equivalent:

- 320 hours working in the host church (Internship start- and end-dates will be determined based on the academic calendar of the Intern's College or University)
- Regular group check-ins to review assigned reading materials, participating in virtual Seminary Visits, engaging in Mission and Cultural Exploration, and attending the West Ohio Conference Annual Conference
- Internship Program Orientation with Mentor Introductions
- Participation in the West Ohio Annual Conference Session June 6-7, 2021
- Mission and Justice Educational Experience
- Seminary Tour to several United Methodist accredited seminaries
- Completion of assigned reading materials
- Internship Program Debriefing at the Intern's Host Church

Stipend

- The 8-week internship stipend is \$4,000.
- Housing will not be provided.



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To Apply

Interested candidates should submit the following required documents:

- A completed application, including all essay questions
- Four letters of recommendation from a pastoral reference, work-related reference, academic reference and a personal reference
- Photo and Video Release Form
- Permission to Release Information for Personal History Evaluation Form

Deadline

Complete Applications with References must be received by

April 19, 2021

Email Application to: Rev. Donnetta Peaks, dpeaks@wocumc.org

Section 1: Basic Data

Please type or print clearly using black or blue ink.

Full Name: _____

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Ethnicity: African American Asian/Pacific Islander Caucasian/European
 Multi Cultural/Global Native American Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
 Other _____

College/University: _____

Major(s): _____

Expected Graduation Month/Year: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Current Address Effective Until: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Have you ever been found guilty of a felony? Yes No



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Do you meet the following qualifications and expectations?

Currently enrolled in undergraduate coursework and continuing education in the fall of 2021 Yes No

Exploring a call to ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church Yes No

A member of a West Ohio United Methodist church Yes No

Willing to be challenged in areas of leadership, spiritual disciplines, self-awareness and understanding of ordained ministry
 Yes No

A desire to represent Christ in daily life and experience in Christian leadership Yes No

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Home Cell Work

Church Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Home Cell Work

Activities/Certifications/Awards

Dates	School/Organization	Location	Type



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Essay Questions

Please answer each of the following questions in 500 words or less.

1. Describe where you believe God is calling you. Does this calling possibly include ordained ministry?
2. Describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
3. How do you see God's mission for the Church intersecting with current events? How are you responding to this?
4. React to 1 Timothy 4:12 Common English Bible (CEB)
¹²Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Instead, set an example for the believers through your speech, behavior, love, faith, and by being sexually pure.



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Section 3: Placement Preferences

Context Setting & Demographics:

Please indicate where you would like to serve, if selected (this will inform, not decide, your placement):

- Rural Church Setting
 - Suburban Church Setting
 - Urban/inner-city Church Setting
 - Willing to serve where needed
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Many of the host churches provide housing for interns during the summer. This allows for flexibility when matching an intern with a host site. Are you willing to be placed in a host site away from your permanent residence and stay in accommodations provided by the host church?

Note: Interns are responsible for their own transportation.

- Yes
- No, I am only interested in a placement within approximately _____ miles of
_____ (city of summer residence)

Age demographics you would most like to work with:

- Children
- Youth
- Adults
- Combination

Do you have access to a vehicle and a driver's license for you to use during the summer? Yes No
(This may affect your placement.)

Skill Set:

Which of the following would you be most interested in learning or using at your placement site? (mark all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Preaching/Public Speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leading Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Sunday School or VBS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leading Group Discussions | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working w/Community Service Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing and Guiding Committees | |



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Section 4: References

Please provide contact information for the four references you have provided with the appropriate reference form. The letters must be submitted in individual envelopes, signed along the seal by your reference and received by the deadline of March 4 or in an email directly from your reference (preferred). The application is not complete until all letters are submitted. This list should include a pastor who knows you well, an employer, a teacher/professor or academic advisor and one other person who is not a family member.

A. Pastoral Reference

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to you: _____

B. Work-Related Reference (an employer, manager, shift supervisor)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to you: _____

C. Academic Reference (a teacher, professor, or academic advisor)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to you: _____

D. Personal Reference (a friend, colleague, mentor, etc.)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to you: _____



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Section 5: Affidavits & Signatures

Please read carefully before signing or typing your name:

I agree that any claim or lawsuit relating to my service with the Conference or any of its related entities or personnel must be filed no more than six (6) months after the date of the employment action that is the subject of the claim or lawsuit. I waive any statute of limitations to the contrary.

By signing below (for a paper version of this application) or by entering my name below (for an e-mail attachment version of this application), I certify that I understand that my employment is at will and that I am free to resign at any time. Similarly, the Conference may terminate or change the conditions of my employment at any time for any reason or no reason. Further, I certify that the information I have supplied in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that omissions or false or misleading statements are grounds for rejecting my application or terminating my employment, if employed.

Applicant's signature

Date

Please refer to the West Ohio Conference website (www.westohioumc.org/internships) for intern eligibility requirements and further information about the West Ohio Conference Next Generation Leadership Ministry Intern Program.