



West Ohio Conference

The United Methodist Church

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West Ohio Conference Ministry Intern Program

Application for College Interns - Summer 2024

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the West Ohio Conference 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 2024! This paid, seven-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 2024
- 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.

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- Submit all application documents including reference forms on or before the established deadline, March 22, 2024, 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:

- 280 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 May 29 – June 1, 2024 in Columbus, Ohio.
- 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 seven-week internship stipend is \$4,000.
- Housing is not 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

Deadline

Complete Applications with References must be received by March 22, 2024.

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

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Section 2: Narrative Section

Short Answer (200 words or less)

1. How did you learn about the West Ohio Conference Ministry Internship Program?
2. How do you intend on making this internship your primary occupational commitment and an overall priority during the summer to receive the most benefit from this opportunity?
3. Describe your work ethic. Provide an example of a time in which your work ethic was on display.
4. What special strengths, skills, spiritual gifts, and talents will you bring to this internship?

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 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)

12 Don'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.

Note: Interns are responsible for their own transportation.

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)

- Planning Worship
- Leading Worship
- Leading Group Discussions
- Working w/Community Service Groups
- Organizing and Guiding Committees
- Preaching/Public Speaking
- Teaching Sunday School or VBS
- Other
- Other

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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 22, 2024 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 Ministry Intern Program.

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