



ETHNIC YOUNG ADULT SUMMER 2006 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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Washington, DC

Sponsored by the Interethnic Strategy Development Group

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APPLICATION FORM

Deadline for Submitting Application – March 15, 2006

Section I

Name _____ Female Male

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____ / _____ / _____

Federal Congressional District _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Home and Mobile) _____

Best time to call (circle) *morning* | *mid-day* | *evening*

E-mail _____

Ethnic Origin:

- African-American Asian-American Hispanic/Latino-American
 Pacific-Islander Native-American _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Occupation(s): _____

Are you enrolled in college? Yes No

If yes, name of school: Academic Year: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Major/Minor Fields of Study: _____

Are you employed full-time? Yes No Other _____

If yes, place of employment: _____

Job responsibilities: _____

Name of Advisor or Supervisor: _____

Telephone(s) _____

E-mail: _____

Local UM Church: _____ Annual Conference: _____

Church Phone: _____ Pastor: _____

Campus Ministry (if applicable): _____ Phone _____

Section II

Please answer the following questions fully and completely, using additional paper as needed.

1. What courses have you taken and what life experience have you had with:

a) Economic and labor issues? _____

b) Political and human rights issues? _____

c) Health care issues? _____

d) Environmental issues? _____

2. What social issue(s) are you interested in working with or learning more about during your time in Washington, D.C.? Are you interested in working in an advocacy, congressional, or grassroots placement? (Your preferences will be taken into consideration along with other factors in making a placement match. Staff of the GBCS will determine final intern placements. It is assumed each intern possesses the ability to contribute to and learn from whichever work place assigned.)

3. What skills and gifts will you bring to your internship? The life of the intern community? _____

4. By participating in the program, interns are expected to return to their communities, schools, and/or churches and share their experience with other people. Please describe two possible ways that you will accomplish this.

Section III

Please provide two letters of recommendation. *One letter must be from someone who can speak to your involvement with the United Methodist church.* References can be from the following: Dean, Instructor, Professor, or School Counselor, Supervisor at Place of Employment, Pastor, or other person **who is not a family relation.** **You must include 2 letters of recommendation with your application.**

I. Reference

Name _____ Title _____
Relation to applicant _____ Phone _____
Fax _____ E-mail _____

II. Reference

Name _____ Title _____
Relation to applicant _____ Phone _____
Fax _____ E-mail _____

Section IV

In addition to filling out this application form, please submit the following:

- ✓ **An essay** – two-page, typewritten, double-spaced – discussing your own views on a particular social justice issue, problem, or condition of your choice. In your response, please address how your faith shapes your understanding of the issue.
- ✓ **A resume**

Checklist

Each application must include the following:

- application form** (completed in full)
- essay** (two-pages)
- resume**
- letters of recommendation** (2)

Send applications, postmarked no later than March 15, 2006, to the following address:

**Rev. Neal Christie
EYA 2006 Internship – ELF
The General Board of Church and Society
100 Maryland Avenue, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002**

Selection Criteria

The Ethnic Young Adults Summer Internship program is designed for young adults, between the ages of 18 and 22, representing the five ethnic caucuses of The United Methodist church. Applicants must have an interest in exploring issues of public policy, social justice advocacy, and social change.

Interns must also have a passion in exploring faith and justice issues from a personal, institutional, and societal perspective. Interns will live in Christian community together in Washington, DC. Work weeks at placements will be supplemented by: Evening intern led devotions, Friday Seminars on topics of timely social justice concern, area field trips, Sunday Worship in area United Methodist Churches. Participants must commit to all being present at these activities.

Applicants must be in good academic standing at their college or university if currently enrolled, demonstrate evidence of their concern for social justice through their extracurricular activity and academic study and have some history of involvement in their church and/or community. If employed full-time, applicants must show active leadership and participation in their local church and community and an involvement in social justice activities.

Each intern must be highly self-motivated, able to function effectively within a professional atmosphere, exercise good decision-making skills, feel comfortable working in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic urban environment and willing to participate in group activities. There is zero tolerance for abuse of alcohol, drugs, or other substances. A violation of this rule will result in immediate expulsion from the program.

The EYA Internship expects participants to return to their schools, churches, and communities with an increased commitment to working with and on behalf of marginalized groups in our society. Participants are also expected to share their experience with other persons from their community, school, and/or church.

Direct questions to: Rev. Neal Christie, Assistant General Secretary, General Board of Church and Society, The United Methodist Church, p: 1.202.488.5611 e: nchristie@umc-gbcs.org

Benefits

The Inter-Ethnic Strategy Development Group and The General Board of Church and Society will provide each participant:

- ◆ Round-trip transportation to and from Washington, D.C.
- ◆ Housing for the eight-week EYA Internship
- ◆ Commuter travel stipend to offset cost for travel to intern work sites
- ◆ \$1,500 for each EYA Intern as a living stipend for the eight-week summer period

Expectations

Each participant must provide:

- ◆ Their own health insurance. Proof of insurance is required.
- ◆ All other expenses over and above the \$1,500 stipend