



Church of the Brethren

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Ministry Summer Service is an exciting church leadership development program, sponsored by the Youth/Young Adult Ministry Office and the Office of Ministry. It is an opportunity to both receive the time and abilities an intern offers, and to help develop leadership and strengthen Christian formation in a young person. MSS interns are engaged in discerning their sense of God's call for future vocation.

The interns are college students who have interest in exploring ministry. In order to make good matches between mentors and interns, congregations and ministry sites are asked to explain the ministries and projects with which the intern would be involved. It is important to think carefully about how you would use an intern if one is assigned to you.

Interns will attend orientation from June 1 - 6, 2018. Mentors attend the last few days of that orientation. (Every ministry placement site is required to send a mentor to orientation. Also, please select an alternate mentor just in case the original mentor is not able to attend the orientation at the last minute.) After orientation, each mentor and intern pair will arrive at your ministry site the day the orientation ends, and continue through approximately the second week of August. It is up to you and your intern to negotiate whether the intern is able to attend Annual Conference and/or other denominational events during the summer.

Ministry sites pay the transportation for their mentor to and from orientation, and the transportation of the intern from orientation to the ministry site. Other financial commitments for the placement site include housing and food for the intern for the summer, as well as \$100 per month spending money. Depending on the location of your ministry site, some means of transportation may also be necessary (many college students do not have a car). Most of all, ministry sites are asked to provide an atmosphere of learning, serving, and growing so that these college students can explore ministry, learn more about the church, grow in their faith, and reflect on God's call in their lives.

Applications are due no later than **January 5, 2018**. I anticipate having more ministry site applications than interns available, so I cannot guarantee that a student will be placed with your site. I hope that your congregation will prayerfully consider being a part of this program. If you have further questions, please feel free to be in touch.

Grace and Peace,

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