



CHURCH & SOCIETY

The United Methodist Church

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Church & Society Internship Application

Thank you for your interest in interning with the General Board of Church and Society. This is a copy of the application for the internship programs. You must apply online at www.umcjustice.org/internship-application. We recommend that you complete the short answer sections of your responses in a Word file for spelling and grammar accuracy and then use that file to fill in the application online when you are ready to submit.

- For which General Board of Church and Society internship program or session are you applying? (Summer Session GBCS Internship, EYA Summer Internship Program, Winter/Spring Session GBCS Internship, Fall Session GBCS Internship)
- Why are you interested in an internship position with Church and Society? Must be between 1 and 50 words.
- Given (First) Name and Family (Last) Name
- Preferred Name/Nickname, if different than above
- Email
- Phone Number
- Address
- Gender
- Birth Date
- Ethnic Origin

Church Information

- Are you a member of The United Methodist Church?
- Church Name
- Church Address
- Pastor's Name
- Pastor's Email
- Annual Conference (if member of UMC)
- Jurisdiction/Episcopal Area (if member of UMC)
- Attending Church/Campus Ministry
- Chaplain / Pastor's Name
- Church/Campus Ministry Name
- Church/Campus Ministry Email
- Church/Campus Ministry Address

University/College and Other Information

- University/College Name
- In what city, state/province and country is the university/college located?
- Degree Program (AS, BA, BS, other)
- Major Concentration

- Minor Concentration
- Cumulative GPA (Enter a number between 0 and 5.)
- Planned or Actual Graduation Date (Month and Year)
- Additional Information (for individuals not in school)
- Where do you want to be housed if you become a Church and Society intern?
- How did you learn about GBCS internship opportunities? (Maximum Allowed: 125 words)

Residency Information

- Are you a U.S. resident?
- For non-U.S. Residents:
- Country of Residence
 - Nationality
 - Do you have a valid U.S. visa? If yes, please provide the visa expiration date.

Short Answer Questions

Limit your responses to 100-125 words each.

- What is social justice and why is it important?
- Why should Christians be committed to social justice?
- Where do you see the role of the church in society?
- What is justice and what is mercy? Compare the two.

Ministry Areas: Issues and Skills

To help Church and Society match a prospective intern with an organization (including GBCS) and work areas that are of interest to the intern and supports the mission of the organization, please respond to the following questions.

- Pick one of the following policy issues listed below in which you are interested in and share how the Christian tradition speaks to that issue and what experiences (educational, in organizing or personal) you may have related to this issue.
 1. Alcohol and Addictions
 2. Children's Advocacy
 3. Civil and Human Rights
 4. Criminal Justice Reform/Restorative Justice
 5. Economic Justice and Workers' Rights
 6. Environmental Justice/Creation Care
 7. Health Care
 8. Hunger and Poverty
 9. Immigration Rights and Reform
 10. United Nations and International Law
 11. Women's Advocacy and Reproductive Justice
 12. Other Issue
- Pick a second issue listed below in which you are interested in and share how the Christian tradition speaks to that issue and what experiences (educational, in organizing or personal) you may have related to this issue.
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- 9. Immigration Rights and Reform
- 10. United Nations and International Law
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- 12. Other Issue

- Please rank the following ministry areas in order of your preference. Think about each area. Is this something you like to do, do well or would like to learn to do better?
 - 1. Communications (journalism and social media)
 - 2. Event planning and hospitality
 - 3. Leadership development
 - 4. Research and writing
 - 5. Worship planning and Christian education
 - 6. Seminar/workshop design and facilitation
 - 7. Other _____
- Please indicate the following ministry areas you prefer. Think about each area. Is this something you like to do, do well or would like to learn to do better?
 - Communications (journalism and social media)
 - Event Planning and Hospitality Leadership
 - Development
 - Researching and Writing
 - Seminar/Workshop Design and Facilitation
 - Worship Planning and Christian Education
 - Other
- Briefly describe a work-related strength and weakness? (Must be between 5 and 125 words.)
- What skills and talents would you bring to your internship? (Must be between 5 and 125 words.)
- Briefly describe your work style in working as part of a team? (Must be between 5 and 125 words.)
- With what computer programs are you familiar? Please indicate knowledge level of beginner, intermediate or advanced. (Must be between 5 and 125 words.)
- Please rate yourself in the following categories according to how you have actually responded in specific situations. Also provide comments if you would like to clarify your assessment or if you feel that a simple rating does not adequately reflect your abilities.
- My ability to work with others, especially people who are different from me.
 - Comments? (Must be between 5 and 125 words.)
- My ability to deal constructively with my feelings and convictions.
 - Comments? (Must be between 5 and 125 words.)
- My ability to clearly define my objectives and motivations for mission.
 - Comments? (Must be between 5 and 125 words.)
- My ability to participate in planning and decision-making to realize mutually determined goals.
 - Comments? (Must be between 5 and 125 words.)

Recommendations

Please provide Church and Society with the names and contact information of the individuals from whom you are requesting recommendations. You, the applicant, must send the following link, <https://www.umcjustice.org/internship-recommendation> to those individuals from whom you are requesting recommendations and indicate if you choose to retain or waive your right to view a completed recommendation.

Personal Recommendation

- Name
 - Position / Occupation
 - Contact Email
 - Contact Phone Number
 - I understand that I have the right to view a completed recommendation form. I understand that submitted recommendation, based on my response below, may be requested from the General Board of Church and Society.
 - I hereby waive my right to read, review, or otherwise view this recommendation form.
I do not waive my right to read, review, or otherwise view this recommendation form.
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Church Recommendation

- Name
 - Position / Occupation
 - Contact Email
 - Contact Phone Number
 - I understand that I have the right to view a completed recommendation form. I understand that submitted recommendation, based on my response below, may be requested from GBCS.
 - I hereby waive my right to read, review, or otherwise view this recommendation form.
 - I do not waive my right to read, review, or otherwise view this recommendation form.
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Professional/Academic Recommendation

- Name
- Position / Occupation
- Contact Email
- Contact Phone Number
- I understand that I have the right to view a completed recommendation form. I understand that submitted recommendations based on my response below, may be requested from GBCS.
 - I hereby waive my right to read, review, or otherwise view this recommendation form.
 - I do not waive my right to read, review, or otherwise view this recommendation form.

Additional Application Materials

All materials, except recommendation, must be submitted as part of this application. Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

These items are:

- Resume or CV (Uploaded to this application form.)
- Three to five (3-5) page professional/academic writing sample (Uploaded to this application form.)
- Copy of your university/college transcript (This does not need to be an official copy.) (Uploaded to this application form.)
- Three (3) recommendations (You will tell us from whom you are requesting these. You will also send the link to the person from whom you are requesting the recommendation.)

Statement of Integrity

I hereby affirm that the statements and information I have provided in this application packet are accurate and a true reflection of myself to the best of my knowledge. I further affirm that the written responses provided in this application are my original work and that any material that is not my own has been given proper credit and citation. I understand that should I have knowingly provided false or inaccurate information with the intent to deceive or otherwise gain an unfair advantage over my fellow applicants, the General Board of Church and Society reserves the right to deny admission, withdraw an offer of admission, remove me from the program, or to execute any other action that GBCS may decide to take.

Statement of Integrity Confirmation

I hereby affirm that the statements and information I have provided in this application packet are accurate and true.