

## Church & Society Internship Application

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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 <https://www.umcjustice.org/what-you-can-do/internships/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 Internship

Winter/Spring Session Internship

EYA Summer Internship Program

Fall Session Internship

**Why are you interested in an internship position with Church and Society? (In 50 words or less)**

**Given (First) Name and Family (Last) Name**

**First:**

**Last:**

**Preferred Name/Nickname, if different than above:**

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Address:**

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State / Province / Region:**

**Postal / Zip Code:**

**Country:**

**Birth Date MM/ DD/YYYY:**

**Ethnic Origin**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American                    | <input type="checkbox"/> European American,<br>Anglo-American, White | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino/Latina<br>American       | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Ethnic     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or<br>Alaska Native |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other            |
- Not applicable; I do not live in the U.S. context.

**Church Information**

**Are you a member of The United Methodist Church?**

- Yes  No

**Church Name:**

**Church Address:**

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State / Province / Region:**

**Postal / Zip Code:**

**Country:**

**Pastor's Name, First and Last:**

**Pastor's Email**

**Annual Conference (if member of UMC):**

**Attending Church/Campus Ministry:**

**Chaplain / Pastor's Name First and Last:**

**Church/Campus Ministry Name:**

**Church/Campus Ministry Email:**

**Church/Campus Ministry Address**

**Street Address:**

**City:**

**State / Province / Region:**

**Postal / Zip Code:**

**Country:**

**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:**

**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?**

**Residency Information**

**Are you a U.S. resident?**

Yes

No

**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**

- 1. What is social justice and why is it important? (125 words max)**

**2. Why should Christians be committed to social justice? (125 words max)**

**3. Where do you see the role of the church in society? (125 words max)**

**4. What is justice and what is mercy? Compare the two. (125 words max)**

**Issues and Skills to Areas of Justice Work: Priority Interests and Preferred Learnings**

**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 support the mission of the organization, please respond to the following questions.**

**1. Pick one of the following policy issues listed below in which you are interested and share how the Christian tradition speaks to that issue and what experiences (educational, in community organizing, or personal) you may have related to this issue. (In 250 words or less)**

1. Poverty/ Economic Justice

4. Global Migration/ Immigration Justice

7. Gender Justice (Women & Children)

2. Climate/Environmental Justice

5. Peace and Peacebuilding

8. United Nations and International Law

3. Health

6. Civil and Human Rights

9. Other Areas of interest



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**2. Pick one of the following policy issues listed below in which you are interested and share how the Christian tradition speaks to that issue and what experiences (educational, in community organizing, or personal) you may have related to this issue. (In 250 words or less)**

1. Poverty/ Economic Justice

4. Global Migration/ Immigration Justice

7. Gender Justice (Women & Children)

2. Climate/Environmental Justice

5. Peace and Peacebuilding

8. United Nations and International Law

3. Health

6. Civil and Human Rights

9. Other Areas of interest

**3. Please rank the following Interest 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? (125 words or less)**

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|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. Writing and Researching                      | 3. Grassroot Organizing                          | 5. Advocacy & Civil Engagement |
| 2. Communications (journalism and social media) | 4. Justice Education and Seminar Workshop Design | 6. Ministry Formation          |

**4. Please indicate the following interest areas you prefer. Think about each area. Is this something you like to do, do well or would like to learn to do better? (125 words or less)**

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|---|--|
| 1. Writing and Research                         | 4. Justice Education and Seminar Workshop Design |
| 2. Communications (journalism and social media) | 5. Advocacy and Civil Engagement                 |
| 3. Grassroot Organizing                         | 6. Ministry Formation                            |
|   | 7. Other   |

**5. Briefly describe a work-related strength and weakness. (In 170 words or less)**

**6. What skills and talents would you bring to your internship? (In 170 words or less)**

**7. Briefly describe your work style in working as part of a team. (In 170 words or less)**

**8. With what computer programs are you familiar? Please indicate the knowledge level of beginner, intermediate or advanced. (In 170 words or less)**

**Please rate yourself in the following categories according to how you have actually responded in specific situations.**

Rating between 1 and 5. (5 being exceptional and 1 being a growing edge)

**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.**

**9. My ability to work with others, especially people who are different from me.**

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

**Comments? (125 words or less)**

**10. My ability to deal constructively with my feelings and convictions.**

1                      2                      3                      4                      5



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**Comments? (125 words or less)**

**11. My ability to clearly define my objectives and motivations for mission.**

1

2

3

4

5

**Comments? (125 words or less)**

**12. My ability to participate in planning and decision-making to realize mutually determined goals.**

1

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**Comments? (125 words or less)**



## Recommendations

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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 (First and Last):

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.

### Church Recommendation

Name (First and Last):

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.

### Professional/Academic Recommendation

Name (First and Last):

Position / Occupation:

Contact Email:

Contact Phone Number:

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## **Additional Application Materials**

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

**These items are:**

**1. Resume or CV**

**2. Three to five-page professional/academic writing sample. This should demonstrate your writing style and ability to craft an argument.**

**3. Copy of your university/college transcript. This does not need to be an official copy.**

**4. 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.*

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